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CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FFA MID-WINTER STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

February 21-22, 1990

California State Grange Headquarters
2101 Stockton Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95817

Call to Order

The Mid-Winter Meeting of the California Association State FFA Executive Committee was called to order by President Jenny Thomas on February 21, 1990 at 12:55 p.m. at the California State Grange Headquarters, 2101 Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento.

Executive Committee members present were Jenny Thomas; Louie Brown, State Vice President; Julie Daddow, State Secretary; Brian Young, State Treasurer; Ed Vaca, State Reporter; David Silva, State Sentinel; Wendi Adams, Past State Officer; Tom Munter, Assistant State FFA Advisor; Nicole Andrus, Southern Region President; Arthur Mejia, Southern Region President; Robin Perez, San Joaquin President; Bret Theodozio, Central Region President; Kevin White, Superior Region President; Tammie Harris, South Coast Region President; and Kristina King, North Coast Region President.

Review of Minutes

The minutes of the 1989 State Convention were reviewed. Vaca/Mejia moved and seconded to accept the minutes as mailed. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The minutes of the Fall Meeting of the State Executive Committee were reviewed. Nicole Andrus noted that Robin Perez was in attendance at the Fall Meeting but had inadvertently been left out of the minutes. Robin's name was added to the list of attendees. Andrus/White moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Fall Executive meeting as corrected. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

State Officer Reports

The State Officers gave reports on the following items:

- National Convention Overview--Ed Vaca
- Results of National Business--Brian Young
- National FFA Nominating Committee--Louie Brown
- Superior Region Conferences--Julie Daddow
- Chapter Visits--David Silva
- FFA Foundation--Jenny Thomas
- Legislative Breakfast--Julie Daddow
- Made for Excellence--Ed Vaca
- State Staff Meeting--Jenny Thomas
- CYFEA State Conference--David Silva
- State Judging Contests--Louie Brown
- Winners Circle--Brian Young
- Membership--Mr. Munter
- Goodwill Tour--Louie Brown
- Governor's Meeting--Julie Daddow
- Golden Harvest--Ed Vaca
- Teleconference--David Silva

CONSIDERATION OF TOPICS

Election of State FFA Degrees

Brian Young reported that there were 516 first-time applicants for the State FFA Degree.

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Sixty of these applications were denied and 455 people were qualified for the degree. There were eighteen reapplications and thirteen of these earned star honors.

Andrus/Perez moved and seconded to elect the qualified applicants to the State FFA Degree. Motion passed by voice vote.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments (See appendix for text of proposals)

Ed Vaca presented a proposed amendment to **Article IV, Section D, Subsection (2)**. This amendment would adjust one of the requirements of the State FFA Degree such that a graduate of high school may receive the degree if they are enrolled in Post-Secondary Agriculture. Vaca/Harris moved and seconded to place Article IV, Section D, Subsection (2) of the constitution on the ballot as proposed. The motion passed unanimously.

White/Silva moved and seconded to recommend a **do pass** on this amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

David Silva presented the **Constitution and Bylaws, Blanket Authority** which would change all references of "vocational-agriculture" to "agricultural education" in the Constitution and Bylaws. Silva/White moved and seconded to place this item on the ballot as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Andrus/Theodozio moved and seconded to recommend a **do pass** on this item. The motion passed unanimously.

Brian Young presented a proposed amendment to **Article IV, Section D, Subsection 12, second paragraph** of the Constitution. If passed, this amendment would allow FFA members who received the State FFA Degree during their senior year in high school to reapply for Star Honors provided that he/she applies during the first year out of high school, is an active FFA member, is continuing with an SOEP, and is not also applying for the American FFA Degree during the same year. Young/King moved and seconded to place the constitution Article IV, Section D, Subsection 12, second paragraph on the ballot as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Young/White moved and seconded to recommend a **do pass** on this issue. The motion passed unanimously.

