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CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FFA
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24-25, 1988

I. Call To Order

The Mid-Winter State Executive Committee meeting was called to order by State President Kathy M. Almond at 11:00 a.m. at the California State Grange Building, Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, California, on February 24, 1988. 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; Joshua Cook, Superior Region President; Wayne Edwards, Southwestern Region President; Tracy LueVano, Southern Region President; Sayf Munir, Central Region President; Kristi Sowell, San Joaquin Region President; Thomas W. Munter, Assistant State Advisor; and 23 guests.

II. Review of Minutes

Hofman/Tubbs moved to accept the minutes of the 1987 Fall State Executive Committee meeting as mailed. Motion passed, voice vote.

III. Consideration of Report Topics

1. Report on Golden Harvest

Mario Flores reported on the content of the next Golden Harvest issue which is scheduled to be sent to chapters by the end of March, to be followed by the pre-State Leadership Conference edition in late April and a post-State Leadership Conference edition in mid-May.

2. Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Item #3 - Concerning Article V., Section A of the State Constitution.

Albiani/Sowell moved/seconded to accept the wording of the amendment as submitted. Motion passed, voice vote.

Item #5 - Concerning Article VIII, Section G of the State Constitution.

Gomes/Bauer moved/seconded that "The official FFA dress for boys shall be the official FFA jacket, zipped to the top, worn with a white, collared dress shirt, and official FFA necktie, black slacks, black socks, and black dress shoes. The official dress for girls shall be the official FFA jacket, zipped to the top, worn with a white, collared dress blouse, and official FFA scarf, appropriate women's hose, black in color, a black skirt (of knee length or longer) or black slacks, and black dress shoes."

Binns/Albiani moved/seconded to insert "without design or pattern" between the words "color" and "a black skirt".

Flores/Hofman moved to amend the amendment by adding "neutral or" between the words "hose" and "black in color".

Amendment to amendment passed, voice vote.

Amendment to motion passed, voice vote.

Main motion passed, voice vote.

Item #6 - Concerning Article II, Section A of the State Constitution.

Munir/Cook moved/seconded that "The state officers will be elected by a majority vote of the delegates present at the annual State Leadership Conference of the California Association, Future Farmers of America. Voting shall be by secret ballot. No one may serve more than one term as a state officer. All elective officers must be graduated from high school. An elective officer can run for state office at the end of their senior year of high school at the State Leadership Conference; or a candidate may run at the State Leadership Conference during the first year following their high school graduation.

Main motion passed, voice vote.

Item #7 - Concerning Article II, Section A, Paragraph 2, of the State Bylaws.

Hofman/Binns moved/seconded to accept the wording of the amendment as submitted. Main motion passed, voice vote.

Item #10 - Concerning Article III, Section J of the State Bylaws.

Gomes/Cook moved/seconded that "There shall be a state finals review committee consisting of the state president, or any state officer appointed by the president, and two representatives from each of the seven geographical regions. This shall be a standing committee, with the state officer serving as chairman. This committee shall meet once during the State Leadership Conference to discuss how successful the running of all state finals contests went during the year and to make up a list of recommendations to be forwarded to the state CATA Adult and Youth Activities Committee and the State Agricultural Education staff. Each region may select their candidates in any matter they see fit."

Albiani/Cook moved/seconded to amend the motion by inserting the words "each of which has participated in a state finals judging contest" between the words "regions" and "This".
Amendment passed, voice vote.

Munir/Cook moved/seconded to strike the number 2 and insert in its place the number 1. Amendment passed, voice vote.

Sowells/Edwards moved/seconded to strike the last sentence of the motion. Amendment passed, voice vote. Main motion passed, voice vote.

Item #11 - Concerning Article V of the State Bylaws.

Sowells/LueVano moved/seconded to accept the wording of the amendment as submitted.

Binns/Edwards moved/seconded to amend the main motion by adding the words "The date of the national officer candidate selection must be printed in the state newsletter prior to its occurrence and must occur on or before July 31 of each year". Amendment passed, voice vote. Main motion passed, voice vote.

Item #9 - Concerning Article III, Section D of the State Bylaws.

Bauer/Munir moved/seconded to accept the wording of the amendment as submitted. Main motion passed, voice vote.

Item #1 - Concerning Article IV Section C of the State Constitution.

Albiani/Sowells moved/seconded to accept the wording of the amendment as submitted. Main motion passed, voice vote.

Item #2 - Concerning Article IV Section D of the State Constitution.

Bauer/LueVano moved/seconded to accept the wording of the amendment as submitted. Main motion passed, voice vote.

Item #4 - Concerning Article VIII, Section F of the State Constitution.

Hofman/Binns moved/seconded to accept the wording of the amendment as submitted. Main motion passed, voice vote.

Concerning Article II, Section A, Paragraph 2 of the State Bylaws.

Munir/Bauer moved/seconded to accept the wording of the amendment as submitted. Main motion passed, voice vote.

