

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

A meeting of the State FFA Advisory Committee commenced at 9:00am on Tuesday, February 11, 1997, in the 5th Floor Conference Room of the California Department of Education Building in Sacramento. Present were Mark Anglin, Central Region Representative; Bob Heuvel, State FFA Advisor; Ron Furtado, North Coast Region Representative; Mike Rourke, Superior Region Representative; Brad Dodson, Assistant State FFA Advisor; Gina Boster, Southern Region Representative; Wayne Pitzler, Southern Region Representative; Bill King, North Coast Region Representative; Ralph Mendes, San Joaquin Region Representative; Roy Beck, Central Region Representative; Steve Pietrolungo, South Coast Region Representative; Jim Aschwanden, CATA Executive Director; and Charles Parker, Assistant State FFA Advisor.

Rourke/Anglin moved and seconded that the minutes from the October 22, 1997 FFA Advisory Committee Meeting be approved. Motion passed by voice vote.

**National FFA Convention Trip**

Rourke/Furtado moved and seconded that unless cost factors increase dramatically, we continue to contract with Excellence in Presentation to coordinate California's National Convention Trip. Motion passed by voice vote.

King/Furtado moved and seconded to forward to regions for discussion, the topic of extending the National Convention trip by one day and that this day be added on to the front end of the trip. Motion passed by voice vote.

**State Leadership Conference**

King/Mendes moved and seconded that each Advisory Committee member obtain a list of potential administrators and/or industry individuals who should be invited to serve as judges during the State Leadership Conference. Committee members are to forward names and addresses to Parker so that invitations may be mailed. Motion passed by voice vote.

Parker reviewed the tentative schedule for the 1997 State Leadership Conference (See Attachment A).

**Audit Report**

Information was given relative to the ongoing audits within the California Department of Education. Specifically, the committee was informed of the audit being conducted on the FFA. Committee was informed of the movement to privately incorporate the California FFA and to establish a Board of Directors. A proposal will be on the ballot at the State Conference for the delegates to approve the establishment of the Board and to incorporate the FFA. Board is to include:

State FFA Advisor

One Additional State Agricultural Education Staff Member

Six Agricultural Education Instructors - One from each of the six regions

CATA Executive Director  
FFA Foundation Representative  
State Agricultural Education Advisory Committee Representative  
Agricultural Education Teacher Training Representative  
Past State Officer Representative

Beck/Mendes moved and seconded that each region select an individual to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the California FFA and that this name be forwarded to Heuvel as quickly as possible. Motion passed by voice vote.

### **FFA Membership Update**

Parker reported on the preliminary enrollment numbers. Accurate FFA numbers are not available at this time. However, local program enrollment numbers have been calculated. In school FFA membership for 96-97 is currently reported at 48,334. The expectation, once graduate students have been included, is that our total membership will be close to 49,000. (See Attachment B)

### **Honorary State FFA Degree Nominations and Distinguished Service Citation Nominations**

Pitzler/Beck moved and seconded that this topic be placed on the Fall Meeting agenda for the State FFA Advisory Committee Meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.

### **Scholarships**

Anglin/Beck moved and seconded that the FFA scholarships be open and money available to the recipient regardless of attending four year college or university or a community college or trade school. Motion passed by voice vote.

Anglin/Beck moved and seconded that the Assistant State FFA Advisor ask scholarship sponsors to determine if they are willing to adjust their specific scholarship requirements to allow students to use funds for community college and/or trade school. Motion passed by voice vote.

Adjourned for lunch at 11:20am.

Reconvened meeting at 11:45am.

### **Integrated Leadership Development Program**

Dodson gave an update on the 1996-97 leadership development program.

Greenhand Conferences - Held 17 conferences in 1996 with 2606 total students participating in the conferences. Real cost per student was \$23 with the state subsidizing each participant at \$8. Scheduling 19 conferences for 1997, four in the Central Region; two in the North Coast; four in the San Joaquin, two in the South Coast; 3 in the Southern Region; and four in the Superior Region. The current plan is to continue to contract with Excellence in Presentations to deliver the greenhand conferences.

Made for Excellence Conferences - Held 7 conferences in 1997 with 673 students attending the one day activity. Comments varied, but included: too much seat time for the participants; two day activity scheduled into one day; and need more activity based instruction. Planning to conduct six conferences in 1998, one in each region. Dodson

is scheduled to work with the national staff in an effort to improve the delivery by the national organization. Committee recommended that Dodson look into options of conducting one or two day conferences.

