

**CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FFA  
STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Saturday, April 16, 1988 - 9:00 a.m.  
California State University - Fresno**

A meeting of the State FFA Advisory Committee was called to order by chairman John Sylvia at the Center for Irrigation Technology conference room on the campus of California State University, Fresno at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 16, 1988. Present were Richard Bottoms, North Coast Region; Dave Wemp, Superior Region; Sylvia, San Joaquin Region; Wayne Pitzler, Southern Region; Lloyd Doster, Southwestern Region; and Tom Munter, Executive Secretary. Absent were Bob Kuntz, South Coast Region; Richard Regallo, Central Region; and Hugh Mooney, CATA Adult and Youth Activities Chairman.

The committee first discussed the proposed amendments to the State FFA Constitution and Bylaws. Moved/seconded (Bottoms/Doster) that this committee send the following recommendations to the delegates at the annual state conference:

DO PASS on proposed amendments #1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11;

DO NOT PASS on proposed amendments #3 and 4.

MOTION PASSED by voice vote.

Sylvia reminded committee members that a major topic of the June advisory committee meeting will be follow-up to the State FFA Leadership Conference and therefore encouraged committee members to attend if at all possible.

Discussion was opened regarding the topic of interviewing proficiency award applicants at the State FFA Leadership Conference. Discussion followed. Moved/seconded (Pitzler/Wemp) that this committee recommends that the state FFA organization adopt, in 1988-89, a procedure whereby three finalists are selected by application in each proficiency award area and the state winner is selected by a judging panel which interviews the finalists at the state meeting. MOTION PASSED by voice vote. Sylvia asked committee members to pass this information along at the next regional meeting.

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Next the committee undertook a discussion of simplified award application forms. A letter from vo-ag teacher Leroy Wallace about this topic was reviewed by the committee. After discussion it was moved/seconded (Bottoms/Pitzler) that this committee go on record as favoring the concept of developing simplified application forms for state awards in proficiency awards, chapter safety awards, BOAC awards, and national chapter awards. MOTION PASSED by voice vote. Sylvia directed each committee member to survey teachers in their region regarding this topic and be prepared to report back at the summer conference meeting of this advisory committee.

Feedback was solicited regarding the new Star Administrator program. All committee members felt this to be a good program and encouraged its continuance.

Moved/seconded (Bottoms/Doster) that this committee recommend that the Assistant State FFA Advisor make revisions in the state farmer degree application necessary to clearly identify production vs. agribusiness activities by students. MOTION PASSED by voice vote. Moved/seconded (Pitzler/Doster) that the old work experience supplement to the vo-ag recordbook be included in the 1988-89 Leadership Packet program. MOTION PASSED by voice vote.

Discussion was held relative to the National FFA Convention trip. Moved/seconded (Sylvia/Bottoms) that the state FFA organization be encouraged to offer the traditional long trip to Kansas City and Washington D.C. as well as short trips to Kansas City only for American Farmers and contestants. MOTION PASSED by voice vote.

Moved/seconded (Sylvia/Doster) that American Farmers be allowed to participate on either the short or long trips. MOTION PASSED by voice vote.

Discussion was held relative to the Fall Leadership Conference program. Moved/seconded (Bottoms/Pitzler) that the state organization be encouraged to work with the regional organizations in adopting one format for statewide implementation for these conferences and that workshop topics be of a "generic leadership nature" rather than being specifically geared towards chapter officers. MOTION PASSED by voice vote.

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The committee felt it had no advice to offer at this time relative to participation of California vo-ag students in international experiences.

Discussion was opened pertinent to the Leadership Packet program. Moved/seconded (Sylvia/Pitzler) that the committee recommends that the pocket calendar not be included in the 1988-89 packet. MOTION PASSED by voice vote.

Mr. Pitzler agreed to accept an assignment of seeking a donor for the membership cards such that cards of a higher quality can be included in the 1988-89 packet.

Moved/seconded (Pitzler/Doster) that the number of FFA manuals included in each chapter's packet be reduced to 15 in 1988-89. MOTION PASSED by voice vote.

Seeing no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tom Munter  
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NOTE: Each committee member's term concludes at the end of CATA Summer Conference of the year listed to the right of his/her name.