

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FFA
STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 21, 1988 - 9:00 a.m.
Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo

M I N U T E S

The annual summer conference meeting of the State FFA Advisory Committee was called to order by chairman John Sylvia at 9:17 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 1988 in room 20-128 on the campus of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. Present were Richard Bottoms, North Coast Region; Bob Kuntz, South Coast Region; Dave Wemp, Superior Region; Richard Regallo, Central Region; Sylvia, San Joaquin Region; Wayne Pitzler, Southern Region; Lloyd Doster, Southwestern Region; and Tom Munter, Executive Secretary. Absent was Hugh Mooney, CATA Adult and Youth Activities Chairman.

Sylvia noted that Bottoms, Regallo, Wemp, and Sylvia completed their terms as of the end of this meeting. He reminded each of these representatives that their regions need to appoint a new representative or reappoint the existing rep and notify Tom Munter of the action taken.

It was moved/seconded (Bottoms/Regallo) that Wayne Pitzler serve as Chairman of the Committee for the 1988-89 school year. MOTION PASSED by voice vote.

The first topic was a discussion of the recent State FFA Leadership Conference. Items which committee members felt could be improved upon were:

1. Would like to seat alternate members from a chapter with voting delegates.
2. It's time for the FFA to consider moving the convention to a larger facility somewhere.
3. Perhaps closed circuit TV can be used in side sections of auditorium and in lobby.
4. Some guests do not get seated up front.
5. More variety in narration of slide shows.
6. Orientation of candidates for state office by the nominating committee needs to be a little more clear relative to screening process, number of interviews, how and when cuts will be made.

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7. Perhaps amount of time for Monday lunch/voting can be reduced so more time is available prior to dance.
8. Do NOT hand a ballot to a student until the student is actually stepping into the booth.
9. Could auditorium arrangement be turned the other way?
10. Some planned things need to happen for teachers.
Possibilities:
 - a) Reception room w/donuts and coffee with a monitor which airs the convention activities.
 - b) Inservice.
 - c) Golf tourney.
 - d) etc. etc.
11. The stage seemed a little too dark most of the time.

Areas for commendations:

1. Breaks
2. Opening session great!
3. Good speakers
4. Moving sound board to rear of auditorium
5. Officer team comradery

The second topic was the Best Informed Greenhand state finals. Discussion ensued. Moved/seconded (Doster/Pitzler) that the committee recommend to the Assistant State FFA Advisor that actual exams NOT be returned to the schools. Instead, return a blank exam and a key. MOTION PASSED by voice vote.

Moved/seconded (Doster/Pitzler) that the committee recommend to the CATA that the Best Informed Greenhand Contest rules be revised to allow all teams which competed at the section level to enter the state finals. MOTION PASSED by voice vote.

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The last agenda item was simplified FFA Award application forms. Sylvia reminded the committee members that they had voted to support the concept at the last advisory committee meeting and had been instructed to survey teachers in their regions to find out what support does or does not exist in the field. Sylvia asked each representative to report. All committee representatives except Pitzler indicated there is substantial support for simplified proficiency award and simplified chapter awards application forms. Pitzler reported that he, personally, supported the idea but that his region's teachers were not generally in favor of the idea and wanted to continue to use the existing forms.

Moved/seconded (Bottoms/Regallo) that this committee approves of and supports action by the State FFA Executive Committee instructing the Assistant State FFA Advisor to draft simplified application forms for all chapter awards and the proficiency awards and that such new forms be implemented in school year 1988-89. MOTION PASSED; 6 in the affirmative, one in the negative.

Seeing no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tom Munter
Executive Secretary