

2/15/1995

**California Association FFA
Winter Executive Committee Meeting
California State Grange Building
Sacramento, California
February 15-16, 1995**

The winter meeting of the California Association FFA Executive Committee was called to order by President John Moffatt at 1:00 p.m. on February 15, 1995, at the California State Grange Building, Sacramento, California. Committee members who were present included:

- Ryan Schohr, Superior Region President
- Beverly Dodson, Central Region President
- Nancy Gutierrez, San Joaquin Region President
- Summer Ketchum, Southern Region President
- Thea Rhodes, South Coast Region President
- Lovina Beeson, North Coast Region President
- Allen Pettey, Past State President
- John Moffatt, State President
- Heather Benson, State Vice President
- Kevin Kunkel, State Secretary
- Drew Porter, State Treasurer
- Amy DeRose, State Reporter
- Will Edwards, State Sentinel
- Mr. Tom Munter, Assistant State FFA Advisor

Approval of Fall Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Gutierrez/Porter moved/seconded that the Fall Executive Committee meeting minutes be accepted as corrected, (having added National Convention Delegate Kris Diaz, Fresno-Central FFA to the list of delegates present at the meeting.)

Motion passed voice vote.

National Convention Overview

State Reporter, Amy DeRose, reported that Travis Hagen, Chico FFA, and past State Treasurer, was elected as the 1995 National Secretary. Amy went on to say that Heather Benson, State Vice-President won the National Prepared Public Speaking contest and that California also had many judging teams and proficiency award winners at National Convention. Among them were the National Meats Judging Team from Clovis, National Floriculture Judging Team from Visalia-Golden West; National Proficiency Winners included, Nursery Operations, Jonathan Clough of Linden FFA and Fiber Crop Production, Wes Haynes of Chowchilla FFA. California also had more than 300 members present and 39 delegates at the National Convention. There were also 112 American FFA Degrees awarded to California FFA members.

Superior Region Conferences

State Treasurer, Drew Porter, reported that the two Superior Fall Conferences were a big success with 250 members present in Chico, and 325 members present in Redding.

Chapter Visits

State Sentinel, Will Edwards, reported that the State Officers put on seven weeks of Chapter Visits with over 100 chapters being visited.

State FFA Foundation

State FFA President, John Moffatt, reported that the FFA Foundation is working on getting money for the Association and finding sponsors for State Proficiency Awards.

California Excellence Conferences

State Reporter, Amy DeRose, reported that the California Excellence Conferences were a huge success with the theme, "Lights, Cameras, Action." The two-day conference focused on self-esteem and goal setting. CEC is the second step in the California FFA Integrated Leadership Development plan. Chico CEC had 155 members; Stockton, 150; Riverside, 50; and Visalia, 130.

State Judging Contests

State President, John Moffatt, reported that the Tree Pruning, Vine Pruning, and Citrus Judging State Finals Contests were held at California State University, Fresno, on Saturday, February 4, 1995.

Membership

Assistant State FFA Advisor, Mr. Tom Munter, reported that, as of now, there are 25,000 members on the roster, which is slightly behind the normal this time of year. He went on to say that we should close the year out with around 45,000 members.

Golden Harvest

State Reporter, Amy DeRose, reported that the first Golden Harvest was distributed in February, and that there will be two more printed, one before State Conference, and one after State Conference.

International Greenweek

State Vice President, Heather Benson, reported that she went to Germany with the International Greenweek trip on January 20, through February 2, 1995. There were eighteen State Officers from around the U.S. present and the trip was coordinated through the National FFA Organization. All eighteen participants met in Berlin, traveled around Germany, and had the opportunity to speak with high school seniors in Berlin.

Regional Reports

The six regional presidents reported on the goings on in their respective Regions.

Election of State FFA Degrees

DeRose/Ketchum moved/seconded that we elect the 893 members determined to be qualified for the Golden State FFA Degree.

Motion passed, voice vote.

Proposed Changes to State Program of Work

State Vice President, Heather Benson, reported that there were no proposed changes to the State Program of Work.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments (See Appendix A)

Benson/Porter moved/seconded that the State Executive Committee make no recommendation on Ballot Item #1 regarding Constitution, Article I, Section A.

Motion passed, voice vote.

Ketchum/Schohr moved/seconded that the State Executive Committee recommend a do pass on Ballot Item #2 regarding Constitution, Article III, Section B, Second Paragraph.

Motion passed, voice vote.

Benson/DeRose moved/seconded that the State Executive Committee recommend a do pass on Ballot Item #3 regarding Constitution, Article IV, Section B, Subpoint (2).

Motion passed, voice vote.

Dodson/Gutierrez moved/seconded that the State Executive Committee recommend a do pass on Ballot Item #4 regarding Constitution, Article IV, Section C, Subpoint (8).

Motion passed voice vote.

Dodson/Rhodes moved/seconded that the State Executive Committee recommend a do pass on Ballot Item #5 regarding Constitution, Article IV, Section D, Subpoint (6).

Motion passed, voice vote.

Ketchum/Benson moved/seconded that the State Executive committee recommend a do pass on Ballot item #6 which would empower the Assistant State Advisor to change all specific due dates listed in the constitution and bylaws to read, "by the specified due date."

Motion passed, voice vote.

