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CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FFA  
FALL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING MINUTES  
September 26-27, 1985

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A meeting of the California Association Future Farmers of America Fall Executive Committee was called to order at 1:15 pm on Thursday, September 26, 1985 at the California Farm Bureau Federation Building in Sacramento.

ROLL CALL:

The following committee members were present: Steven G. Davis, Serena M. Benadum, Carri J. Estes, Paul C. Pavletich, Darrin W. Silveria, Robert J. French, Mike Gomes, Janel Hofman, Kelli Faulkner, Steve Simmons, Jenny Mitdgaard, Kathleen Binns, Nicholas Wells, Andrea Swartz, and Mr. Jerry T. Davis. There were a total of 15 members present along with several guests.

AGENDA CHANGES:

Steven made the following changes and additions to the agenda:

(additions)

- 1) Special recognition
- 2) National Officer Candidate report

(corrections)

- 1) Membership report was scheduled for Friday
- 2) State FFA Budget was scheduled second on the agenda

STATE FFA BUDGET:

Mr. Davis discussed the issue of state dues and that currently those dues are \$1.00 with the basis of 26,000 FFA members. He has now devised a plan to sell leadership packets to schools instead of charging members a participation fee of any type of dues. These packets include: VO-AG ID card, subscriptions, manuals, calendar, and FFA record book. He also suggested that the regional presidents encourage the purchase of such packets to help support not only the association, but their regions as well.

NATIONAL FFA BUSINESS:

The following are suggested changes to the National Constitution Bylaws which were voted on by the Executive Committee:

1) Nicholas Wells moved the Executive Committee recommend a yes vote to pass Article VII, Section A, Paragraph 2, second sentence "States meeting their quota may submit up to five (5) additional, ranked, qualified candidates for consideration to fill quotas not met by other states." The motion was seconded by Steve Simmons and passed 15-0.

2) Mike Gomes moved that the California Association delegates vote in favor of Article X. and Article XIV, Section A - Delete "Office of Education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare" and insert U.S. Department of Education. Kathleen Binns seconded the motion. The motion passed 15-0.

3) Darrin Silveria moved to change Article XIV, Section B - Delete "Office" and insert U.S. Department. Kelli Faulkner seconded the motion. The motion passed 15-0.

4) Steve Simmons moved to accept the wording of Article XVI, Section B - Delete the word "members" and insert desentative and further delete the word "staff". Paul Pavletich seconded the motion. The motion passed 15-0.

5) Jenny Mitdgaard moved to vote in favor of Article XVI, Section A - Delete "15" and insert one. Nicholas Wells seconded the motion which passed 15-0.

6) Kathleen Binns moved to accept and votea in favor of Article III, Section F - Delete "Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare" and insert U.S. Department of Education. Mike Gomes seconded the motion which passed 15-0.

#### NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION TRIP:

Mr. Munter discussed how many people would be on each flight and when the flights would leave San Francisco and L.A. There will be 170 seats to Washington D.C. which will stay an extra day. One flight will accomodate the American Farmers. Another will have the six regional proficiency award winners, judging teams and others. The office is in charge of about 250 seats.

Regional Officer responsibilities were covered by Rob French. He discussed the expected behavior, bus assignments, bed checks, wake-up calls, and evening meetings with Mr. Davis.

#### MINUTES OF THE 57th ANNUAL STATE FFA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:

Jenny Mitdgaard moved to accept the minutes as submitted and Steve Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed 15-0.

#### CHAPTER OFFICER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES:

Carri Estes discussed the dates and location of the

## CHAPTER OFFICER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES (continued)

following conferences:

San Joaquin Region - September 7-8, Hanford H.S., Hanford, CA  
 Central Region - October 5-6, Beyer H.S., Modesto, CA  
 North Coast Region - October 12-13, Ukiah H.S., Ukiah, CA  
 Southern/Southwestern Regions - October 19, Cal Poly State  
 Unverisity Pomona, Pomona, CA  
 South Coast Region - October 26-27, Gilroy H.S., Gilroy, CA  
 Superior Region - November 22-23, Lassen Jr. College,  
 Susanville, CA  
 Superior Region - Decemer 6-7, Yuba Jr. College, Yuba City, CA

Conference programs were passed out to all committee members. Carri then went over all regional officer responsibilities.