Ed Vaca presented a proposed amendment to **Article III, Section B, Paragraph 2** of the Constitution. This would allow time taken to participate in FFA international programs to not cut into extended FFA membership after graduation from high school. Vaca/Theodozio moved and seconded to place constitution Article III, Section B, paragraph 2 on the ballot as submitted. The motion passed.

White/Young moved and seconded to recommend a **do pass** on this amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

Louie Brown explained a proposed amendment to the **Bylaws, Article IV Section D**. This amendment provides a system for selecting additional official delegates to the National FFA Convention. Brown/Silva moved and seconded to place Bylaws Article IV, Section D on the ballot as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Mejia/Andrus moved and seconded to recommend a **do-pass** on this amendment. The vote on this motion was unanimous.

The Committee recessed, then reconvened after forty minutes.

Nicole Andrus submitted a proposed amendment to **Bylaws Article II, Section A, Subsection 3&4**. If passed, this amendment will not permit candidates for state office to run off the floor. Andrus/Brown moved and seconded to place the amendment to Bylaws Article II, Section A, Subsection 3&4 on the ballot as submitted. The motion passed.

Adams/King moved and seconded to recommend a **do not pass**. Discussion followed. The motion failed: 5 to 8.

Young/Daddow moved and seconded to recommend a **do pass** on this item. The motion

passed: 9 to 4.

Arthur Mejia presented an amendment to Constitution Article IV, Section D, Subsection 6. The purpose of this amendment is to require medal and degree pins to be worn in the proper place on the FFA uniform. Mejia/Young moved and seconded to place the amendment to Constitution Article IV, Section D, Subsection (6) on the ballot as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Andrus/Silva moved and seconded to recommend a do pass on this amendment. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Nicole Andrus presented a proposed amendment to the Constitution Article VIII, Section B. This proposed amendment provides a formula to count non-paid work experience hours, in excess of the required 500 hours, to be counted toward the required \$1000 to be earned. No more than 250 hours can be used in this formula. Andrus/Vaca moved and seconded to place Constitution Article VIII, Section B on the ballot as submitted. The motion passed.

Vaca/King moved and seconded to recommend a do-pass on this item. The motion passed unanimously.

THE MEETING RECESSED AT 4:30 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order by President Jenny Thomas at 8:30 am on Thursday, February 22, 1990.

Louie Brown explained the changes proposed to the State Program of Work. They are:

1. **Division I, Objective 4:** Change to read as follows: Submit all American FFA Degree applications that meet the minimum qualifications to the National Board of Directors on or before the due date established by the national office.
2. **Division I, Objective 4f:** Change to read as follows: Recommend to the National Board of Directors all American FFA Degree applications that have met the minimum qualifications established by the National Constitution.
3. **Division IV, Objective 4:** Change seven to six.
4. **Division IV, Objective 6:** Change 90% to 95%.
5. **Division IV, Objective 12:** Change 13 to 12.
6. **Division IV, Objective 13:** Add: Every chapter in the state shall participate in the sectional point award program sponsored by the State FFA Foundation. Ways and Means and Responsibility: 1. Make available to every chapter a copy of the criteria and scoring program - State Advisor. 2. Promote sectional participation to all chapters - State Officers. 3. An accurate and up to date point record shall be kept on file in each section. - Sectional Advisor. 4. The top three chapters in each section will be awarded for their participation. - FFA Foundation.
7. **Division VII, Objective 1f:** Delete
8. **Division VIII, Objective 2:** Will be changed after outcome of executive meeting
9. **Division VIII, Objective 4:** Change 175 to 250.
10. **Division VIII, Objective 5:** Change 75% to 33%
11. **Division IX, Objective 2:** Change 10 to 5.
12. **Division IX, Objective 3:** Change Two issues to At least three
13. **Division IX, Objective 3b:** Change six to three.

