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CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FFA

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 15 & 16, 1986

Call to Order

The State Executive Committee Fall meeting was called to order by Vice President Nicholas Wells at 1:00 p.m. on 10/15/86 at the California Farm Bureau Federation Building in Sacramento. Roll was taken finding the following members in attendance: Steve Davis, Past State President; Nicholas Wells, State Vice President; Luanne Blucker, State Secretary; Todd Rinkenberger, State Treasurer; Russell Callahan, State Reporter; Michael Gomes, State Sentinel; Kathy Almond, Superior Region President; Brenda Souza, San Joaquin Region Vice President; Dennis Albiani, Central Region President; Jim Orradre, South Coast Region President; Janel Hofman, North Coast Region President; Carrie Kallsen, Southern Region President; Scott Binns, Southwestern Region President; Mr. Warren Reed, State FFA Advisor; and Mr. Tom Munter, Assistant State FFA Advisor.

The meeting started off with Mr. Reed welcoming us and telling us about two new changes taking place in the state - Ag Ed Computer Network and the new curriculum models in which there are 16 schools field testing curriculum.

National FFA Business

Dennis Albiani, Central Region, moved to recommend to the National convention delegates a yes vote on the proposed change for Article VI, Section D, paragraph 8. Kathy Almond, Superior Region, seconded it. Debate followed. Main motion passed by voice vote.

Scott Binns, Southwestern Region, moved that California go on record being in favor of having National dues remain the same. Carrie Kallsen, Southern Region, seconded it. Debate followed. Main motion passed by voice vote.

Carrie Kallsen, Southern Region, moved to have the record show that the California State Executive Committee is opposed to a name change. Kathy Almond, Superior Region, seconded it. Debate followed. Steve Davis, Past State President, moved to amend the motion by adding "and in favor of an agricultural image awareness program." Michael Gomes, State Sentinel, seconded it. Debate followed. Amendment passed unanimously. Debate was reopened on main motion which now reads "that the record show that the California State Executive Committee is opposed to a name change and is in favor of an agricultural image awareness program." Vote was taken and main motion passed by voice vote.

National FFA Convention Trip - 11/8 - 11/16/86

Mr. Munter said that trip arrangements were made and finalized. He told the Regional Presidents that their help would be needed on the trip to keep members together and informed. There are 321 members and guests going, 175 of which are going to Washington, D.C. first. There are 52 American Farmers, which is more than we have had ever before.

Minutes of the 58th Annual State FFA Leadership Conference

There was one change made on page 12. The first runnerup in the State Creed contest is Vicki Renick, not Bennet. Luanne Blucker, State Secretary, moved to accept minutes as corrected. Jim Orradre, South Coast, seconded it. Debate followed. Motion passed to accept minutes. (See attachment A.)

Chapter Officer Leadership Conference

Mike Gomes, State Sentinel, reported the following dates and locations for the conferences and talked about what went on at these conferences.

Dates & Locations

San Joaquin Region	Hanford HS	Sept. 6 & 7
Central Region	Beyer HS	October 4 & 5
South Coast Region	North Salinas HS	October 18 & 19
North Coast Region	Foothill HS	Nov. 1 & 2
Superior Region North	Weed	Nov. 21 & 22
Superior Region South	Butte College	Dec. 5 & 6
(see attachment B)		

State Newsletter

Russell Callahan, State Reporter, talked about the new state newsletter and how it was no longer called the "New Seed" but is now the "Golden Harvest". There will be six issues (see attachment C for deadlines). Mr. Munter told us to write a letter of thanks to the Grange for helping us put out the paper. Letter to be addressed to:

David Austin, Master  
California State Grange  
2101 Stockton Blvd.  
Sacramento, CA 95817

Mr. Munter would also like us to send a carbon copy to him.

Reports

A. Membership

In 1985-86 the national membership for the state of California was 29,959, while the state membership was 29,980. There are 320 chapters in California.

B. California FFA Foundation Meeting

Todd Rinkenberger, State Treasurer, who is our representative to the Foundation reported the happenings in the Foundation. On February 25 during National FFA Week, the FFA Foundation will sponsor a legislative breakfast in which only legislators shall attend, along with the State Executive Committee and one regional officer from each region. This officer shall be chosen by their fellow officers and their regional advisor. They must be chosen before Christmas break and given to Mr. Munter. During this time we will hold our mid-Winter State Executive Committee meeting. Other regional representatives are welcome to attend. The Foundation is also starting a major fundraiser.

C. Chapter Visits

Luanne Blucker, State Secretary, reported to the committee about the six programs set up by the state officers to make available to chapter advisors for visits. They are: Involvement, Careers, Leadership, Awards/Incentives, P.R./Image, and Program of Work/Committee Structure.

D. Goodwill Tour

Russell Callahan, State Reporter, talked about how the Goodwill Tour is designed to recognize businesses for their support to the FFA. This year's tour by the state officers will take place in January instead of December.

