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CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
STATE FFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: Mid-Winter
January 14-15, 1985

PLACE: California State Grange Headquarters
2101 Stockton Boulevard
Sacramento, California

MINUTES

Call to Order

The Mid-Winter Executive Committee Meeting of the California Association Future Farmers of America was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by President Andrea Swartz on January 14, 1985. Roll call found the following in attendance:

- President: Andrea Swartz
- Vice President: Darin Coert
- Secretary: Wendy Roarty
- Treasurer: John Pavletich
- Reporter: Paul Kuber
- Sentinel: Carolyn Coleman
- Past Vice Pres.: Kevin Schoonhoven
- North Coast Region Pres.: Gina Barbera
- South Coast Region Vice Pres.: Ken O'Connell
- Superior Region Pres.: Ben Berthelson
- Central Region Pres.: Monique Bolcao
- San Joaquin Region Pres.: Rob French
- Southern Region Pres.: Carri Estes
- Southwestern Region Pres.: Steve Davis
- Assistant State FFA Advisor: Mr. Jerry T. Davis
- Special Projects Coordinator: Mr. Tom Munter
- Host: Mr. David Austin, Master, California State Grange

Review of Minutes

The minutes of the 1984 Fall Executive Committee Meeting were reviewed as mailed.

Motion: Wendy Roarty moved to accept the minutes as mailed.
Gina Barbera seconded the motion. No debate.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Address by Host

Mr. David Austin, Master of the California State Grange, spoke to the group about the history of the Grange and also welcomed the group.

Proposed Constitutional Changes

Darin Coert introduced the proposed constitutional changes to the Executive Committee (SEE APPENDIX 1).

ARTICLE III, SECTION B

Motion: Carolyn Coleman moved to accept the proposed wording of Article III, Section B, Paragraph 1.
Darin Coert seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Amendment: Gina Barbera moved to amend the motion by deleting "or having completed all the vocational agriculture offered in their school" and adding "or have completed four consecutive years of vocational agriculture."
Rob French seconded. Debate followed;
Gina Barbera withdrew her motion. There were no objections. Debate on the main motion continued.

Vote: The motion passed by voice vote.

Motion: Gina Barbera moved to accept the proposed wording of Article III, Section B, Paragraph 2. John Pavletich seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Vote: The motion passed by voice vote.

Motion: Darin Coert moved to recommend a "yes" vote on the proposed Article III, Section B, Paragraph 2.
Ben Berthelson seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Vote: The motion passed by voice vote.

Debate indicated the Executive Committee was still ill at ease regarding the wording of this item and felt that members will find it hard to understand.

Motion: Gina Barbera moved to grant Mr. Munter and Mr. Davis editorial authority to reword the proposed change to Article III, Section B for the purpose of clarifying the Committee's intent.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE IV, SECTION C

Motion: Darin Coert moved to accept the proposed wording of Article IV, Section C.
Steve Davis seconded the motion. Debate followed.
Darin Coert withdrew his motion. There were no objections.

Motion: Darin Coert moved to amend the proposed wording by striking the 150 hour change.
Gina Barbera seconded the main motion. Debate followed.

Vote: The motion passed by voice vote.

Motion: Ben Berthelson moved to recommend a "yes" vote on Article IV, Section C.
Ken O'Connell seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Vote: The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE IV, SECTION D

Motion: Gina Barbera moved to accept the proposed wording of Article IV, Section D, Paragraph 11.
Darin Coert seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Vote: The motion passed by voice vote.

Motion: Steve Davis moved to recommend a "yes" vote on Article IV, Section D, Paragraph 11.
Monique Bolcao seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Vote: The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE VI, SECTION A

Motion: John Pavletich moved to accept the proposed wording of Article VI, Section A provided that "March" be inserted in place of "April."
Ken O'Connell seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Motion: Wendy Roarty moved the previous question.
Paul Kuber seconded.

Vote: The previous question passed by voice vote.

Vote: The main motion passed by voice vote.

Motion: Wendy Roarty moved to recommend a "no" vote on Article VI, Section A as amended.
Darin Coert seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Vote: The motion passed with 8 in the affirmative, 4 in the negative.

ARTICLE IV, SECTION D

Motion: Gina Barbera moved to accept the proposed wording of Article IV, Section D, Paragraph 12.
Carolyn Coleman seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Vote: The motion passed by voice vote.

Motion: Darin Coert moved to recommend a "yes" vote on Article IV, Section D, Paragraph 12.
John Pavletich seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Vote: The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE VIII, SECTION G

Motion: Darin Coert moved to accept the proposed wording of Article VIII, Section G.
John Pavletich seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Amendment: Steve Davis moved to amend by adding the word "dress" so that the proposal would read, "black dress shoes."
Rob French seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Motion: Gina Barbera moved the previous question.
Ken O'Connell seconded the motion.

Vote: The previous question passed by voice vote.

Vote: The amendment failed: 7 in the negative, 5 in the affirmative.

