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FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
MID-WINTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 1983

The Mid-Winter State Executive Committee Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by President Michele Wakeham on Monday, January 17, 1983. Roll was taken. Fourteen members, two guests, and one advisor were present.

NATIONAL FFA WEEK SPECIAL REPORT

Walt Shaw reported on National FFA Week plans. He has informed us that there has been a Proclamation designed to be signed by the Governor. Mr. Shaw also hopes that the State Officers will be able to meet with the Governor for pictures. The FFA Week program information will be sent to the regions.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Lori Dennis, State Secretary, reviewed the Minutes of the last meeting. Stephanie Sill, State Treasurer, moved to approve the minutes as read. Brett Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Brett Robinson, Superior Region President, reported that the Superior Region Spring Meeting will be held on March 12, 1983. Brett told the group that there have been many changes in the plans for the Superior Region.

Steve Arnaudo, President of the Central Region, reported on changes in the region. He said the raffle held by the Central Region officers proved to be very successful. He also reported that the Chapter Officer Conference held at Beyer High School in Modesto was successful. He then reported on the goals set by the Regional Officers and how they are working toward those goals.

Carolyn Coleman, President of the Southern Region, reported on the activities in which its members have participated. She shared with the Executive Committee some critique sheets from their Chapter Officer Conference.

Sue Lautze, President of the North Coast Region, reported that Mr. Oakley will print bumper stickers for chapters and regions to sell as money raisers. She also reported on the activities occurring in the sections within the region.

Kevin Schoonhoven, San Joaquin Region President, gave a report on chapter visits and activities occurring in that region.

Stuart Minugh, President of the South Coast Region, reported on changes in that region and provided the group with a packet of applications and deadlines for the region.

Darin Coert, President of the Southwestern Region, reported on activities and changes occurring in the Southwestern Region. He also reported briefly on chapter visits.

CHAPTER OFFICER CONFERENCES

Stephanie Sill reported on the locations of the conferences and the dates. She reported the conferences, overall, were rated at 7-8, while most regions were rated between 9-10. She also reported on comments made on the critique sheets. Questions were answered by Mr. Jerry Davis, Assistant State FFA Advisor, on how changes in the budget could affect next year's Chapter Officer Conferences. A recommendation was made by Stuart Minugh to condense the conferences so the state and regional officers could become closer to the chapter officers. This could be done by holding the conferences by sections.

CHAPTER VISITS

Lori Dennis distributed a compiled report on chapter visits. Reported changes were that several chapters listed have been visited by Regional Officers and the Sutter Creek Chapter, in the Central Region, received a visit by State Officers. Requests were made by Stuart Minugh for State Officers to visit the Paso Robles Chapter and also the mini-chapters still in existence.

NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

Giovanni Ferrendelli, State Reporter, reported on California's victory at the National Convention; our new National President is Jan Eberly. Comments were made on the dance held at the National Convention. The question was raised about this becoming a yearly activity, and Mr. Davis reported that, hopefully, it will be continued.

GOODWILL TOUR

Michele Wakeham, State President, gave a report on the businesses, institutions, and locations visited during the week. She explained that the purpose of the tour is for the State Officers to go out and thank strong FFA supporters.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Michele Wakeham reported on what the Foundation is doing and who is on the Foundation Committee. She also reported the Foundation funds State Farmer pins, gives \$100 to Proficiency Award Winners and State Farmers, and plans to sponsor contests.

EQUIPMENT SHOWS

Giovanni Ferrendelli reported on the Stockton Equipment Show and spoke briefly on Regional Officers' responsibilities. Lori Dennis reported on the Colusa Orchard Fair and also spoke on Regional Officer responsibilities.

Kevin Schoonhoven reported that the Tulare Farm Equipment Show will be held February 8-10, 1983, and he requested that available State Officers stop by.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

Darin Coert, President of the Southwestern Region, reported the Southwestern Region will hold its regional meeting at Cal Poly, Pomona on April 9, 1983. The region's State Farmer Ceremony will be held on April 30th.

Carolyn Coleman reported that although the Southern Region meeting will be held at the same time, their State Farmer Ceremony will be held on April 23rd.

Stuart Minugh reported the South Coast Region meeting will be held on March 15th.

Kevin Schoonhoven reported the San Joaquin Region meeting will be held on February 26, at West Hills College in Coalinga. State Officer responsibilities include Constitutional Amendment discussion and possibly serving on the Regional Nominating Committee. He announced their State Farmer Ceremony will be held on April 28th, at Kingsburg High School. There will also be a planning meeting at Jeff Tolle's for their Regional Meeting on February 6th.

