

***California Association FFA***  
**STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**

A meeting of the State FFA Advisory Committee commenced at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, February 27, 1995, in the 4th Floor Conference Room of the California Department of Education Building in Sacramento. Present were Al DeRose, South Coast Region Representative; Bill King, North Coast Region Representative; Mike Rourke, Superior Region Representative; and Tom Munter, Assistant State FFA Advisor.

Agenda topics 8 and 9, Washington Leadership Conference Support and State Officer Chapter Visits, respectively, were taken up first by the committee. Following discussion, the committee determined to take no action relative to Washington Leadership Conference Support noting that most advantages of that program are currently available to members through various California Leadership activities. Relative to State Officer Chapter Visits, the committee concurred that the existing policy of one visit every third year should remain in place, noting that any chapter can request consideration for a special visit in "off years."

Topic #7, National FFA Convention post-trip Travel Alternatives was taken up next. It was moved/seconded (DeRose/King) and passed to recommend that "The post-convention trip retain Washington, D.C., as its constant destination point, and that Mr. Munter should look into the feasibility of periodically including optional 'side trips' for small numbers who might be repeat participants on the trip."

Topic #6, Outstanding Advisor Recognition Program. Committee members agreed to encourage fellow teachers to apply for this recognition in the future. Suggestions were made that Regional Supervisors work with Regional Officers to identify worthy teachers and encourage applications from such teachers; that longevity of achievement be a factor in award recognition; and that Regional CATA Presidents be notified ahead of deadlines as to what teachers have and have not submitted applications.

Topic #5, Leadership Packet program. The committee reviewed the revenue and expense breakdown of the program from the 1993-94 fiscal year. The committee discussed the proposed national FFA dues increase and moved/seconded (King/Rourke) and passed to recommend that "The California FFA Association take the position of supporting the dues increase contingent upon the National Organization's agreement to drop all advertising from the *New Horizons Magazine* and drop-ship the magazine nationwide in class-set increments to schools based on FTE's."

Topic #4, Integrated Leadership Development Program. Following discussion the committee commended the State Association for operating an exemplary leadership development program

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which was characterized as A+ quality. The committee suggested that the Association continue to follow this direction in delivering leadership development training to members; that consideration be given to creating a descriptive brochure about the program for members (much like the one made for teachers this year); and that the Association continue to expand the program to accommodate increasing numbers of student participants. The committee did **not** concur with an idea expressed in one region to "flip-flop" the Greenhand Conferences and the Excellence Conferences relative to the time of year they happen. It was moved/seconded (DeRose/King) and passed that "The registration fee structure of each set of conferences reflect the proportionate expense of that activity and that the Association should **not** make any attempt to unify the fee structure such that registration at each activity is the same."

Topic #3, Setting a Policy for Outside Fund Raisers. After considerable discussion it was moved/seconded (King/DeRose) and passed that "The committee members take this matter back to the regions for further discussion and recommendations." The committee suggested that the Association find a method of reminding local instructors and members about the laws relative to the use of the FFA emblem and trademarks.

Topic #10, The Show Uniform, and Fifth Year Students Showing at Fairs. Following discussion the committee concurred that this is a local issue and that this committee should take no action. It was suggested that the Association look into creating materials for local teacher use which discusses the benefits and rationale for maintaining fifth-year student participation.

Topic #2, State FFA Leadership Conference. The committee commended the 1994 State FFA Leadership Conference activity and indicated support for the types of educational experiences offered. There was some concern expressed relative to offering alternative educational activities concurrently with delegate business sessions if greater cooperation from teachers cannot be secured relative to student supervision. It was suggested that the State Association seek to clarify the options available during the state conference so that students clearly understand where they are supposed to be; and that the Association seek to intensify the dynamics of student discussion on business items at the conference. It is moved/seconded (King/Rourke) and passed that "The Advisory Committee Members would accept the responsibility of promoting discussion and attention to this matter in the ranks of CATA especially relative to supervision responsibilities, and CATA Curricular Code General Rule A which requires all participating students to be under the direct supervision of a teacher."

Relative to the proposed amendments to the State FFA Constitution which will come before the delegates in April, the committee made the following recommendations:

Item #1: Changing the legal name of the Association to "*California FFA Association*."  
Committee recommends a **DO NOT PASS**.

Item #2: Removing the extra year's eligibility to run for State FFA Office from students participating in international programs.

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Committee recommends a **DO PASS**.

Item #3: Requiring Greenhand Degree candidates to learn the FFA Mission Statement.  
Committee recommends a **DO PASS**.

Item #4 and #5: Defining "satisfactory scholastic record" as a 2.0 GPA.  
Committee recommends a **DO PASS**.

Item #6: Removing specific dates from the constitution and replace with the language "by the specified due date."  
Committee recommends a **DO PASS**.

Topic #1, State FFA Degree. Following considerable discussion it was moved/seconded (King/DeRose) and passed that "The following recommendations be forwarded to the State FFA Advisor for consideration:

- (1) Minimum requirements for the state degree should be made more rigorous *provided* more rigorous standards are accompanied by the establishment of alternative criteria which provide parallel recognition for students with significant achievements in areas such as Agriscience, ag mechanics, agri-business, etc., who cannot meet the 'typically production oriented criteria.'
- (2) The process for scoring and review of state degree applicants follow its current procedure but end at the section review session and not proceed beyond that point. (ie: the section scoring activity is the *final determination* whether or not a student receives the degree and not review of section scoring is conducted)
- (3) Prior to the section scoring activity, each local FFA advisor may designate a number of applicants equal to 1% of the chapter's previous year's membership (minimum one applicant per chapter), as being exempt from meeting all criteria for election to the state degree. Applicant's so designated must go through the standard degree verification and scoring process, and *if found deficient* in one or more criteria, may still be recommended for the state degree based on individual extenuating circumstances as described by the local advisor when upheld by a majority of the section teachers at the scoring activity."

