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A meeting of the State Executive Committee, California Association of Future Farmers of America was called to order by State President Phil Benson, on May 4, 1979 at 1:15 p.m. in the Agricultural Building, Room 241 at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, California.

Opening Ceremonies then took place.

Roll Call was taken finding 7 Regional Presidents, 1 Past State President, 6 State Officers, and 1 State Advisor present.

Phil Benson , State President gave opening remarks.

Minutes were read and seconded, they stood approved as mailed.

Mr. Don Wilson, State FFA Advisor, gave opening remarks.

Agenda items were then discussed.

Regional Presidents presented their candidates for Star State Advisor. The Candidates were:

- North Coast, Bob Laffranchi-Eureka
- South Coast, Bob Heuvella-Gonzolas
- Superior, Bruce Rolen-Maxwell
- Central, H.M. Leventini-Thomas-Downey
- San Joaquin, Jack Chappel-Fowler
- Southern, Abdual Mohamed-Imperial
- Southwestern, John Calvert-Lancaster

Voting then took place on secret ballot.

Regional Presidents then presented their candidates for Star State Reporter. The candidates were:

- North Coast, Laurie Drendrell-Half Moon Bay
- South Coast, Angela Kuntz-Gilroy
- Superior, Dia Stringel-Hayfork
- Central, Sharon Sowers-Merced
- San Joaquin, Joe Patty-Mt. Whitney Visalia
- Southern, George Andrade-Apple Valley
- Southwestern, Danny Calmao-Quartz Hill

Voting took place on secret ballot.

Mr. Davis and Melvin Muela explained Committee Assignments and Appointments.

Discussion then proceeded on amendments to the Constitution.

Topic #1. Should there be a Star State Agribusinessperson selected in the same manner as the Star State Farmer? Melvin Muela moved to reconsider Constitutional Amendment #1 about Star State Farmer, Agribusinessperson selection. Don Case seconded motion, discussion followed. Motion passed. Discussion on topic #1 followed. Voting took place, motion passed, recommending a yes vote.

Topic #2. Should official delegates be reapportioned according to chapter size using the following criteria for a one year trail only?:

151-120 FFA members - 3 chapter delegates

- 201-250 FFA members - 4 chapter delegates
 251-300 FFA members - 5 chapter delegates
 300 or more..... - 6 chapter delegates

A quorum would be 51 percent of the delegates from 50 percent of all chapters.

Discussion followed on Item #2, voting took place, in favor of a yes recommendation.

Topic #3. Should a person nominated for state office from the floor be required to have 150 signatures from registered delegates to be eligible for nomination from the floor?

Discussion followed on #3, voting took place recommending a yes vote.

Topic #4. Should the percentage of members eligible for State Farmer Degree be raised from 2 percent to 3 percent?

Discussion followed on Item #4, voting took place recommending a yes vote.

Topic #5. Should the State Sweetheart be an Ex-Official member of the State Executive Committee.

Discussion followed on Item #5, voting took place recommending a no vote.

Phil Benson and Mr. Jerry Davis reviewed the Convention Program.

Bill Ritchey moved to nominate Fred Herringer for Honorary State Farmer Degree. Melvin Muela seconded the motion, voting took place, and the motion passed.

Closing ceremonies took place, Phil Benson State President then closed the meeting at 4:10 p.m. May 4th, 1979.