Sue Lautze announced the North Coast Regional meeting will be held February 18-19, with the State Farmer Ceremony scheduled for the 19th. The meeting will be held at Santa Rosa Junior college. State Officer responsibilities include speaking on National FFA Week.

Steve Arnaudo reported on the Planning Meeting to be held on February 6th at Mr. Beck's office, in the Central Region. Their Spring Meeting and State Farmer Ceremony will be held on February 26th at Modesto Junior College.

Bret Robinson indicated the Superior Region plans to hold its regular meeting and State Farmer Ceremony on March 12, at Chico State University.

The meeting recessed at 3:15 p.m. Business resumed at 3:40 p.m.

STATE CONTESTS

Pedro Quiroz, State Vice President, spoke on state contests and asked for recommendations on the Creed and Scrapbook contests. He also asked for recommendations for the CATA on the other contests.

MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Don Wilson, State FFA Advisor, reported the following:

North Coast Region	- 245 above last year at this time;
South Coast Region	- 482 above last year at this time;
Superior Region	- 235 above last year at this time;

Central Region - 478 above last year at this time;
San Joaquin Region - 250 behind last year at this time;
Southern Region - 38 behind last year at this time;
Southwestern Region - 111 above last year at this time.

The statewide total at this time is 1,264 members above last year. Mr. Wilson also reported on his efforts to get Mr. Beck and Mr. Reed back as Regional Supervisors of Agricultural Education.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

Pedro Quiroz gave an overview of the Constitutional Amendments and explained each one.

- Sue Lautze moved that Article IV, Section C (7) be amended as follows:

(7) Must have earned at least \$50 \$100 by his/her own efforts from his/her supervised farming and other agricultural occupational experience program and have it productively invested or deposited in a bank.

Carolyn Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- Stuart Minugh moved that Article V, Section B be amended as follows:

Section B. All elective state officers shall hold office for one year after election, or until their successors are elected, unless removed from office for cause by the executive committee. All vacancies may be filled by ~~the president~~ *presidential appointment, with executive committee approval*, until the next regular election.

Darin Coert seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- Pedro Quiroz moved that Article VI, Section A be amended as follows:

Section A. The California Association, Future Farmers of America shall hold an annual conference, *in the Summer*, the time and place to be determined by the executive committee; and should be at least forty-five days prior to the National Convention of the Future Farmers of America. Each local chapter in good standing shall be entitled to two voting delegates at the annual meeting.

Darin Coert seconded the motion.

Larry Pisani moved to amend the motion by deleting "in the Summer" and inserting "between June 1st and August 31st".

Brian Albertoni seconded the motion.

Sue Lautze moved to amend the amendment by striking "June 1st" and inserting "June 21st".

Stephanie Sill seconded the motion.

Carolyn Coleman moved the previous question.

Stuart Minugh seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 8 in favor and 4 opposed.

The amendment to the amendment passed with a vote of 8 in favor and 2 opposed.

Stuart Minugh moved the previous question on all pending matters.

Sue Lautze seconded the motion.

The motion carried with a vote of 8 in favor, 3 opposed.

The motion to accept the wording as amended carried with a vote of 7 in favor and 4 opposed.

The motion to accept the following wording passed with a vote of 8 in favor and 2 opposed:

Section A. The California Association, Future Farmers of America shall hold an annual conference *between June 21st and August 31st*, the time and place to be determined by the executive committee, and should be at least forty-five days prior to the National Convention of the Future Farmers of America. Each local chapter in good standing shall be entitled to two voting delegates at the annual meeting.

- Carolyn Coleman moved to amend the Bylaws, Article II, Section B (3) as follows:

Section B. Duties and Responsibilities

(3) Secretary

- a. The secretary shall perform the duties common to such an office as keeping an accurate record of the minutes of the state association or the minutes of the executive committee. Copies of the minutes of these meetings shall be prepared by the state FFA office for the State Advisor and state records and shall also be made available to each local chapter and each member of the state executive committee. *Minutes of the State Leadership Conference shall be turned in to the state FFA office no later than two weeks after the conference.*

Sue Lautze seconded the motion.

Stuart Minugh amended the motion by striking out the words "two weeks" and inserting the words "one week."

Darin Coert seconded the motion.

Brett Robinson moved the previous question on all pending matters.

Stuart Minugh seconded the motion.

The motion carried with 9 in favor and 1 opposed.

The motion to amend passed with a vote of 7 to 5.

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- Steve Arnaudo moved to amend Article III. Committees, Section A. as follows:

Section A. There shall be an executive committee consisting of the six current elected state officers, the immediate past elected state president, the regional Future Farmers of America presidents, the state advisor, and the assistant state advisor. *Whenever a regional president is unable to attend a state executive committee meeting, the region may be represented by a member of the current regional officer team, appointed by the president.* The executive committee is authorized to act in the name of the California Association, Future Farmers of America between annual conferences, subject only to such regulations and by-laws as may be adopted by the California Association, Future Farmers of America.

