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CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FFA
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 21-22, 1987

I. Call To Order

The Fall State Executive Committee meeting was called to order by State President Kathy M. Almond at 1:45 pm at the California State Grange Building, Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, California, on October 21, 1987. The following members were present: Kathy M. Almond, State President; Dennis K. Albiani, State Vice President; Janel D. Hofman, State Secretary; Kathleen M. Binns, State Treasurer; Mario N. Flores, State Reporter; Paul A. Tubbs, State Sentinel; Michael Gomes, Past State Officer; Sharon Bauer, North Coast Region President; Sheri Juliana, South Coast Region President; Wayne Edwards, Southwestern Region President; Tracy LueVano, Southern Region President; Sayf Munir, Central Region President; Kristi Sowell, San Joaquin Region President; Josh Cook, Superior Region Sentinel; and Tom Munter, Assistant State FFA Advisor

II. National FFA Business

Dennis Albiani reported on the National FFA business items, starting with the proposed amendment to the National FFA Constitution (submitted by the Iowa Association) which dealt with a name change for the organization from the "Future Farmers of America" to "Future Farmers and Agriculturalists". The topic was opened for discussion.

Gomes/Flores moved/seconded that "The California FFA Association go on record as being opposed to a possible name change for the FFA organization, as well as to any change to the letters 'FFA'".

Debate followed. A voice vote was taken, passing unanimously.

The second item was presented, which dealt with hotel cost issues at the National convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Hofman/Tubbs moved/seconded that "California State delegates will participate in a discussion on hotel cost issues with the other delegates at the 60th annual National FFA convention."

Gomes/Edwards moved/seconded to amend the main motion by inserting "delegation-wide" between the words "a" and "discussion".

Debate followed. A voice vote on the amendment was taken, passing unanimously. A voice vote was taken on the main motion, as amended, passing unanimously.

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III. Remarks From The State Advisor

Mr. Warren D. Reed welcomed the committee members to Sacramento and gave his remarks on various topics of consideration during the meeting, and also on the future of Agricultural Education.

IV. National Convention Trip

Mr. Munter reported on the final arrangements for the 1987 California Association trip to Kansas City, Missouri, for the National FFA Convention, and the additional trip to Washington, D.C.

V. Review of Minutes

Hofman/Binns moved/seconded to accept the minutes of the 1987 Spring State Executive Committee Meeting as mailed.

Passed unanimously by voice vote.

Hofman/Sowells moved/seconded to accept the minutes of the 1987 State Leadership Conference as corrected.

Passed unanimously by voice vote.

VI. Review of Fall Leadership Conferences

Paul Tubbs reviewed the program of the Fall Leadership Conferences and reported that the Superior Region conferences would be held in December. Discussion on the conferences was opened.

Albiani/Flores moved/seconded to "Set up a subcommittee of 4 to explore the positive and negative sides of one and two day conferences, to report back at the Mid-Winter State Executive Committee Meeting."

Discussion followed. Binns/Tubbs moved/seconded the previous question. Previous question passed unanimously by voice vote.

The main motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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VI. Review of Fall Leadership Conferences (continued)

Kathy Almond appointed the subcommittee which consisted of:

Tracy LueVano - Chairperson
Dennis Albiani
Sharon Bauer
Sheri Juliana

Albiani/Gomes moved/seconded to "recommend to the State Advisor and Assistant State Advisor to require the breakup of the Southern California Leadership Conference into two regional leadership conferences."

Discussion followed.

Tubbs/Hofman moved/seconded to "refer this matter to the previous subcommittee (T. LueVano, D. Albiani, S. Bauer, S. Juliana) to look into the pros and cons of breaking up the Southern California Leadership Conference."

Discussion followed. Voice vote was taken on the referral, passing unanimously.

VII. State Newsletter

Mario Flores reported that the first edition of the Golden Harvest will come out after the National convention. Regional presidents were encouraged to help Regional Reporters meet deadlines for articles as well as continue their own regional newsletters.

VIII. Reports

a. Membership

Mr. Munter reported that membership for the year 1986-87 was 28,944 members, and 326 chapters. He estimated that there are indications of an increase in vocational agriculture student numbers, and a decrease in FFA members for the year 1987-88.

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VIII. Reports (Continued)

b. California FFA Foundation

Mr. Munter reported that the California FFA Foundation was exploring new techniques to solicit funds for its annual campaign. The Foundation is expected to generate over \$30,000 in awards and incentives for FFA members during the 1987-88 year. Regional presidents and state officers were encouraged to support the Foundation with their words and thanks.

c. Chapter Visits

Kathleen Binns reported that the state officers would be visiting the following FFA chapters:

