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STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

1:00 P.M.      January 18, 1979

A meeting of the State Executive Committee, California Association Future Farmers of America was called to order by state president, Phil Benson, on January 18, 1979 at 1:12 P.M. in the State of California Education Building at Sacramento, California.

Opening ceremonies then took place.

Roll call was taken finding 6 regional presidents, 1 past state president, 6 state officers, and 1 state advisor present.

State Sentinel, John Stokes, gave the invocation.

State President, Phil Benson, gave opening remarks.

State Secretary, Sue Henderson, read the minutes of the September, 1978 State Executive Meeting. Finding one correction in the roll call by not counting for past State President, Gary Souza.

Kevin Kelly moved that the State Executive Committee Meeting minutes be approved as corrected. David Ohayon seconded the motion. Voting took place and the motion passed.

New items were added to the agenda: 1.) Foundation Report, 2.) Foundation Appointment.

Agenda items were then discussed.

State Treasurer, Bill Ritchey, and State Advisor, Jerry Davis, gave the treasurers report. The report found as follows: \$39,000.00 in the checking account, \$40,000.00 in the savings account, and \$10,000.00 in stocks.

State Advisor, Don Wilson, gave opening remarks concerning the reorganization of vocational education, FFA membership, and the State Convention.

Mr. Jerry Davis reported on state membership, concerning the drop of 2,965 FFA members.

A ten minute break was taken.

Regional presidents presented their regional news reports.

The Image Program was discussed.

State officers presented their reports.

Melvin Muela reported on the "Good Will" tour.

David Ohayon reported on the leadership conferences throughout the state.

Melvin Muela moved that the 1978-79 State Executive Committee recommend to the 1979-80 State Executive Committee that they place high priority on Regional and Sectional Leadership Conferences in each of their regions that would best fit their members needs. John Stokes seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Bill Ritchey moved previous question. John Stokes seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Voting took place on the main motion. The motion failed.

Phil Benson moved that the State Executive Committee develop a report containing a recommendation of a structure for leadership conference for the newly elected 1979-80 State Executive Committee. Karen Inglott seconded the motion. Discussion followed, voting took place, the motion passed.

John Stokes moved to postpone the recommendation to Item #12 on January 19th. Bill Ritchey seconded the motion, voting took place, and the motion passed.

Bill Ritchey reported on the National Convention.

Phil Benson moved that the State Executive Committee develop a report of the 1978 National Convention activities, to be submitted to 1979-80 State Executive Committee. Tom Morrow seconded the motion. Discussion followed, voting took place, and the motion passed.

John Stokes presented a National Convention slide show.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 P.M. Thursday, January the 18th, 1979 by State President Phil Benson.

The second session of the State Executive Committee, California Association Future Farmers of America was called to order by President Phil Benson on January 18, 1979 at 8:55 P.M. at the Marina Inn, Sacramento California.

Roll call was taken finding 6 regional presidents, 1 past state president, 6 state officers, and 1 state advisor.

We then proceeded on with the agenda.

Melvin Muela moved that the State Executive Committee reconsider the motion to postpone the recommendation report to the structure of leadership conferences. Don Case seconded the motion, motion passed.

Phil Benson appointed himself to write the recommendation report.

John Stokes reported on the Image T Shirt sales, finding that we have sold 309 shirts and have 191 shirts remaining to sell.

Melvin Muela reported on the state officer brochures.

Sue Henderson reported on the Honorary State Farmer Degree. The nominations were:

- Howard Brown, Dean of Agriculture, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.
- Tony Cunha, Dean of Agriculture, Cal Poly Pomona.
- Ed Koster, Master of State Grange.
- Gordon Duffy, Assemblyman.
- Tom Swanson, Security Pacific.
- Mr. Stark, Southwest and Southern Regional Advisor.

Gary Souza moved that the State Executive Committee accept the 6 nominations for the Honorary State Farmer Degree. Don Case seconded the motion, motion passed.

Phil Benson reported on the Commission of Vocational Education.

Phil Benson discussed the Great Western Livestock Show Banquet, especially the discipline at the Banquet sponsored by Bank of America.

Melvin Muela moved that the State Executive Committee send a letter with the committees feelings on the Great Western Banquet to the chapters that are involved. Tom Morrow seconded the motion, motion passed.

David Ohayon read the FFA News Letter that will be sent out in February.

National FFA Week was discussed.

Chapter visits were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned by President Phil Benson at 11:00 P.M.

The third session of the State Executive Committee, California Association Future Farmers of America was called to order by President Phil Benson on January 19, 1979 at 8:30 A.M. at the State Education Building in Sacramento, California.

Roll call was taken finding 6 regional presidents, 1 past state president, 6 state officers, and 1 state advisor present.

We then proceeded with the agenda.

First item of business was constitutional changes.

Apple Valley Chapter proposed three constitutional amendments concerning selection of Star State Agribusinessperson. The proposed amendment (if passed) would result in each of the seven regions having a Star Region Farmer, and a Star Region Agribusiness person also, as selected out of the Golden State Farmer applicants for that year.

Each of the sections would then also have both Star Section Farmers and Star Section Agribusiness Persons.

The end result would be a "Stars over California" pageant at each State FFA Convention, where a Star State Farmer and a Star State Agribusiness person would be selected by the current existing committee that judges the State Farmer applications. The State winners would be selected from among the fourteen regional winners. The Star State Farmer would have to be one of the seven Regional Star Farmers, and the Star State Agribusiness person would have to be selected from one of the seven Regional Star Agribusiness persons.