Brown/Andrus moved and seconded to send these changes to the Program of Work Committee. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Nicole Andrus presented some additional proposed changes to the program of work. They are:

1. **Division I, Objective 1j:** Make copies of past State Proficiency Award finalist applications available for chapters upon request for the purpose to use as a model. Responsibility: State Office.
2. **Division I, Objective 7d:** Provide chapters with suitable information on availability of project loan sources: State Office
3. **Division I, Objective 8b:** Add: And provide suitable information upon request as to how programs can be implemented.

4. Division 3, Objective 1: Change 10% to 30%
5. Division 6, Objective 1: Change: At least 90% to 100%
6. Division 7, Objectives 1 & 2: Change: 2.0 to 2.25

Andrus/Young moved and seconded to send these proposed changes to the Program of Work committee as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Brown/Silva moved and seconded to recommend a yes vote to the Program of Work Committee on all the changes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Chapter Status

Mr. Munter reported that there were no new chapters, no new suspensions, but there are still three chapters on probation because they have not yet affiliated for this year. Those chapters are Calexico, Hemet Jr. and Oxnard.

State Leadership Conference

Ed Vaca reported that the State Leadership Conference is to be held at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo from May 5 through May 8, 1990. Vaca/White moved and seconded to hold the 1991 State Leadership Conference on May 4-7, 1991 at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. The motion passed unanimously.

David Silva provided some information concerning the 1990 State Convention and he encouraged everyone to participate and to make sure that each chapter in their region is represented with two delegates.

Election of Honorary State FFA Degrees:

Nicole Andrus nominated Lloyd Doster
Bret Theodozio nominated Homer Bowen
Ed Vaca nominated Senator Jim Nielsen
Brian Young nominated Dean Charles Smallwood
Ed Vaca nominated Ken Harris
Julie Daddow nominated Mark Linder

Discussion of the candidates and their qualifications followed.

King/Young moved and seconded previous question on the discussion. The motion passed.

Andrus/Mejia moved and seconded to elect Ken Harris to the Honorary State FFA Degree. The motion failed: 5 to 6.

White/King moved and seconded to elect Senator Jim Nielsen to the Honorary State FFA Degree.

Vaca/King moved and seconded to amend the main motion to include Dean Charles Smallwood and Mark Linder. Discussion followed.

King/White moved and seconded the previous question on all pending matters. The motion failed: 9 to 2.

Vaca/White moved and seconded to withdraw the amendment to the main motion. The motion to withdraw passed.

King/White moved and seconded previous question. The motion failed: 7 to 4, with one abstention. Discussion followed.

Theodozio/Andrus moved and seconded previous question. The motion passed: 12 affirmative, 1 abstention. The main motion to elect Jim Nielsen passed.

Vaca/Silva moved and seconded to elect Dean Charles Smallwood to the Honorary State FFA Degree. The motion passed. *ALREADY HAD DEGREE*

Brown/Daddow moved and seconded to elect Mark Linder to the Honorary State FFA Degree. The motion passed.

Andrus/Brown moved and seconded to reconsider the vote for Senator Nielsen. The motion failed.

Munter/Daddow moved and seconded to reconsider the vote for Ken Harris. The motion to reconsider passed: 10 to 3. Discussion reopened. The motion to elect Ken Harris to the Honorary State FFA Degree passed: 8 to 4. *ALREADY HAD DEGREE*

Selection of Distinguished Service Citations

Kristina King nominated Homer Bowen
Ed Vaca nominated Francis Duchi
Arthur Mejia nominated Bob Heuvel
Robin Perez nominated Bob Odel
Robin Perez nominated Bill Kelly

Discussion of the nominees and their qualifications followed.

Mejia/Andrus moved and seconded to give **Bob Heuvel** the Distinguished Service Citation. The motion passed.

Theodozio/Silva moved and seconded to bestow **Homer Bowen** with the Distinguished Service Citation. The motion passed.

Perez moved to give the Distinguished Service Citation to Bob Odel. The motion died for lack of a second.