Santa Rosa	Rio Vista	East Nicolaus	Woodland
Fresno-Central	Madera	Caruthers	Riverdale
Laton	Yuba City	Newman	Sacramento-Grant
Grass Valley	No. San Juan	Marysville	Durham
Elk Grove	Patterson	Denair	Modesto
Lemoore	Shafter	Petaluma-Casa	Winters
Corcoran	Bishop	Redding-Nova	Anderson
Coalinga	Kern Valley	Cottonwood	Oroville
Avenal	Wasco	Red Bluff	Elk Creek
Exeter	McFarland	Los Molinos	Maxwell
Willows	Gridley	Princeton	Torrance
Corning	Arbuckle	Olivehurst	Gardena
Orland	Biggs	San Jose-Willow	Bell
Hamilton City	Chico	Campbell	Calipatria
Carson	Yermo	Gilroy	Brawley
Lomita-Flemming	Rialto	Salinas	Imperial
El Centro	Calexico	LA-Lincoln	LA-Locke
LA-Roosevelt	LA-Fremont	San Bernardino	Colton
San Bernardino-Cajon			

d. Goodwill Tour

Kathleen Binns reported that the dates of the annual state officer Goodwill Tour are tentatively set for January 4-13, 1988. A list of businesses and sponsors to be visited is being prepared.

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e. Arizona Leadership Conference

Kathy Almond reported on the Arizona State Leadership Conference which she attended in June, and her observations of the convention.

f. CATA Conference

Kathy Almond reported on the annual CATA conference June 22-24, 1987 in San Luis Obispo. Kathy spoke on behalf of the California FFA and reported on the advisor's workshops, revisions of contests, and the business of the CATA organization.

g. Farm Bureau Report

Dennis Albiani reported that he and Janel Hofman presented a program to San Joaquin County elementary school teachers on agricultural education in the classroom.

Dennis also spoke to the California Ag Institute, a program of the Farm Bureau.

h. President's Conference

Dennis Albiani reported on the 6 day conference in Washington, D.C. which he and Kathy Almond attended. The conference included workshops and discussions on current FFA issues, and a visit with President Ronald Reagan and California congressional members.

i. State Officer Training Conference

Janel Hofman reported on the 18 day training conference the state officers attended at Cal Poly State University June 1-18, 1987.

j. Holland Exchange Trip

Paul Tubbs reported on the WEA-Agricultural Seminar Exchange Program which took place between the Netherlands and the California FFA Association. 20 Holland students visited the United States for one month, and 25 California FFA members traveled to Holland.

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k. Nevada Leadership Camp

Janel Hofman reported on the Nevada Leadership Camp which she attended August 11-14, 1987 at Lake Tahoe. Janel represented the California FFA Association as a visiting state officer.

l. State Fair Activities

Mario Flores reported that the state officers participated in the 1987 California State Fair by judging the Outstanding Exhibitor Awards, Herdsmanship Awards, and assisting the State Fair Task Force with special activities and fun events.

m. Program of Work

Dennis Albiani reported on the current standings with the California Association Program of Work, and discussed some possible changes to the document.

Regional presidents were encouraged to look through the POW and be prepared to present any changes to the committee at the Mid-Winter State Executive Committee Meeting.

n. Regional Reports

Each regional president presented a report on their region's activities, and their current calendar of events.

o. Association Goals

Kathy Almond reported on the California Association's 1987-88 goals, and asked the committee for any additional goals. The committee members were asked to submit any additional goals at the Mid-Winter State Executive Committee Meeting.

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p. Building Our American Communities Thrust

Mario Flores reported on the different statewide activities and programs which are being conducted as part of the 1987-88 state BOAC thrust. Discussion was opened.

LueVano/Munir moved/seconded that "Every region in California strive to have 10 additional chapters submit a BOAC application this year."

Discussion followed. Munir/Binns moved/seconded the previous question. Previous question passed by unanimous voice vote.

Main motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Regional presidents were asked to bring the names of the 10 additional chapters from their regions who will submit applications to the Mid-Winter State Executive Committee Meeting.

q. Alumni

Mario Flores reported that at the present time there is no organized association of California FFA alumni. He asked the committee members to ask their regional officers and the chapter advisors in their regions if they felt there was a need, want, and interest for an alumni organization in California. Committee members were asked to present their survey findings at the Mid-Winter State Executive Committee Meeting.

r. Leadership Packet

Kathleen Binns reported that a committee of the California CATA was looking into possible changes to the current leadership packet system. Discussion was opened.

Albiani/Cook moved/seconded to refer the matter to a sub-committee to look into possible changes to the packet program and to report their findings and a final draft of their proposals at the Mid-Winter State Executive Committee Meeting.

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VIII. Reports (Continued)

r. Leadership Packet (Continued)

Main motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Kathy Almond appointed a committee of: Sayf Munir, chairperson, Wayne Edwards, Kristi Sowell, Kathleen Binns, Mario Flores.

s. Made For Excellence Conference

Janel Hofman reported on the special leadership conference which is to be held January 30-31, 1988 in Fresno, California. The conference, a presentation of the National FFA staff and the Washington Conference Program is open to any California FFA member. Regional officers were strongly encouraged to attend.

t. Star Award Programs

Janel Hofman reported on the Star Administrator Award Program which was developed by the 1986-87 State Executive Committee. Applications for the award are available to every FFA chapter.