Item #8 - Concerning Article II Section A, Paragraph 3 of the State Bylaws.

Sowells/Tubbs moved/seconded to accept the wording of the amendment as submitted. Main motion passed, voice vote.

3. Regional Reports

Each regional president reported on their region's activities and their current calendar of events.

4. State Farmer Degrees Report

Janel Hofman reported that approximately 550 California FFA members would be eligible to receive the Golden State Farmer Degree in 1988.

Hofman/Binns moved/seconded to "Elect those candidates that the screening committee determines are qualified to receive the Golden State Farmer Degree." Main motion passed, voice vote.

5. Banquet Invitations

Dennis Albiani reported that banquet speeches will be given by state officers to those chapters who send in written requests.

Regional presidents were asked to remind chapters that they are responsible for the cost of the transportation and meals for the state officer.

6. Spring Regional Meetings

Regional presidents reported on their spring regional meeting plans, and gave lists of duties for the state officers.

7. California FFA Foundation

Mr. Munter reported on the recent meetings of the California FFA Foundation.

8. State Program of Work

Dennis Albiani reported on the submitted proposed changes to the State Program of Work, which will be voted on during the Program of Work Committee meeting at the State Leadership Conference.

9. FFA Week Activities

Paul Tubbs reported on the activities conducted by state officers to celebrate National FFA Week. They included a meeting with the Governor, Executive Committee Meeting, and a Legislative Breakfast.

10. Special Committee Reports

Mike Gomes reported on the subcommittee for alternate sites for the annual State Leadership Conference, saying that the committee would report again in May at the State Executive Committee meeting.

Sayf Munir reported on the subcommittee on the Leadership Packet.

Munir/Sowells moved/seconded to accept the minutes of the committee as read. Main motion passed, voice vote.

Munir/Sowells moved/seconded that "the recommendations of the committee be put into action." Main motion passed, voice vote.

Tracy LueVano reported on the subcommittee on Leadership Conferences.

LueVano/Bauer moved/seconded to accept the minutes of the subcommittee as corrected. Main motion passed, voice vote.

Cook/Tubbs moved/seconded that "This Executive Committee send a letter written by the state president to the Los Angeles Union School District, requesting that the schools in their district be able to attend two-day, overnight conferences." Main motion passed, voice vote.

Albiani/Binns moved/seconded that this Executive Committee request the State Advisor to allocate a lesser amount of state monies to one-day conferences than to two-day conferences. Main motion passed, voice vote.

11. Winners Circle Report

Kathy Almond reported on the 3rd annual Winners Circle held on February 10, 1988 in which 11 FFA members were given special recognition by the state legislature for their winning of national awards.

12. State Judging Finals

Mario Flores reported that the state judging finals would be held on May 7, 1988 at Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo.

13. Chapter Visit Reports

Kathy Almond reported that 134 California FFA chapters received a visit by the state officers this year.

14. State Officer Goodwill Tour Report

Paul Tubbs reported on the annual state officer goodwill tour which this year was taken February 14-20, 1988.

15. National Convention Report

Dennis Albiani reported on the National Convention Trip, highlights of the convention, and the awards won by California FFA members.

16. BOAC Update

Mario Flores reported on the activities designed as part of the BOAC thrust in California. Each regional president presented a list of the 10 chapters that they have contacted concerning BOAC participation.

17. Follow-up on the Southern Region Supervisor Position

Mr. Munter reported that the CATA is working on budget language to reinstate funding for the Southern Region Supervisor position.

18. Byron McMahan Scholarship

Kathleen Binns reported on the Byron McMahan Scholarship criteria and application developed by the state officers. The interviews for the top finalists will be held during committee meetings at the State Leadership Conference.

19. Made For Excellenc Report

Janel Hofman reported that 215 FFA members and advisors from California attended the special leadership conference in Fresno, January 30-31, 1988. There is a possibility of an annual "made For Excellence" Conference.

20. Alumni Follow-up Report

Each of the regional presidents reported on their findings concerning an alumni association in California. The report brought forth no significant evidence that organization of an alumni association in California is warranted.

21. CYFEA Convention Report

Kathy Almond reported on the recent CYFEA Convention she and Dennis Albiani attended.

22. Chapter Suspensions

Mr. Munter reported on the chapter suspensions and actions taken at the Fall Executive Committee meeting concerning chapters who did not send delegates to the 1987 State Leadership Conference.

Gomes/Tubbs moved/seconded to "reinstate the Schelby FFA Chapter and grant the chapter a special waiver from attending the State Leadership Conference." Motion passed, voice vote.

Binns/LueVano moved/seconded to suspend the Salinas-Alisal FFA Chapter. Motion passed, voice vote.

Tubbs/Sowells moved/seconded to drop the Chatsworth and LA-University Chapters. Motion passed, voice vote.

Cook/LueVano moved/seconded to extend the probationary period for the Modesto-Thomas Downey FFA Chapter until March 31, 1988. Motion passed, voice vote.