Motion: Debate re-opened on the main motion.
Carolyn Coleman moved the previous question.
John Pavletich seconded the motion.

Vote: Previous question passed by voice vote.

Vote: Main motion passed by voice vote.

Motion: Gina Barbera moved to recommend a "no" vote on Article VIII, Section G.
Paul Kuber seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Vote: Motion passed: 7 in the affirmative, 6 in the negative.

BY-LAWS - ARTICLE II, SECTION A

Motion: John Pavletich moved to accept the proposed wording of Article II, Section A, Paragraph 2 of the State By-laws.
Ben Berthelson seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Vote: Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion: Ken O'Connell moved to recommend a "yes" vote on Article II, Section A, Paragraph 2 of the State By-Laws.
Darin Coert seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Vote: Motion passed by voice vote.

BY-LAWS - ARTICLE II, SECTION A

Motion: Carolyn Coleman moved to accept the wording of the second proposed change of Article II, Section A, Paragraph 2 of the State By-Laws.
Ben Berthelson seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Vote: Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion: Darin Coert moved to recommend a "yes" vote on the second proposed change of Article II, Section A, Paragraph 2 of the State By-Laws.

Vote: Motion passed by voice vote.

BY-LAWS - ARTICLE II, SECTION B

Motion: Wendy Roarty moved to accept the proposed wording of Article II, Section B, Paragraph 2 of the State By-Laws provided the word "compile" be inserted in place of the word "prepare."
Ken O'Connell seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Vote: Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion: Gina Barbera moved to recommend a "yes" vote on Article II, Section B, Paragraph 2 of the State By-Laws as amended.
Monique Bolcao seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Vote: Motion passed by voice vote.

BY-LAWS - ARTICLE II, SECTION B

Motion: John Pavletich moved to accept the proposed wording of Article II, Section B, Paragraph 4 of the State By-Laws provided the words "compile and update" be inserted in place of "prepare."
Gina Barbera seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Vote: Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion: Carolyn Coleman moved to recommend a "yes" vote on Article II, Section B, Paragraph 4, as amended, of the State By-Laws.
Ken O'Connell seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Vote: Motion passed by voice vote.

BY-LAWS - ARTICLE IV, SECTION B

Motion: Gina Barbera moved to accept the proposed wording of Article IV, Section B of the State By-Laws.

Carolyn Coleman seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Vote: Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion: Rob French moved to recommend a "yes" vote on Article IV, Section B of the State By-Laws.

Vote: Motion passed by voice vote.

BY-LAWS - ARTICLE II, SECTION B and ARTICLE III, SECTION J

Motion: Gina Barbera moved to give the State Advisor the authority to make the editorial changes proposed in Article II, Section B and Article III, Section J of the State By-Laws. Ken O'Connell seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Vote: Motion passed by voice vote.

Chapter Officer Conference Report

John Pavletich commented on the conferences as a whole, and then each Regional President or representative commented on their regional conference. Paveletich then went over the attendance totals. (SEE APPENDIX 2)

National Convention Report

Paul Kuber gave an in-depth report on the National Convention, highlighting all of the many awards that California received and, of course, the new National Officer, Mike Gayaldo. Kuber also reported on the Washington, D.C. Tour in which the California representatives participated. Mention was also made about the State Delegates who went back to Kansas City to vote on National business.

Goodwill Tour

Carolyn Coleman reported that the State Officers completed their tour for 1984. Coleman noted the different financial institutions that the State Officers visited. She also conveyed the message that all of the businessmen gave to the officers - "Agriculture has a dismal but definite future."

State FFA Foundation Report

Andrea Swartz reported that the FFA Foundation has a new project for the coming year - an FFA State Camp. The main objectives are to: (1) develop a major and permanent facility for FFA leadership training; (2) develop a facility that could be used by other agricultural groups; and (3) develop a center which could be adapted to large or small groups. Swartz also noted that the Foundation is looking for a location, about 50 acres in size, somewhere between Bakersfield and Sacramento.

Chapter Visit Report

John Pavletich reported that the 1984-85 visits have gone well so far and

that the State Officers have about 70 schools to visit in order to meet their goal. (SEE APPENDIX 3)

State Farmer Degree Ceremonies

John Pavletich reported all of the State Officers will attend all seven of the ceremonies.

New Seed Magazine

Paul Kuber reported that the publishing date of the first issue of the New Seed will be on January 23, 1985. Kuber also passed on compliments from CaI Poly and commended the regions on the number of articles that were submitted this year.

Banquet Invitations

Wendy Roarty reported that the State Officers will be honoring most banquet requests provided the pertinent information is mailed to the State Office. Roarty also reminded the group that a State Officer guest speaker is a chapter's expense.

National FFA Week Plans

Paul Kuber reported that the State Officers have no plans as yet for National FFA Week. He also stated the Governor of California will send out a media-advertised statewide proclamation of FFA Week.