The current applications for the Golden State Farmer Degree would remain the same.

John Stokes moved that the State Executive Committee recommend a positive vote on the first proposed amendment. Richard Pombo seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion passed, 10 in favor and 2 opposed.

The second proposed amendment to the budget committee (if passed) would raise the travel expenses for driving your own vehicle from twelve cents per mile to thirteen cents per mile, for members of the State Executive Committee.

Melvin Muela moved that the State Executive Committee give a positive recommendation to the Budget Committee to increase travel expenses for the State Executive Committee from twelve to thirteen cents per mile. John Stokes seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion passed.

The third proposed constitutional amendment if passed would be concerning reapportionment of delegates to the State FFA Convention. The proposed amendment (if passed) would result in the reapportionment of State Convention Delegates as follows:

151-200 FFA members - 3 State Convention delegates.

201-250 FFA members - 4 State Convention delegates.

251-300 FFA members - 5 State Convention delegates.

300 or more members - 6 State Convention delegates.

The State Office (Mr. Davis) would contact each chapter eligible for additional State Convention Delegates prior to the convention.

There would be no delegate reapportionment based on percentage of Vocational Agriculture students who were FFA members.

John Stokes moved that the delegation of the State Executive Committee be opposed to the proposed constitutional reapportionment. Richard Pombo seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion failed with 2 in favor and 8 opposed.

Bill Ritchey moved to ammend the constitutional proposal by adding 51% of the delegates from 50% of all chapters will constitute a quorum and with a one year trial basis. David Ohayon seconded the motion.

Richard Pombo moved to amend the constitutional proposal as amended by striking out 1-150 and inserting 1-75 to get 1 delegate and 75-150 to get 2 delegates. Karen Inglott seconded the amendment.

Richard Pombo moved to withdraw the amendment with no objection. The amendment was withdrawn.

Bill Ritchey moved that the State Executive Committee recommend a positive vote on the third proposed constitutional amendment as amended. Tom Morrow seconded the motion, motion passed.

Gary Souza proposed a constitutional amendment requiring that a person running off the floor after going through the screening committee must have a 50% of the delegates signatures before being able to be placed on the ballot.

Bill Ritchey moved that the State Executive Committee go on record as being in favor by limiting the nominations from the floor by one person per region. David Ohayon seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion failed.

Gary Souza moved that the State Executive Committee go on record as being in favor of limiting the nominations from the floor by requiring 50% of the signatures from the delegates to be able to be placed on the ballot. Tom Morrow seconded the motion.

Harmon Kaslow moved to amend the motion by striking out 50% and inserting 150 signatures. Tom Morrow seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Voting then took place on the main motion as amended. The motion passed, 7 in favor and 5 opposed.

Karen Inglott proposed a constitutional amendment concerning the percentage of State Farmer Degrees.

David Ohayon moved that the State Executive Committee recommend a positive vote in raising the percentage of State Farmer Degrees from 2% to 2½% of each regions membership. Don Case seconded the motion.

Cindy Van Hee moved to amend the main motion by striking out each region membership. Bill Ritchey seconded the motion. Discussion followed and the motion passed. Voting then took place on the main motion as amended. The motion passed 9 in favor and 4 opposed.

David Ohayon moved that the State Executive Committee send a recommendation to CATA in favor of starting an extemporaneous speaking contest to coincide with the national extemporaneous speaking contest. Melvin seconded the motion. Discussion followed, and the motion passed.

Mr. Davis gave the foundation report.

Melvin Muela moved to nominate Kristi Silkwood for the position on the Foundation Committee. Bill Ritchey seconded the nomination. Voting took place, and the motion was passed.

A fifteen minute break was taken.

Harmon Kaslow reported on the Sweetheart Committee.

Brian Davies came in to discuss legislature on vocational education.

Gary Souza moved that the State Executive Committee recommend a positive vote that the State Sweetheart be a ex-officio member of the State Executive Committee. Harmon Kaslow seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion passed, 8 in favor and 5 against.

Harmon Kaslow moved that the State Executive Committee recommend a positive vote in having the preliminary contest at Fresno and the State Sweetheart be selected at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Tom Morrow seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Harmon Kaslow moved to withdraw the motion. No objections were voiced and the motion was withdrawn.

Richard Pombo moved that the State Association reimburse the State Sweetheart on what the American Farmers receive while going to the National Convention. Melvin Muela seconded the motion. Harmon Kaslow moved to postpone the motion indefinitely. David Ohayon seconded the motion. Voting took place, and the motion passed.

Gary Souza moved that the State Sweetheart be reimbursed in any travel expense that she may have made during her year of duty. Don Case seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Harmon Kaslow moved to amend the motion by adding on exclusion of the National Convention. Discussion followed. The amendment passed. Voting took place on the main motion as amended and the motion passed.

Issues and answers by Gary Souza.

President Phil Benson moved that the State Executive Committee be in favor of seating all of the chapters in alphabetical order and divide the delegation into seven sections on a one year trial basis at the State Convention. Harmon Kaslow seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Harmon Kaslow moved previous question. Melvin Muela seconded the motion. Voting took place. The motion passed.

Voting took place on the main motion. The motion failed, 8 opposed, 4 in favor.

Discussion followed on the State Convention.

David Ohayon reported on the first Southern California Leadership Conference.

Phil Benson discussed FFA scholarships.

The calendar was planned for the beginning months of the 1979 year.

Closing remarks were given.

The State Executive Committee was adjourned by President Phil Benson with closing ceremonies at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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