23. State Farmer Degrees Ceremonies

Each region president reported on the assignments they had for state officers at the State Farmer Degrees ceremonies.

The State Officers requested that the North Coast and Superior Region Presidents find replacements for the parts of Sentinel, Reporter, and Treasurer.

24. Melba, Idaho Memorial Fund

Hofman/Cook moved/seconded to send \$200.00 to the Melba Idaho FFA Memorial Fund.

Albiani/Edwards moved/seconded to lay the matter on the table. Lay on the table passed, voice vote.

25. State Finals Citrus, Tree & Vine Pruning

Paul Tubbs reported on the recent state finals contests at CSU Fresno and the winners of each contest.

26. Beef Council Meeting

Dennis Albiani reported on a recent Beef Council meeting he attended, and on the "Beef Check-off Program".

27. 1988 State FFA Leadership Conference:

A. Theme

Dennis Albiani reported that the theme will be announced at the State Leadership Conference.

B. Agenda

Janel Hofman reported that the agenda closely follows those of past conferences with only a few changes.

Regional meetings were scheduled for Saturday night (May 7th) and Monday morning (May 9th).

C. Registration

Paul Tubbs reported that registration will be developed by individual regional advisors and regional officers.

D. Executive Committee Meeting

Kathy Almond announced the date and location of the next Executive Committee meeting as May 6th, 1988 at 8:00 a.m. at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

27. 1988 State FFA Leadership Conference: (Continued)

E. Honorary State Farmers

The State Executive Committee elected to the Honorary State Farmer Degree: Mr. Flint Freeman, Dr. Art Parham, Dr. Richard Rogers, and the State Star Advisor.

F. Distinguished Service Awards

The State Executive Committee voted to present the Distinguished Service Award to: Mr. Ray Munir, Mr. Jim Aschwanden, Dagmar Cirimele, Mr. Joe Cosentino, Dr. Charles Smallwood, Dr. Dave Whaley, retiring members of the State Vo-Ag Advisory Committee, Mr. Dave Smoljan, Assemblyman Rusty Areias, Mr. Charles Parker, and Mr. Everette Dorrough.

G. Star Reporter/Star Advisor Awards

Mario Flores asked each regional president to be prepared to present a short presentation on their region's Star Reporter and Star Advisor at the Spring State Executive Committee Meeting.

H. Courtesy Corps

Paul Tubbs reported that an application for Courtesy Corps will be mailed to each chapter within two weeks.

I. Committees

Dennis Albiani reported on the different committees which will meet at the State Leadership Conference.

The following were nominated to be chairpersons of the Conference Review Committee: Lisa Dillabo and Sherri Juliana.

J. Conference Changes

Kathy Almond reported on the changes in the program of the State Leadership Conference.

K. Nomination/Election Procedures

Kathleen Binns reported on the changes to the nominating and election procedures for the state conference.

Cook/Bauer moved/seconded to suspend the rules of the state constitution with regards to the amount of time given to candidates for state office who are running off the floor to sign petitions and allow the state advisor to set a time which will fit well with this year's conference program. Main motion passed by unanimous votes.

27. 1988 FFA State Leadership Conference: (Continued)

L. Star Administrator

Janel Hofman reported on the award program and asked regional presidents to be prepared to present a short presentation on each of the administrators who are nominated for the Star award.

M. State Conference Attendance Plans

Regional presidents reported on the various methods that their region had implemented as a way of encouraging attendance at the State Leadership Conference.

28. Proficiency Award Interviews

Gomes/Albani moved/seconded that "This association implement an interview process at the State Leadership Conference to select state proficiency award winners. If a finalist cannot be present at the state conference for the interview, a letter of reason must be sent, and the scoring committee shall consider the rationale in evaluating applicants". Motion passed, voice vote.

29. Condensed State Applications

Cook/Bauer moved/seconded to refer the matter to a subcommittee of 3, appointed by the chair, with the power to report back at the May 6, 1988 meeting of the Executive Committee.

Munir/Sowells moved/seconded to amend the referral by striking "a subcommittee of 3, appointed by the chair" and inserting "the state officers".

Amendment failed, voice vote. Main motion failed, voice vote.

Albani/Edwards moved/seconded that we develop condensed state award applications for all award areas. Main motioned passed, 8-6.

30. Melba, Idaho Memorial Fund

Munir/Cook moved/seconded to take from the table the Melba, Idaho Memorial Fund topic. Take from the table passed, voice vote.

Albani/Gomes moved/seconded the previous question. Previous question passed, voice vote.

Motion that we "Send \$200.00 to the Melba, Idaho Memorial Fund" failed, voice vote.

31. Final Agenda Items

Kathy Almond reported that the final agenda items:

Star Recognition Programs
Program of Work Contest

would be placed on the Spring Executive Committee meeting agenda.

IV. Adjournment of Meeting

The Mid-Winter State Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m. February 25, 1988.

Respectfully submitted,

Janel D. Hofman, Secretary
California FFA Association