Recess

Motion: Gina Barbera moved to recess until Tuesday at 7:50 a.m.
Rob French seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed by voice vote.

Reconvene

President Andrea Swartz reconvened the meeting at 9:08 a.m., following a tour and informative filmstrip shown by Mr. Austin, Master of the California State Grange.

Membership Report

Mr. Wilson, State Advisor, gave a report on the state toals in membership so far. He also told the committee that the totals would probably increase by the end of the school year (comparing to last year's figures).

Regional Reports

Regional reports were given by the respective Regional Presidents or representatives (SEE APPENDIX 4).

Status Report

Mr. Davis went over California's current status as a State Association. Dues, Standards, and the State Leadership Conference were among the things talked about in his report.

State Leadership Conference Theme

Darin Coert reported that the State Officers have chosen a very exciting theme and will keep it a secret until the Conference. Regional Presidents were told to plan convention buttons and other things around the current state theme.

State Leadership Conference Agenda

Wendy Roarty reported that the agenda will be basically the same as last year's with minor changes (SEE APPENDIX 5).

State Leadership Conference Registration

Wendy Roarty reported that the registration procedure will be the same as last year's; everyone must pre-register through their Regional Supervisor who will have more information at a later date.

Pre-Convention Executive Meeting

Andrea Swartz reported that the Regional Presidents must bring the following to the meeting:

- Regional Reports
- Star Reporter Scrapbook and application
- Star Advisor application

They must be prepared to judge all of these at the meeting.

Honorary State Farmer Degree

Motion: Gina Barbera moved to elect the following to Honorary State Farmer:

- Mrs. Dorothy McMillan
- Mr. Bill Staiger
- Mr. Mike Thompson
- Mr. Gary Pevey
- Mr. Glen Casey
- Mr. David Austin
- Mr. Henry Voss

John Pavletich seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Vote: Motion passed by voice vote.

Distinguished Service Citation

Motion: Carri Estes moved to elect the following for the Distinguished Service Citation:

- Ms. Vicki Dungan
- Mr. and Mrs. Ira Compton
- Mrs. Luanne Silkwood
- Dr. Jean Kugler
- Ben-Moore Farms

Ken O'Connell seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Amendment: Kevin Schoonhoven moved to amend the motion by adding:

Mr. Bill Honig
Mr. George Dukemejian

Wendy Roarty seconded the motion. Debate followed.

Vote: Motion failed by voice vote.

Vote: Main motion passed by voice vote.

Courtesy Corps

Carolyn Coleman asked each Regional President to get one member from each section in their region. The minimum number of people from each region is two. Coleman will send out a personal invitation to each Chapter Sentinel prior to convention.

Star Reporter and Advisor

Paul Kuber handed out an application to each Regional President and reminded them to bring 17 copies to convention or mail to the State Office prior to April 1.

Committees

Andrea Swartz named the seven committees and chairpersons as follows:

- Nominating - Kevin Schoonhoven, Chairperson
- Program of Work - Darin Coert, Chairperson
- Budget and Finance - John Pavletich, Chairperson
- Awards - Carolyn Coleman, Chairperson
- Magazine - Paul Kuber, Chairperson
- Fairs and Shows - Mike Gomes, Chairperson
- Conference Evaluation - Sherri Goss, Chairperson

Program of Work

Darin Coert presented proposed changes in the State Program of Work to the

Executive Committee members. Coert indicated that these proposals would be considered by the Program of Work Committee at the State Leadership Conference. He invited Executive Committee members to send him additional items for consideration no later than April 1, 1985. (SEE APPENDIX 6)

Treasurer's Report

John Pavletich reported that the net worth of the Association is currently \$252,775.35.

Rose Parade

Darin Coert reported that the Rose Parade float was sponsored by California Fairs and Shows and that he, a 4-H representative, and Miss California State were the riders. Coert also mentioned that the float was decorated largely by the Chino FFA Chapter.

Thank You's

Andrea Swartz gave the address of the Grange Headquarters and urged all members of the committee to write.

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Constitutional Changes Continued

ARTICLE IV, SECTION A

Motion: Gina Barbera moved to amend Article IV, Section A of the State Constitution as follows:

"The California Association, Future Farmers of America shall hold an annual conference during the month of May, the time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee, at least forty-five days prior to the National Convention of Future Farmers of America. Each local chapter in good standing shall be ~~entitled to~~ *guaranteed at least two voting delegates at the annual meeting. A chapter with a starting base membership of thirty receives an additional delegate, and then each increment of sixty members above the starting base receives an extra delegate. All of the above figures shall be derived by the previous year's state membership totals.*"

Vote: Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion: Gina Barbera moved to recommend a "yes" vote on the proposal for Article IV, Section A.
Rob French seconded the motion. Debate followed.

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Vote: Motion passed by voice vote.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m. by President Andrea Swartz.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Roarty
Wendy Roarty, Secretary
California Association FFA