## STATE OFFICER PROGRAMS:

Paul Pavletich discussed the six programs the officers developed while attending the Cal Poly training session. They are the following:

Participation/Involvement  
 SOEP's  
 Leadership  
 Ag. Industry/Ag. Careers  
 Opportunities/Awards  
 Greenhand Motivation

Paul mentioned that if any chapters were interested in having a state officer visit, they should write and contact the State Office in Sacramento.

Darrin Silveria discussed the Good Will Tour in which the state officers would be traveling December 8-13. He mentioned the fact that the officers would visit different businesses and banks that support the FFA and agriculture.

Steve Davis informed the Executive Committee members about the next scheduled executive meeting. He discussed the possibilities of having a Rocklin follow-up meeting. This would only be possibly if there were extra funds leftover from the regional leadership conferences. The meeting will be held at the State Grange headquarters in Sacramento.

## CALIFORNIA FFA FOUNDATION REPORT:

Serena Benadum informed the committee about her recent assignment concerning the Foundation meeting. She discussed the State Foundation's budget and possible awards that they might

## CALIFORNIA FFA FOUNDATION REPORT (continued)

sponsor. The idea of an FFA camp was brought up along with some possible sights that had been checked out. The State Foundation also voted in the officers for 1985-86, which were the same as last year's officers.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Mr. Davis said that 80% of the chapters were using the new leadership packets for signing-up members. He projected the possibility of having over 26,000 FFA members in the state of California.

The projected Membership for 1985-86 was covered earlier in the meeting under the FFA Budget.

## REGIONAL REPORTS:

## SUPERIOR REGION

Leaving off with our last Executive Committee meeting, the Superior region is very proud that for the 15th straight year we had 100% chapter attendance at the 1985 State FFA Leadership conference. The Rocklin Leadership Training conference was great for our team. We learned much about our offices and came together more as a team. On August 14, 1985 we held our 1st planning meeting at the Gregg household in Chico. We set regional goals and chose brother/sister chapters. We also planned our activity schedual. Also, reported on the upcoming regional goodwill tour and Christmas party.

Next, Mike reported on the Sectional Leadership conference planning meeting on Monday, September 23, 1985 at CSU Chico. Steve Davis and Carri Estes were present. Paul Kuber and Darin Coert were there and sent their regards. Planned for two sectional conferences at Lassen Community College and Yuba City Junior College which expected 250 attendance at each conference.

Upcoming events include:

Various J.C. fielddays

Annual Superior Region Fieldday on October 28, 1985 at CSU Chico  
National FFA Convention (8 out of the 10 officers will attend)

The officers team is very enthusiastic about National Convention and the upcoming Sectional Leadership conferences.

## SOUTH COAST REGION

On July 15, 16, 17 the South Coast regional officers met at Cuyuma Lake for a planning session. They worked on the POW, Annual regional goals, budget, and the leadership conference. At the campout the officers learned how to trust one another (eating food).

The officers met on August 22 to plan the regional leadership conference agenda. This was also the first meeting

with their new regional advisor - Mr. Thomas Munter.

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#### SOUTH COAST REGION (continued)

September 7th and 8th brought the officers together once again to work on their skit and devise applications for Star Member and Star Administrator. The officers also met with Colleen to have the packets printed.

The final practice for the leadership conference was held on the 28th and 29th of September.

The South Coast Regional Leadership Conference was held on on October 26th and 27th at Gilroy High School.

Some of the S.C. regional officers showed at Santa Clara Co. fair, Mid-State (Paso Robles) fair, and LA County fair.

The big upcoming event for South Coast region is the VO-AG workshop for first and second year VO-AG students.

#### SAN JOAQUIN REGION

After the adjournment of the 85-86 Rocklin Leadership Conference the San Joaquin regional officers went home to prepare for a vigorous schedule. Within two months they had to send representatives to the California State fair and also they prepared their program for the Hanford Chapter Officer Leadership Conference.

On August 10th the San Joaquin team met for the first of their preparation meetings. At this meeting we went over the Hanford Conference and POW. We also selected three representatives who would represent us at Cal Expo. They were John Maddox, Shannon Piek, and Steve Simmons. Later, John was not able to attend because of an ailment. Another meeting of some importance took place on the 15th, 21st, and 23th of October. On the 6th of September we all met with the State Officers to go over our conference one last time.