Paul Tubbs reported on the Star Officer Awards program, which was referred to the 1987-88 State Executive Committee by the delegates at the 1987 State Leadership Conference. Discussion was opened.

Binns/Luevano moved/seconded that "the State Executive Committee go on record as being opposed to having state Star Officer Awards, excluding Star Reporter."

Discussion followed. Main motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

IX. Chapter Suspensions

Hofman/Cook moved/seconded to review each chapter's case individually. Main motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Binns/Bauer moved/seconded to suspend the following chapters for violation of the State Constitution: Redlands, Los Angeles-Venice, Simi Valley, Lomita-Fleming, Gardena-Peary, Cuyama Valley, El Cajon-Valhalla.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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IX. Chapter Suspensions (Continued)

Albani/Tubbs moved/seconded that the following chapters be reinstated to full standing, and that they receive a letter from the Assistant State FFA Advisor which indicates the Executive Committee's strong commitment to the interpretation which requires chapter attendance at state meetings:

San Bernardino-San Geronimo, Bishop, Strathmore, Sacramento-Encina, La Habra-Sonora, Los Angeles-Fremont, Los Angeles-Lincoln, Los Angeles-Roosevelt, Sylmar, Chatsworth, San Fernando Jr., Patterson, Rialto-Eisenhower, Mission Viejo.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Munir/Gomes moved/seconded to recommend to the 1988-89 State Executive Committee that the aforementioned chapters be suspended if they fail to send delegates to the 1988 state convention.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Munir/Bauer moved/seconded that the following chapters would be restored to good standing and that the Assistant State Advisor draft a strong letter to each explaining that their disagreement with the provisions of the constitution does not relieve them of their obligation to adhere to those provisions: San Jacinto, Cambria-Coast Union, Carson Sr., Escondido-Orange Glen.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Cook/Binns moved/seconded to reinstate the San Joaquin Co. FFA Chapter and that they be granted an indefinite waiver from the constitutional requirement of state meeting attendance.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Munir/Bauer moved/seconded that the Assistant State FFA Advisor should draft special letters to the Willits and Caruthers Chapters reinstating them immediately.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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IX. Chapter Suspensions (Continued)

Sowells/Juliana moved/seconded to place Schelby School FFA on a 60 day probation with the condition that they request a waiver or send delegates to the 1988 state convention.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Hofman/Munir moved/seconded that Thomas Downey High School be placed on probation, pending their letter stating that they have hired a qualified ag teacher and submit a Program of Work.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Binns/Cook moved/seconded that the Salinas-Alisal Chapter be placed on probation pending their submission of a calendar of activities and a Program of Work which demonstrates satisfactory participation in FFA activities.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

X. State Conference Attendance

Paul Tubbs reported that several chapters have been absent from the annual State Leadership Conference. Discussion was opened.

Bauer/LueVano moved/seconded that regional officer teams encourage chapters in their region to participate in the State Leadership Conference.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

XI. Byron McMahan Memorial Scholarship

Mario Flores reported that a memorial scholarship was designated in the memory of Mr. Byron McMahan in the amount of \$500. The 1986-87 State Executive Committee voted to have the 1987-88 state officers decide the criteria for the award.

Gomes/Tubbs moved/seconded to reconsider the referral to the 1987-88 state FFA officers.

Debate followed. Binns/Cook moved/seconded the previous question. Previous question passed by unanimous voice vote.

Reconsider failed by voice vote.

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XII. State Conference Dates and Locations

Hofman/Bauer moved/seconded that the 1988 State FFA Leadership Conference be held May 7-10, 1988 at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

Main motion passed unanimously.

Gomes/LueVano moved/seconded that this committee set up a subcommittee of 3 to research the topic of possible future sites for the State Leadership Conference, and that they report their preliminary findings at the Mid-Winter State Executive Committee Meeting.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The committee was appointed as: Mike Gomes, chairperson; Paul Tubbs; Kristi Sowell.

XIII. Southern Region Supervisor Position

Binns/Cook moved/seconded that the State Secretary compose a letter to Bill Honig, Duke, Thornton, and Allison, asking them to reinstate the position of the Southern Region Supervisor. The letters are to be written on behalf of the State Executive Committee.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Each committee member was then asked to contact their individual state Assemblypersons and Senators requesting them to contact Bill Honig. A copy of letters sent to Assemblypersons and Senators should be brought to the Mid-Winter State Executive Committee Meeting.

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IX Dates and Times of Next Meeting

Kathy Almond reported that the Mid-Winter State Executive Committee Meeting would be held on February 24-25, 1988 in Sacramento. Regional presidents were instructed to bring one regional officer or regional representative per section to the meeting to take part in the annual Legislative Breakfast. Regional presidents are to submit names and addresses of participants to Mr. Munter by January 1, 1988.

X Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janel D. Hofman, Secretary
California Association FFA