Benson/Ketchum moved/seconded that the six proposed constitutional amendments be referred to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee at the State Leadership Conference.

Motion passed, voice vote.

Chapter Status

Schohr/Dodson moved/seconded that the charters for Cloverdale and Fairfield FFA Chapters be dropped due to the fact that vocational agriculture is no longer being taught in those schools.

Motion passed, voice vote.

Porter/Edwards moved/seconded that the applications for charter from Manteca-Sierra, Central Region; Santa Rosa-Elsie Allen, North Coast Region; Yucaipa Jr. High, Southern Region; Mendota, San Joaquin Region; Concord, North Coast Region; and Bakersfield-Ridgeview, San Joaquin Region be approved.

Motion passed, voice vote.

State Leadership Conference

State Treasurer, Drew Porter, reported that the 1995 State FFA Conference will be held in Fresno, April 22-25, at the Fresno Convention Center in the Exhibit Hall.

Election of Honorary State Farmers

Porter/DeRose moved/seconded that Jim Aschwanden be elected to Honorary State Farmer.

Motion passed, voice vote.

Benson/DeRose moved/seconded that Jonel Robinson be elected to Honorary State Farmer.

Motion passed, voice vote.

Schohr/Kunkel moved/seconded that Dr. Tom Dickinson be elected to the Honorary State Farmer Degree.

Motion passed, majority vote.

Dodson/Gutierrez moved/seconded that Steve Bell be elected to the Honorary State Farmer Degree.

Motion failed, majority vote.

Schohr/Benson moved/seconded that Peggy McLaughlin be elected to the Honorary State Farmer Degree.

Motion passed, majority vote.

Selection of Distinguished Service Citations

Benson/Schohr moved/seconded that Kings River Community College Agriculture Department be given a Distinguished Service Citation.

Motion passed majority vote.

Porter/Kunkel moved/seconded that Lompoc, Modesto-Beyer and Hanford Agriculture Departments be given Distinguished Service Citations.

Motion passed, hand vote, six in the affirmative, five in the negative, two abstaining.

Gutierrez/Edwards moved/seconded that all State FFA Advisory Committee members and State Vo-Ag Advisory Committee members ending their service this year shall be given a Distinguished Service Citation.

Motion passed, voice vote.

National Issues

Benson/Kunkel moved/seconded that the State Executive Committee take a favorable position on the national constitution proposal regarding the realignment of the four National regions. (See Appendix B)

Motion passed, voice vote.

Schohr/DeRose moved/seconded that the State Executive Committee recommend a do pass on the \$1.50 dues increase proposed by the National Organization.

Motion passed, voice vote.

Kunkel/Porter moved/seconded that the State Executive Committee recommend a do pass on the national constitution proposal regarding an increase in the money earned requirement for the American FFA Degree.

Benson/Kunkel moved/seconded Previous Question.

Previous Question passed, voice vote.

Main motion failed, five in the affirmative, seven in the negative.

Beeson/Porter moved/seconded that the State Executive Committee make no recommendation on the proposal.

DeRose/Dodson moved/seconded Previous Question

Previous Question passed, 11 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative.

Main motion failed, voice vote.

Porter/Schohr moved/seconded that the State Executive Committee make a do pass recommendation on the proposal to increase the American FFA Degree monetary requirement.

DeRose/Edwards moved/seconded Previous Question.

Previous Question passed, 10 in the affirmative, 2 in the negative.

Main motion failed, 6 in the affirmative, 6 in the negative.

DeRose/Kunkel moved/seconded that the State Executive Committee recommends taking a position opposed to the American FFA Degree increase proposal.

Motion passed, 7 in the affirmative, 6 in the negative.

DeRose/Porter moved/seconded that the State Executive Committee take a favorable position on the national

constitution proposal requiring greenhands to learn the mission and strategies.

Motion passed, voice vote.

Benson/DeRose moved/seconded to refer the five National Issues to the committee on National and State Leadership at the State Conference.

Motion passed voice vote.

Benson/Porter moved/seconded that the State Executive Committee recommend a favorable position on the national constitution proposal regarding minor word changes in the Bylaws to conform with the rewrite of Public Law 740.

Motion passed, voice vote.

Sacramento Leadership Experience (SLE)

State Sentinel, Will Edwards, reported that the date for the SLE has been changed to May 23-26, a Tuesday through Friday. He went on to say that only 40 members will be allowed to attend.

Other Items

Ketchum/Schohr moved/seconded that discussion regarding a possible new proficiency area in aquaculture be referred to the contests committee at State Conference.

Motion passed, voice vote.

Kunkel/Schohr moved/seconded that all California Association FFA Scholarships be available to State Officers one year after the State Conference at which they retire.

Schohr/DeRose moved/seconded to amend the motion by inserting "and internships" after scholarships, so if amended would read, "All California Association FFA Scholarships and Internships be available to State Officers one year after the State Conference at which they retire."

Dodson/Porter moved/seconded to refer the matter to the Awards Committee at the State Conference.

Motion passed voice vote.

Schohr/Porter moved/seconded to refer the concept of a national constitution proposal which would allow American FFA Degree recipients to reapply for national star honors, to the National and State Leadership Committee at the State Conference.

Motion passed, voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin E. Kunkel /s/
California State FFA Secretary