Bret Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed with 11 in favor.

- Brett Robinson moved to amend Article III. Committees, Section D in the event that if the past state president is unable to serve, the chairperson shall be appointed by the current state president from the immediate past state officer team. Steve Arnaudo seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 5 in favor, 8 opposed.

Pedro Quiroz moved to amend Article III. Committees, Section D as follows:

Section D. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members from each of the geographical regions, with the past state president as chairman and state advisor as ex officio member. *If the past state president is unable to serve, the chairperson shall be the next succeeding officer of the immediate past elected state officer team.* The Nominating Committee shall, after consideration of

the possible candidates, place nominations for the various state officers. All candidates must have received the State Farmer Degree. Meetings of the Nominating Committee shall be closed meetings. Information given on all possible candidates shall be confidential.

Darin Coert seconded the motion. The motion carried 9 in favor, 2 opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

Pedro Quiroz moved to adjourn. Stuart Minugh seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:05 a.m., on Tuesday, January 18, 1983, by President, Michele Wakeham.

BEST INFORMED CONTEST

Mr. Davis enlightened the group on a Greenhand Contest.

Brian Albertoni, Past State Reporter, moved that a State Greenhand Contest be held at the State Convention, for one year, if funds are available. Carolyn Coleman seconded the motion. The motion carried with 10 in favor, none opposed.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES CONTINUED

- Carolyn Coleman moved to amend the Bylaws, Article II. State Officers Section A. Elections (2) as follows, and Stuart Minugh seconded the motion:

Section A. Elections

- (2) Candidates for state office shall be placed in nomination by the current officer holding the same office. Each candidate nominated by the Nominating Committee, or from the floor, shall provide the current state officer holding the same office with a condensed list of his/her accomplishments, which will be read to the delegates by the officer. The candidate will then *have two minutes to respond*, giving additional information and reasons for seeking the office. Candidates may not be nominated from the floor unless they first go through the Nominating Committee. If turned down by the committee, they must acquire a petition signed by 100 official delegates, with not more than 25 signing from one's own region.

Stephanie Sill moved to amend the motion by inserting the words " have a maximum of two minutes to".

Darin Coert seconded the motion.

The motion carried with a vote of 8 in favor, 1 opposed.

The vote was then taken on the main motion to approve the wording as amended.

The motion carried with a vote of 10 in favor and none opposed to use the following wording:

Article II. State Officers

Section A. Elections

(2) Candidates for state office shall be placed in nomination by the current officer holding the same office. Each candidate nominated by the Nominating Committee, or from the floor, shall provide the current state officer holding the same office with a condensed list of his/her accomplishments which will be read to the delegates by the officer. The candidate will then *have a maximum of two minutes* to respond, giving additional information and reasons for seeking the office. Candidates may not be nominated from the floor unless they first go through the Nominating Committee. If turned down by the committee, they must acquire a petition signed by 100 official delegates, with not more than 25 signing from one's own region.

- Stuart Minugh moved that Article III. Committees, Section I be amended as follows:

Article III. Committees

Section I. The Fairs and Shows Committee shall consist of ~~one member from each section appointed by the regional president~~ *three members from each of the seven geographical regions of the state*. The chairman shall be appointed by the state president from the committee's membership.

Sue Lautze seconded the motion. Debate followed. The motion carried with a vote of 8 in favor and 3 opposed.

REVIEW OF STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Stuart Minugh moved that the 54th Annual State Leadership Conference Minutes be presented as written. Sue Lautze seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

STATE SWEETHEART CONTEST

The seven regional presidents have been appointed by Michele Wakeham, State President, to discuss and to report back on the State Sweetheart Contest. Sue Lautze, President of the North Coast Region, has been appointed chairperson of the committee.

STATE CONVENTION

Pedro Quiroz told the group that this year's convention theme has to do with "EDUCATION."

Lori Dennis reviewed the agenda and told the regional presidents that each region will be in charge of their own registration. Those lists are to be sent to Mr. Davis.

Michele Wakeham announced that Friday, May 6, 1983 is the date of the State Executive Committee Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Agriculture Building, Room 241, on the Cal Poly-SLO campus. She told the regional presidents to bring with them the Scrapbook and application of their Star Regional Reporter and possible information on their Star Regional Advisor.

Larry Pisani, State Sentinel, discussed a suggested list of Honorary State Farmers.

Stephanie Sill, State Treasurer, discussed a suggested list of Distinguished Service Award recipients.