Chapter Officers Leadership Conference - Seven conferences conducted in 1996. Plan is to continue to offer seven for 1998. It was recommended that Regional Officers be more involved in the delivery of the conferences.

Sacramento Leadership Experience - Seventy-eight applications were received for the forty spots available.

Dodson informed the committee that certificates and seals are available for students who are participating in the leadership development program upon request.

### **Constitutional Amendment Proposals**

Mendes/Pitzler moved and seconded that the State FFA Advisory Committee go on record as supporting the constitution and bylaw amendments as proposed. (See Attachment C).

Anglin/Furtado moved and seconded that the State FFA Advisory Committee go on record as supporting the proposed amendment to form the California FFA Inc. and establish an adult Board of Directors.

### **National Issues**

Parker informed the committee that there have been no issues forwarded to California for consideration from the National Organization.

### **California Insert to New Horizons**

Parker gave a brief update on the status of the California Insert. The biggest concern was the increased cost of producing the insert. However, State Staff has decided to continue to produce the fourth and fifth inserts for 1996-97. The final issue, July-August, will not include an insert from California. Feedback from teachers has been very positive. Quality of the product is high, readership has increased, and member participation has improved.

### **Web Site**

Pitzler gave an update on the benefits of having a home page on the Internet. He discussed the Cal Ag connection, local school options, and potential uses by the State FFA. Pitzler also provided the committee with a list of ag teachers who have an E-mail address. (See Attachment D).

### **State FFA Degree Application**

Mendes brought to the committee a concern regarding the current application and potential misuse. The \$2,000 inventory option seems to be the area of concern. Parker informed the committee that to change the option, they would need to submit a constitutional amendment proposal to be considered by the State FFA Executive Committee. Heuvel suggested that the original committee that developed the revised scorecard and application meet to formulate a total list of recommendations regarding the State FFA Degree.

### **Computerized Record Book**

Heuvel informed the committee that he was going to meet with the contractor, who has been

extremely cooperative, and develop a process for addressing the “bugs” within the current program. The intent is to have updates available prior to the summer CATA conference in June.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.

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***ACTION ITEMS***

1. Committee members are to develop a list of potential administrators and industry representatives interested in serving as judges at the State Leadership Conference and to forward the list to Parker.
2. Committee members are to work with their Regional CATA officers in identifying a teacher from their region that would be interested in serving a term on the proposed California FFA Board of Directors. The members are to forward their nominee to Heuvel.
3. Dodson is to work with the National Organization to see if there is an option of having one and two day excellence conference in 1998.
4. Parker is to add to the Fall Advisory Committee agenda Honorary State FFA Degree and Distinguished Service Citation nominations.
5. Parker is to work with scholarship sponsors in an effort to institute the Advisory Committee recommendations.

# CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FFA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSALS 1997

Words and/or phrases that are in *(italics)* are to be deleted from the constitution and bylaws while words and/or phrases that are **[bold]** represent the changes.

## PROPOSAL 1

The Assistant State FFA Advisor shall be empowered to editorially change all references to *(“Assistant State FFA Advisor”)* in the State Constitution and Bylaws to read, **[“Assistant State FFA Advisor(s)”]**.

## PROPOSAL 2

Article VII. Section A.

Annual membership in the California Association, including the FFA *(newsletter)* **[publication]** and all other privileges, shall be accomplished by chapter affiliation with the state organization via a Leadership Packet Program which requires each chapter to affiliate all students enrolled in agricultural education classes at that school.

## PROPOSAL 3

Article II. Section B. Item 5 (Bylaws)

It shall be the duty of the reporter to assist with the publication of the California FFA *(newsletter)* **[publication]**, assist with collecting data for the official state reporter, and prepare news notes suitable for publication on all meetings of the state association.

## PROPOSAL 4

Article III. Section F. (Bylaws)

The finance-audit committee shall consist of *(three)* members from each of the geographical regions of the state, with the state treasurer as chairperson and the state advisor or his/her delegated representative as ex-officio member.

## PROPOSAL 5

Article IV. Section D. Item 2 (Bylaws)

Should additional delegates be necessary, they shall be selected by majority vote of the State Executive Committee at its *(spring)* **[fall]** meeting.