Brown/White moved and seconded to bestow **Francis Duchi** with the Distinguished Service Citation. The motion passed.

Perez/Silva moved and seconded to give **Bill Kelly** the Distinguished Service Citation. The motion passed: 6 to 5.

Report from Ad-Hoc Committee on Star Administrator Programs

The Chairman of the committee, Nicole Andrus, gave each member of the Executive Committee a copy of the results from the survey that was taken. There were eighty chapters that responded to this survey.

The Ad-Hoc Committee recommendations are:

- The program should be implemented, but as a separate program from the Star Administrator on the basis that Administrators must have administrative credentials and counselors do not.
- The program should be implemented in 1991 since the selection of sectional and regional winners would not be possible this year.
- There should be strict qualifications for this award.
- One state winner would be selected from the six regional winners.
- There should be one uniform application throughout the state.

Questions followed Nicole's report.

Brown/Daddow moved and seconded to accept the report of the Ad Hoc Committee regarding a Star Counselor Award Program. The motion passed.

Young/Mejia moved and seconded to expand the Star Administrator program to include counselors and to have the Assistant State Advisor handle and implement this award. Discussion followed. Points that were made are:

- already not enough participation in the Star Administrator Program
- the cost of implementing a new program is not beneficial to make it worthwhile
- combining two awards takes away the intent of the recognition
- we should recognize those counselors who help the FFA programs
- it would be degrading to an administrator if a counselor beat him because of ranking
- counselors and administrators have definite differences and they should not be grouped together into one category

Brown/Silva moved and seconded to postpone this matter indefinitely

King/Andrus moved and seconded to postpone this matter definitely to the end of the meeting. The motion passed: 7 to 6.

Special Chapter Award Program

Julie Daddow reported on suggestions that were made to start a new program which would somehow measure and award the "best" chapter in the state. Discussion followed and no action was taken.

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Special President Award Program

Brian Young explained about an award program modeled after the Washington Association's to recognize outstanding chapter presidents. Discussion followed, no action was taken.

Special Advisor Award Program

Ed Vaca suggested a new program that would somehow give more recognition to advisors than the existing programs. Discussion followed.

White/Theodozio moved and seconded to refer this issue to a committee of the six state officers to further develop the idea of implementing this Special Advisor Program and to develop a proposal to be presented at the next State Executive Committee meeting in May. The motion passed.

Region Reports

Each of the Regional Presidents delivered reports on the happenings within their regions.

Next Meeting

Jenny Thomas gave information on the next State Executive Committee Meeting.

--Friday, May 4th at 8:00 a.m. in Room 241 of the Agriculture Building at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

--The state will pay for Thursday night's lodging only.

--Newly elected Regional Presidents may attend the meeting at their own expense.

Returned to the motion to expand the Star Administrator Program to include counselors and to have the State Assistant Advisor implement this award.

Discussion continued. New points on this topic were:

--Since it is a new program, it should be tested as a combined award to see if there is enough participation to eventually separate it into two award programs.

--There are counselors who deserve the recognition.

--We need a stronger foundation before we can branch off.

Vaca/Silva moved and seconded to postpone this item indefinitely. The motion failed: 4 to 6.

Andrus/Brown moved and seconded previous question. The motion failed.

Discussion was reopened.

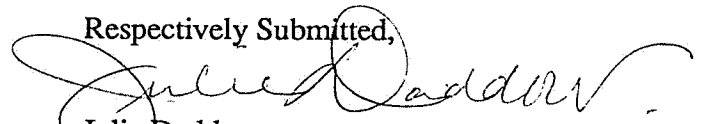
Theodozio/Andrus moved and seconded previous question. The motion passed.

The main motion passed: "To expand the Star Administrator Program to include counselors and to have the Assistant State Advisor implement this award."

Closing Ceremonies were conducted.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,



Julie Daddow
State Secretary