On the next morning approximately 240 FFA members came together for conference. Overall the opinion of the conference was very effective and interesting.

Another activity for the month of August was our activities at the Cal Expo. Steve Simmons and Shannon Piek attended the 85 State fair. They were the Mc's for Round Robin and Ladies Lead. Also, they were in charge of special events and the clean barn awards. The State fair provided Steve and Shannon enough time to prepare the skit for the conference.

In the future the S.J. Regional officers plan on visiting chapters in our region. We would try to go to all the chapters that are decreasing in members. One of our ways to get a more personal feeling with our members is to be sure that at least one officer is at all Sectional and possibly chapter activities.

In October we plan on meeting at Bass Lake where we will basically relax and prepare for National Convention and our responsibilities.

Clap your hands, Stomp your feet, San Joaquin won't be beat!

## SOUTHWESTERN REGION

The Southwestern regional officer team met along with the Southern regional officer team on July 22, 23, 24 to plan the Southern Cal. Leadership conference, to be held on October the 19th, 1985.

The Southern Cal conference is divided into six sessions. The first general session, an officer and members workshops, a session put on by the Cal Poly students, the sectional workshops, the specialized workshops and the closing session. All officers who attended worked hard to plan an interesting and educational conference. They are all looking forward to the conference day. Enclosed in this report is an estimated budget for Southern Cal.

The Southwestern officers during those three days had a separate meeting, where we discussed the year's activities and assigned officers to attend. We also went over the regional budget and financial report. We set our next meeting date for September 21, 1985.

The Southern and Southwestern officers met on September 21, at 10:00 am. on the Cal Poly campus to practice for the Southern Cal conference. Immediately following the practice we had a meeting. We discussed as well as planned our chapter visits program and assigned partners. Mr. Stark provided all the officers with a history of accomplishments for every chapter in the Southwestern Region, so the officers would have a working knowledge of the chapters we were to visit. The next executive meeting of the Southwestern region is scheduled for September 28, 1985, following the LA County fair judging contest.

## SOUTHERN REGION

The Southern region officers have chosen "Today's Achievements - Tomorrow's Future" as the regional theme. The officers have a number of goals for the region this year. The first is to attain 100% attendance at State and regional meetings. Another goal is to have all chapters apply for the Superior chapter award. Hopefully, this will be accomplished with the help of programs we will give at each of the four sections on filling out the application. One other goal for this year is to move each sectional president into regional office by making them regional vice-presidents. A constitutional change to make this possible will be presented at our regional meeting in April. The sectional presidents are being eased into regional office this year through increased participation in regional executive committee activities. This year they will even make chapter visits.

Currently, the regional officers are working quite diligently on planning our chapter visit programs and who will be visited. The major portion of our activity right now is directed

toward preparing Southern Cal Leadership conference, coming up in  
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October.

#### CENTRAL REGION

The first official meeting of the Central region Executive Committee was held on June 13, 1985 in Sacramento to prepare for the Regional officer's leadership conference at Sierra college. At this time we reviewed the State leadership conference and went over the specific officer duties for the upcoming year.

Our next meeting was held in Sacramento on August 12, 1985 and we had, as a special guest, Serena Benadum, State Vice President and Miss Jean Landeen from the North Coast region. Miss Landeen formally announced Sandford Beck's retirement as Central region Advisor, who served 17 years, and said she would be helping us until a replacement could be found. Serena presented the leadership conference and informed us of our duties. At this meeting we put together an extensive POW and calendar for the year. We worked out and finalized a budget for our activities. One of the most important goals we set as regional officers was to be available to all chapters in our region for chapter visits. The chapter advisors will have an opportunity to request special programs set up by the regional officers in advance. Two of the programs that we are working on are, motivation and communication.

The most meeting of the regional executive committee was on September 14, 1985. We worked on our roles for our upcoming leadership conference to be held on October 5th and 6th, 1985 at Beyer High School in Modesto. We have heard that Beyer has the best food in the Central Region.

Miss Landeen announced that she has filled the position of Central regional Advisor and we are excited to have the privilege of working with her. We chose the theme "Building With Commitment" to tie in with the State Associations theme.