Carolyn Coleman moved to nominate the following for the Honorary State Farmer Degree:

- Mrs. Charlene Eberly - Fallbrook
- Mr. Howard Eberly - Fallbrook
- Mr. Larry L. Augenstein - Poway
- Dr. Allen Christensen - Cal Poly-Pomona

Darin Coert seconded the motion. The motion carried with a voice vote.

Stephanie Sill moved to nominate the following to receive the Distinguished Service Award:

- Mr. Glen Casey - San Luis Obispo
- Mrs. Ellen Calcagno - San Luis Obispo
- Dr. Bill Honig - Sacramento
- Mr. Leland Ruth - Sacramento
- Mrs. Laura Tower - Stockton
- Senator Rose Ann Vuich - 15th District, Dinuba
- Parents of State Officers

Sue Lautze seconded the motion. The motion carried with a voice vote.

Giovanni Ferrendelli reported that a Star Reporter Award application has been developed which needs to be submitted to the state. An application for Star Advisor is optional.

Stephanie Sill reviewed the State Officer Report and passed out a list of slides available for the report. Additional slides are needed and are to be sent to Stephanie by March 28, 1983.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTION

Mr. Davis introduced to the group Mr. Mark Linder and Ms. Judy Culbertson from the California Farm Bureau Federation. Mr. Linder addressed the group

and indicated the Farm Bureau plans to support the Greenhand State Contest. He also extended an invitation to the Executive Committee to hold its meetings at the Farm Bureau.

COURTESY CORPS

Larry Pisani reported that at least three people are needed from each region to serve on the Courtesy Corps. He needs names and addresses of these individuals by April 1, 1983.

TALENT

Larry Pisani told the group that talent acts would appear throughout the Conference. Selection of those acts will be held at the Fresno Field Day. He challenged the regional presidents to get as many members to participate in the Talent Show as possible.

Michele Wakeham asked the group to submit names to her by March 1 of people qualified to sing the National Anthem.

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Ms. Nancy Rupp was introduced to the group by Mr. Davis. She is his Intern and will be helping him with work on the State Conference. Mrs. Rupp reported on and reviewed the agendas and guidelines she has developed for the Conference committee members.

NEW SEED

Giovanni Ferrendelli informed the group that there will only be two issues of NEW SEED printed. He encouraged the regions to write articles and submit them to him or Kip Rutty.

SENATE BILL 187 COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Davis informed the group of the effects of Senate Bill 187. He reviewed costs, classroom sizes, and Average Daily Attendance (ADA).

STATE CONTESTS

Mr. Davis reported a recommendation has been made to recognize contest winners. These winners would be recognized in percentiles and would receive gold, silver or bronze award certificates.

Keven Schoonhoven moved that Proposal I, concerning Team Awards, be adopted by the California Agricultural Teachers Association (CATA).

PROPOSAL I. TEAM AWARDS

- (a) Presentation of gold award certificates to the top 20% of the teams in each state contest.

- (b) Presentation of silver award certificates to the next 20% of the teams in each state contest.
- (c) Presentation of bronze award certificates to the next 20% of the teams in each state contest.

The certificates would replace the ribbons given to the top five teams.

Darin Coert seconded the motion. The motion carried with a voice vote.

NATIONAL FFA WEEK PLANS

Larry Pisani reported to the group on the activities the State Officers have planned for National FFA Week.

Darin Coert reported on activities for the Southwestern Region. These include developing a billboard, having a petting zoo, etc.

Stuart Minugh reported that the South Coast Region will be encouraging its chapters to do their own thing.

Kevin Schoonhoven indicated that in the San Joaquin Region articles will be prepared for newspapers and other public relations techniques will be used.

Carolyn Coleman reported the Southern Region will try to do something in conjunction with the Indio Fair on February 24th.

Sue Lautze reported the North Coast Region is putting up billboards, sending special newsletters out, getting some radio and TV spots, and having a donkey basketball game.

Steve Arnaud reported the Central Region plans to visit service clubs, put up billboards, and send out a special newsletter.

Brett Robinson indicated Superior Region plans include billboards, TV spots, etc.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Carolyn Coleman reported on special letters to be sent to the chapters.

Michele Wakeham talked about possible recommendations for spending the \$100 donated by the California Farm Bureau Federation. Sue Lautze moved to recommend to the Farm Bureau that \$50 be presented to the State Extemporaneous Winner and \$50 be presented to the State Public Speaking Winner at the State Conference. Brett Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 10 in favor and none opposed.

Sue Lautze announced that the Committee to research the State Sweetheart Contest would meet after adjournment of this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Dennis, Secretary
California Association FFA