

California Association FFA
STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the State FFA Advisory Committee commenced at 9:00am on Tuesday, February 7, 1996, in the 5th Floor Conference Room of the California Department of Education Building in Sacramento. Present were Dave Caetano, San Joaquin Region Representative; Cindy Brown, CATA President; Wayne Pitzler, Southern Region Representative; Bill King, North Coast Region Representative; Mark Anglin, Central Region Representative; Mike Rourke, Superior Region Representative; Jim Aschwanden, CATA Executive Director; Brad Dodson, Assistant State FFA Advisor; and Charles Parker, Assistant State FFA Advisor.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. With no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Wayne moved that Bill King be the chairman for the 95-96 year. As there were no other nominations, the committee elected Bill as the chairman. Charles was selected to serve as the recording secretary.

Leadership Packer Program The committee reviewed a set of priorities and ranked the list from I to 11, with I receiving the highest priority and 11 receiving the lowest priority, the results of the survey are as follows:

Greenhand Conferences	1
State Leadership Conference	2
Officer Travel	3
California Excellence Conferences	4
Chapter Visits	5
Regional Officers Training	6
Fall Leadership Academies	7
National FFA Convention	8
Sacramento Leadership Conference	9
Awards Program	10
Band and Chorus	11

Bill suggested that when possible, include financial figures on survey list. Committee agreed that it would be beneficial for them to understand the costs of operating programs prior to making recommendations.

The committee recommended that the State Staff discuss with the National FFA Staff options to reduce the membership fee.

1. Reduce the quantity of New Horizon Magazines received at the chapter.
2. Provide classroom sets only.
3. Determine the savings to the National FFA by drop shipping magazines to California.
4. Review the type of advertisers and their appropriateness for the magazine.

Committee reviewed various options towards membership and addressing the fee increase at the National level. Ideas presented included: affiliating freshmen in California only, affiliating first year students in California only, and affiliating all students with the National Organization. In addition, discussion centered on the cost of the affiliation, \$3.50 for California affiliation only, \$5 for California affiliation, \$7 for California affiliation, or \$8.50 for National affiliation.

State FFA Leadership Conference: Mike suggested that the tours conducted during the State FFA Leadership conference be focused towards either career awareness or be educational in nature. The tour guides for the Yosemite Tour should be contacted and asked to direct the discussion towards agricultural and natural resources.

Dave moved that hats and/or caps be restricted from the State FFA Leadership Conference. Wayne seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Cindy moved that the no hat/cap rule be added to the State FFA Conference Participant rules. Wayne seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Committee reviewed the options relative to the 1997 State Conference dates. Mark moved that the first option for 1997 be April 11-15 with the second option being April 25-29. If the second option is selected, the committee recommends that Bob Heuvel, State FFA Advisor, contact Cal Poly about moving State Finals to May 10. In either case, every effort should be made to ensure that the State FFA Conference and the Fresno State Field Day are held on the same weekend. Dave seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Integrated Leadership Development Program: Committee reviewed the participation in conferences conducted during the 95-96 year.

- 14 Greenhand Conferences attended by 2300 students
- 4 Excellence Conferences attended by 550 students
- 7 Fall Conferences attended by 1050 students
- 7 Fall Academies attended by 550 students
- 1 Sacramento Conference attended by 40 students

Mark moved that the California Excellence Conference program be reduced to one day conferences and the number conducted be based upon the number of students interested. Dave seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Mike moved that a Summer Chapter Officers Conference idea be considered and that the cost be no more than \$70 per person. Wayne seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Mike moved that the descriptions in the Leadership Development Program brochure be more specific as to skills learned. Wayne seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Wayne moved that the length of the Fall Leadership Conference and Advanced Fall Academies be left up to each region. Dave seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

The committee discussed upgrading the Fall Leadership Conference program to be in line with the

other parts of the leadership program.

Wayne suggested that the State Staff look into asking regions to take on additional responsibilities. Maybe it is possible for the regions to determine the number of conference, where they are to be held, coordinate management of the registration process, and mailing of the confirmation letters. State Staff would be responsible for training the presentation teams.

Region and State Proficiency Awards: Bill moved that the State Staff and teachers establish a plan regarding proficiencies and to present this plan to the FFA Foundation. Mark seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Committee recommended that the proficiency award topic be added to regional meetings for discussion.

FFA Newsletter - Golden Harvest: Wayne moved that State Staff consider a cooperative effort between FFA and FFA Foundation in delivering a state newsletter. Mike seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

The committee recommended that two class sets of the newsletter be mailed to each multi-person department.