All six of the Central region officers are planning on attending the National Convention in November.

#### NORTH COAST REGION

This year the North Coast region is "Building For Better Tomorrows". The 1985-86 officer team attended the 57th Annual State FFA Leadership Conference May 5-7 and the Rocklin leadership conference June 16-19.

On August 6-8, 1985 the N.C.R. officer team met to discuss the POW and possible regional advisor changes! We also met September 14-15 with State officers Darrin Silveria and Paul Pavletich to discuss the Ukiah chapter officer leadership conference to be held on October 12-13. The program for the Ukiah conference, budget, and the official change of regional Advisor from Miss Jean Landeen to Mr. Thomas Munter was discussed.

## NORTH COAST REGION (continued)

Three goals set by the officer team included (1) to increase participation in local, state, and regional activities, (2) to enhance communication between then region and chapters and (3) to increase leadership in chapters and regions. Several ways of accomplishing these goals were discussed; including chapter visits, publications announcing upcoming events and increased recognition on sponsored.

The next meeting was set for October 11, 1985 in Ukiah.

## STATE OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Serena Benadum reported on the Arizona State convention held June 20-23. Her responsibilities at the convention included: judging the public speaking contest, greetings from California, and running a workshop on FFA opportunities with past Arizona State President, Rick Valencia. She also participated in all the convention activities. Serena then told us about the differences that occur between our state conference and Arizona's.

Steve Davis reported on the State President's conference held in Washington D.C. July 21-28. He told us all about the extensive touring he and Serena did. Steve informed the committee about the National FFA Budget and the National FFA Foundation. He thought the trip was very enjoyable and informative. This was also an opportunity for he and Serena to meet with other state presidents and vice presidents to discuss state activities.

Carri Estes informed the committee about the state officer's work dealing with the California State fair. The officers worked in the booth August 15-21. They gave out handouts with information about VO-AG classes, FFA Foundation, State officers, and the FFA. The officers were asked many interesting questions that they shared with the committee.

Paul Pavletich reported on the Regional Officer Leadership Conference which was held at the Sierra College in Rocklin June 16-19, 1985. He talked about the different workshops put on by the regional officer teams. He reviewed the annual volleyball tournament. Paul basically did a quick review of the Rocklin conference and highlighted some of the interesting events.

Rob French talked about the National Leadership Conference for State Officers held in Carson City, Nevada, June 28-July 1, at the Ormbesby House. He discussed his opinion about the performance of National Officers and their program. He talked about how the state officers worked together and formed a real team bond.



Serena Benadum discussed the State Officers Training

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STATE OFFICER'S REPORTS (continued)

Workshop held at Cal Poly SLO, August 13-23. She talked about the different workshops that the officers attended. Serena reviewed the agenda and reviewed the different things the officers learned and experienced.

ITEMS OF STATEWIDE INTEREST:

Darrin Silveria gave the committee a complete report on what is happening with the New Seed magazine. He explained who had what assignment and what articles were being written. Darrin discussed how the officers were collecting chapter chatter potential articles on 3x5 cards. Along with collecting the cards they took black-n-white pictures for the magazine.

The slide responsibilities were covered by Darrin Silveria which included: 1. the first draft script (Serena Benadum) 2. the second draft script (Darrin Silveria) 3. the final draft script (Rob French) 4. slide organization and preparation (Paul Pavletich) 5. music coordination (Carri Estes). He assured the committee members that all assignments would be accomplished.

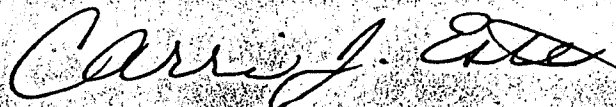
Steve Davis brought up the subject of the 2nd place computer programmer from Santa Maria. He suggested a letter of recognition be sent to him congratulating him for his efforts on the national level. Rob French moved to send a letter of recognition to the award winner. Kathleen Binns seconded the motion which passed 15-0.

Mr. Munter gave the report about our National Officer candidate, Andrea Swartz. He told us about how she and the other candidates went through endless screening and interviews to find the right person to represent California.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned on September 27 at 10:00 am. by President Steven G. Davis.

Respectfully submitted,



Carri J. Estes, Secretary  
California Association FFA