E. National Leadership Conference for State Officers

Michael Gomes, State Sentinel, reported that the conference was held at Sierra College in Rocklin. Alaska, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, and California were states that attended. The conference was sponsored by Merck & Company and put on by two of the national officers, Rick Malir, President, and Kevin Coffman, Vice President.

F. State Presidents Conference

Nicholas Wells, State Vice President, reported that State Presidents Conference was held from July 20-27 in Washington D.C. and sponsored by Chevrolet. Wells and Dommer attended and felt they learned a great deal from the national officers, guest speakers, and other participants.

G. State Officer Training Workshop

Todd Rinkenberger, State Treasurer, reported on the state officer training held at Cal Poly, SLO from August 10-25. This is where the state officers set up chapter visit lesson plans, learned about FFA and agriculture, communications, and working with classrooms. They worked with teacher educators from Cal Poly in which they gained a great deal of knowledge. All state officers agreed that this was the most intense yet rewarding learning experience of their lives.

H. State Fair

Russell Callahan, State Reporter, reported on the FFA booth which was in the County Exhibit Bldg. at State Fair. The state officers, with help from Central Region officers, manned the booth and answered questions about the FFA and the industry of agriculture.

I. Program of Work

Nicholas Wells, State Vice President, reported that all deadlines and responsibilities have been met except for two which are out of the hands of the State Association. These are, submit two band members for National Band and two members in National Chorus. Everyone was told to look over Program of Work and bring up any proposals at the mid-Winter State Executive Committee meeting.

J. State Staff Meeting

Mr. Munter reported that the state staff meets four times a year to discuss items concerning the FFA and vo-ag.

K. Regional Reports

(See attachments D, E, F, G, H, I)

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm. until 8:00 a.m. 10/16/86

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Association Goals

Luanne Blucker, State Secretary, reported that these were the goals set for the year by the state officers and Mr. Munter.

Chapter Visits: Visit 100 chapters by January 1. Have officers visit own chapters if time allows. After January 1 add extra visits which are brought to Mr. Munter's attention by special request, only if time allows.

Public Relations: Appear in/on 20 television/radio interviews. Appear on one children's TV show; i.e., Sesame Street. Do as many newspaper interviews as possible.

Awards: Increase BOAC, National Chapter & Safety Award program applications by 10%. Find sponsors for new awards (Star awards). Score all award applications.

Membership: Encourage 100% of all chapters to be on packet program.  
Recognize 100% chapters.

Foundation Money: Solicit funds in the name of the Foundation of \$5,000.

Member Relations: Attend Davis, Chico, Pomona, Fresno, SLO, and MJC Field Day and as many minor ones if needed. To attend Cow Palace, State Fair, and Great Western only if there is sufficient reasoning to attend the latter.

State Operations: To have all six officers attend State Farmer degree ceremonies. Assist Regional Advisor in reviewing and selecting American Farmer candidates. To score all State Farmer applications. Have all six officers review regular Star State Farmer applications and projects.

### State FFA Advisory Committee

Kathy Almond, Superior Region, moved to accept proposal as read (see attachment J). Jim Orradre, South Coast, seconded it. Debate followed. Motion passed unanimously.

### Young Farmers & Ranchers Presentation

Mike Wade, YF&R Director talked to us about Young Farmers & Ranchers and all the highlights of being a member.

### Special FFA Competitions

Dennis Albiani, Central Region, moved to refer the Star Awards to two sub-committees to look into setting up the Star Administrator Award and into setting up Star Chapter Officers Awards, to meet at their own discretion prior to the mid-Winter State Executive Committee meeting and must report findings at the next meeting. Carrie Kallsen, Southern Region, seconded it. Debate followed. Motion passed unanimously. The following are the two committees: Star Administrator Chair - Janel Hofman, Luanne Blucker, and Jim Orradre; Star Officers - Chair - Carrie Kallsen, Kathy Almond, and Steve Davis.

### Recommendations to State Foundation

Todd Rinkenberger, State Treasurer, reported that the FFA Foundation had extra money to spend on FFA programs and we need to prioritize programs and make a recommendation to the Foundation.

### Other Agenda Items

- A. American Farmer visitations by state officers and Proficiency Award applications scored by state officers. Nicholas Wells, State Vice President, reported that the state officers would like to participate in the above.
- B. Annual report by FFA Chapters - Scott Binns, Southwestern Region, moved to set up a committee to investigate the matter of having chapters make reports to the State Association which are needed for the California State Association Report. The committee is to report back to the mid-Winter State Executive Committee meeting. Russell Callahan, State Reporter, seconded it. Debate followed. Referral passed unanimously. Dennis Albiani - Chair - Russell Callahan and Scott Binns are the committee members.

Next Meeting

The date and location of the mid-Winter State Executive Committee meeting is February 25 & 26 in Sacramento. This is also the time of the legislative breakfast. Any constitutional amendment, proposals, Program of Work proposals, Honorary State Farmer nominations, and Distinguished Service nominations will be brought up at that meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Vice President Nicholas Wells at 11:55 a.m. on 10/16/86.

Respectively submitted,

Luanne Blucker, Secretary  
California Association FFA