National FFA Convention: Bill moved that the trip be continued. Mike seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Committee asked to review the costs of the trip. The following is an attempt to provide an itemized list of expenditures. As there are numerous options, the itemized list is completed by percentage. Remember, these are my best guesses for the 1995 trip.

Airline	38%
Hotel	30%
Conference Registration	2%
Meals	10%
Ground Transportation	20%

Bill asked if consideration could be given to chapters that make their own arrangements to Kansas City, to hook up with the trip to Washington D.C.

Computerized Record Book: Committee was updated on the status of the computerized record book. The program should be available for further testing by the end of February. After the testing, in-service opportunities will be available over the summer.

State FFA Degree Process Review: Committee reviewed the process used for 1996. Every section was under a ten percent pull, with each region conducting the appeal review. Results would be tallied and decisions would be made on the process to be used for 1997.

Wayne moved that the FFA State Degree Committee define what is acceptable and what is not acceptable relative to FFA, Community, and School activities. Mike seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

FFA Advisory Committee Responsibilities: Committee recommended that at the summer meeting, they review the various activities for the 96-97 year in an effort to ensure that committee members have the opportunity to observe activities so that they will be in a better position to make recommendations.

State FFA Finals: Mike moved that the FFA Advisory Committee explore alternatives to the State FFA Judging Finals (Rotating the finals among the five Universities conducting Agricultural Education programs and/or connecting the finals with the State FFA Conference). Wayne seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Drug and Alcohol Policy: Cindy moved to recommend that a statement regarding no tolerance on drugs and alcohol be added to the State FFA Constitution. Wayne seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Exhibitor Eligibility: Committee discussed policy regarding exhibitors. Committee was informed of the current efforts regarding the development of a new policy statements that will be signed by FFA, 4H, Grange, and Fairs and Shows.

Other Items

Mike asked that State FFA Officer housing be added as a discussion item for the next meeting.

State Staff should consider producing a video highlighting who the State FFA Officers are and what occurs at various programs available to the students.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:58pm.

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ACTION ITEMS

1. Pass out survey for teachers to complete. Collect survey and forward to the State FFA Office.
2. National Dues increase passed at the National Convention. Possible results could include packet fee increasing to \$8.50. Poll teachers as to other options available.
3. NO caps or hats will be allowed at the State FFA Leadership Conference. Any caps/hats confiscated will be returned to the student on Tuesday after the conclusion of the conference.
4. 1997 State Leadership Conference-First Option April 11-17
Second Option April 25-29
5. Importance of regional and state proficiency award plaques. Number of proficiencies offered is increasing, sponsors are not increasing. What do we do. Refer to the survey.
6. State FFA Judging Finals alternatives. Do we stay at Cal Poly, rotate the finals, or connect the finals to the State Conference. Refer to the survey.

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REGIONAL SURVEY

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey. Your input is extremely important and considered valuable to the success of the State FFA Program.

Rate the following based on its importance to your program. One (1) being the activity that is most important and fourteen (14) the least important activity.

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| _____ State FFA Officer Travel | _____ Chapter Visits by State FFA Officers |
| _____ Greenhand Conferences | _____ Excellence Conferences |
| _____ Fall Leadership Conferences | _____ Fall Advanced Academies |
| _____ Sacramento Leadership Conference | _____ Chapter Officers Training Conferences |
| _____ State FFA Leadership Conference | _____ National FFA Convention |
| _____ New Horizons Magazine | _____ Golden Harvest Newsletter |
| _____ Awards Programs (i.e. Star Advisor, Star Administrator, etc.) | |
| _____ Other Activities (Please list) | |

Rate the following proficiency questions based on importance. One (1) as the best option and four (4) as the least favorite option.

- _____ Maintain Proficiency Awards as they currently exist. Offer awards at the region and state level only when sponsors are secured.
- _____ Reduce the size of the regional plaques allowing a sponsor to sponsor more than one award area. Offer awards at the region and state level only when sponsors are secured.
- _____ Present certificates to sectional and regional winners with plaques going to state winners. Allow recognition for all areas sponsored at the national level.
- _____ Other Options (Please list)

Rate the following options regarding state judging finals. Remember 1 is the best option with 3 being the least beneficial option.

- _____ Maintain State FFA Judging Finals at Cal Poly, SLO.
- _____ Rotate State FFA Judging Finals between the five universities conducting AgEd programs.
- _____ Connect the State FFA Judging Finals with the State FFA Leadership Conference.