## PROPOSAL 6

Article IV. Section D. Item 3e (Bylaws)

(Serve as an official voting delegate at) **[Attend]** the state leadership conference immediately preceding the national convention at which the student proposes to serve as a delegate.

## PROPOSAL 7

Article IV. Section C. (Bylaws)

Each one of the thirteen (13) student members of the state executive committee **[and twelve (12) student members of the state nominating committee]** will be entitled to one vote at the state conference.

## PROPOSAL 8

Article III. Section E. (Bylaws)

The Program of Work committee shall set the annual objectives of the association and suggest ways for attaining them. The chairperson shall be the state FFA vice president, with the state advisor or his delegated representative as ex-officio member. The committee shall consist of (three) members of each of the geographical regions of the state.

## PROPOSAL 9

Article V. Section A.

The elected officers of the California Association, Future Farmers of America shall be president, (vice president,) secretary, (treasurer,) reporter, (sentinel) **[and six vice presidents.]** Ex-officio officers are the state advisor and the assistant state advisor[(s)]. The state advisor shall be the State Supervisor of Agricultural Education; the Assistant State Advisor[(s)] shall be state staff members appointed by the State Advisor. **[The State Nominating Committee shall place in nomination a president, a secretary, and a reporter and two candidates, by region, for each of the six vice presidents.]** *(Elective officers)* **[All officers]** shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at a regular state leadership conference. They shall be elected by secret ballot and assume office at the conclusion of the state leadership conference.

Article V. Section B.

All elective state officers shall hold office for one year after election, or until their successors are elected, unless removed from office for cause by the Executive Committee. **[In case the State President is unable to complete the elected term, the State Secretary shall complete the term of office of the State President.]** All vacancies **[except that of State President]** may be filled by presidential appointment, with Executive Committee approval, until the next regular election.

Article II. Section B. Item 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (Bylaws)

Item 2

(The vice president shall assume all duties of the president in the event that office becomes vacant. He/she shall assume disciplinary responsibilities of state FFA events. He/she shall preside over all meetings in the absence of the president and shall assume other duties of the president as assigned to him/her by the state executive committee.) [It shall be the duty of each vice president to represent the membership of the California FFA Association. The first vice president will assume the role of vice president during the conduction of official ceremonies. The second vice president shall assume the role of treasurer during the conduction of official ceremonies. The third vice president shall assume the role of sentinel during the conduction of official ceremonies. The fourth, fifth, and sixth vice presidents shall assume duties as assigned to him/her by the president.]

Item 3

[The secretary shall assume all duties of the president in the event that office becomes vacant. In addition,] the secretary shall perform the duties common to such an office as keeping accurate record of the minutes of the state association or the minutes of the executive committee. Copies of the minutes of these meetings shall be prepared by the state FFA office for the State Advisor and state records and shall also be made available to each local chapter and each member of the state executive committee. Minutes of the State Leadership Conference shall be turned into the state FFA office no later than one week after the conference.

Item 4

The (treasurer) [second vice president] shall be the ex-officio chairman of the finance-audit committee and shall represent the California Association in all matters pertaining to financial budget and policy. He/she shall present to the State Leadership Conference an audit of the accounts of the association to be prepared under the direction of the State Advisor. The detailed expenditure of funds of the association by the business manager (see Article VI, Section E) shall be done under the authority granted by the treasurer.)

Item 6

It shall be the duty of the (sentinel) [third vice president] to assist in the conduct of all statewide meetings by greeting guests, seating delegates, arranging paraphernalia, displays, and decorations; and to carry out other duties assigned to him/her by the president.



### Article III. Section A. (Bylaws)

#### Section A

There shall be an executive committee consisting of the (six) **[nine]** current elected state officers, the immediate past elected state president, the regional Future Farmers of America presidents, the state advisor, and the assistant state advisor**[(s)]**.

#### Section E

The Program of Work committee shall set the annual objectives of the association and suggest ways for attaining them. The chairperson shall be the state FFA **[fourth]** vice president, with the state advisor or his delegated representative as ex-officio member.

#### Section F

The finance-audit committee shall consist of (three) members from each of the geographical regions of the state, with the state (treasurer) **[fifth vice president]** as chairperson and the state advisor or his/her delegated representative as ex-officio member.

#### Section G

The conference review committee shall consist of members from each of the six geographical regions. The chairperson of the committee shall be (appointed by the state FFA president) **[the sixth vice president]**.