As a last topic, the committee reviewed recommendations made by the various state degree review committees this winter. (See appendix A) The committee makes the following recommendations relative to this topic:

- (1) The committee concurs with recommendations #3, 6, and 10.
- (2) The committee does **not** concur with recommendations #1, 2, 4, 5, 8, and 9.
- (3) The committee believes that the current structure of the recordbook relative to recommendation #7 is the correct procedure to use and recommends that the State

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Advisor encourage ALL teachers to utilize the "Fair Market Value" column as intended.

- (4) The committee believes more weight should be placed on the journal on the current recordbook scorecard -- perhaps a weighting similar to 50 points out of a possible 125.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

**California Association FFA**  
**1993-94 Packet Program Costs\***

National Magazine	\$3.50
Membership Office Maintenance	1.05
Regional Rebate	.50
Printing and Supplies	2.29
Telephone	.23
Postage and Shipping	.16
State Degree Support	.03
Vo-Ag Student ID Card	N/C. (Sponsored)
National Awards Packet	N/C. (Sponsored)
Golden Harvest	.21
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<b>Total "per member" packet cost for 1993-94</b>	<b>\$7.97</b>

*\*Approximately 45,000 leadership packets were sold during FY 1993-94. Cost of each item above is calculated at a "per member" cost using a membership base of 45,000.*

State FFA Advisory Committee  
Monday, February 27, 1995  
State Education Building - Sacramento

AGENDA TOPICS

1. State FFA Degree
  - a. Application and Review process (King/ Heuvel)
  - b. New "Appeals" panel (Heuvel)
  - c. Alternative Criteria (King)
  - d. Limiting Jr. Livestock Auction Income (King)
  - e. Leadership Option (King/Furtado)
  
2. State FFA Leadership Conference
  - a. Educational Experiences (Heuvel)
  - b. Constitutional Amendments/Business Items  
(State Executive Committee)
  
3. Outside Fund Raisers (Heuvel)
  
4. Integrated Leadership Development Program (Heuvel)
  
5. Leadership Packets
  - a. Expenditure Report (King)
  - b. Impact of National Dues Increase (Munter)
  
6. Outstanding Advisor Recognition (State Executive Committee)
  
7. National FFA Convention Travel Alternatives (Munter/Weaver)
  
8. Washington Leadership Conference Support (King/Wright)
  
9. State Officer Chapter Visits (King/Wright)
  
10. Showing at Fairs
  - a. Fifth Year Students (Pitzler)
  - b. Uniform (Pitzler)

# CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FFA

*Proposed Amendments to the*  
***State FFA Constitution and Bylaws***

Submitted to the State FFA Executive Committee  
February 15-16, 1995

For all ballot items printed in this document, text which appears [*in underlined italics inside of brackets*] is text which is proposed to be **added** to the constitution/bylaws. Text which appears in [**all bold printing inside of brackets**] is text which is proposed to be **deleted** from the constitution/bylaws.

## **Item #1**

### Constitution, Article I, Section A.

The name of this organization shall be the "California [*FFA*] Association [**Future Farmers of America**]". The Association shall be made of affiliated local chapters. [**Members and local chapters are hereinafter referred to as Future Farmers of America.** 1/ The letters "FFA" may be used to designate the chapter or its members.] [*Recognized units of the organization may officially use the letters "FFA" and/or the words "Future Farmers of America" to designate the organization, its units and/or members.*] Where the name of the high school . . .

*Note: Approval of this item by the delegates shall empower the Assistant State FFA Advisor to change the proper noun name of the organization to "California FFA Association" every place the name appears in the State Constitution and Bylaws.*

## **Item #2**

### Constitution, Article III, Section B, Second Paragraph.

Members in good standing at the time of their induction into the armed forces of the United States of America or into the FFA International Program shall be in good standing during the period of their service without standard affiliation requirements or attendance at meetings. Time spent in the Armed Forces or FFA International Program shall not be

considered as elapsed time in determining the maximum period of four conventions following graduation from high school or leaving high school. **[Should such time of participation in FFA International Programs fall during a member's constitutional eligibility to run for State FFA Office, that member shall be guaranteed the right to run for State FFA Office during the first State FFA Leadership Conference following his/her return to the United States provided all other membership and eligibility requirements have been met.]** Members making use of this waiver of service time, for the purpose of maintaining active membership for application of advanced degrees, **[or to maintain eligibility as a candidate for State FFA Office,]** must resume active participation within six months after having been honorably discharged from service or completing their FFA International Program, indicating such a desire by meeting all standard affiliation requirements and attendance at meetings. Members participating in the six months Armed Services Program or participating in the FFA International Program for six months shall be eligible for one full year of extended membership. No one, however, may retain active membership beyond his/her 23rd birthday.

### Item #3

Constitution, Article IV, Section B, Subpoint (2).

*Note: This section shall be modified to correspond with the wording of the proposed amendment to the national FFA constitution relative to requiring Greenhand Degree candidates to be able to learn and explain the FFA Mission and Strategies.*

### Item #4

Constitution, Article IV, Section C, Subpoint (8)

Have a [satisfactory] [2.0] scholastic record in an agricultural course.

### Item #5

Constitution, Article IV, Section D, Subpoint (6)

Have a [satisfactory] [2.0] scholastic record as certified by the local principal or superintendent.

### Item #6

The Assistant State FFA Advisor shall be empowered to change all specific due dates listed in the constitution and bylaws to read, [by the specified due date.]