

California Association FFA
STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the State FFA Advisory Committee commenced at 9:07 a.m. on Monday, February 8, 1999, at 560 "J" Street, Room 397 in Sacramento. Present were Mark Morales, Central Region Representative; Bob Heuvel, State FFA Advisor; Ron Furtado, North Coast Region Representative; Carleen Charley, Superior Region Representative; Gina Boster, Southern Region Representative; Mike Campbell, Southern Region Representative; Bill King, North Coast Region Representative; Ralph Mendes, San Joaquin Region Representative; Jim Aschwanden, CATA Executive Director; Karen Henderson, Superior Region Representative; Ken Watje, South Coast Region Representative; Dave Caetano, San Joaquin Region Representative; and Charles Parker, Assistant State FFA Advisor.

Watje/Mendes moved and seconded that the minutes from the October 5, 1998 FFA Advisory Committee Meeting be approved. Motion passed by voice vote.

Agricultural Education Update

Mr. Parker gave a brief update on the status of agricultural education in California. The highlight of his presentation included the discussion on the financial situation within the department.

National FFA Convention Trip

Mr. Parker distributed the results of the 1999 National FFA Convention. The pre-convention trip was discussed with all comments being extremely favorable.

State Leadership Conference

Mr. Parker reviewed the tentative schedule for the 1999 State Leadership Conference. He highlighted changes to the program such as; Discussion Meet being held Thursday evening; hotel assignments; Monday night theme dance; and concession stand.

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 98-99 is currently reported at 50,966. The expectation, once graduate students have been included, is that our total membership will be over 51,000.

Honorary State FFA Degree Nominations and Distinguished Service Citation Nominations

Historical lists were provided to each member of the committee identifying each individual who has either received the Honorary State FFA Degree or the Distinguished Service.

Integrated Leadership Development Program

Caetano/Mendes moved and seconded that Greenhand Conferences be scheduled based on the three areas proposed, North, Central, and South and that \$5 be added to the cost for each participant to ensure that all participants have a conference t-shirt. Motion passed by voice vote.

Caetano recommended that all Greenhand Conferences be held at a non-school site.

Advanced Leadership Academy evaluation results were reviewed by the committee as submitted by Kim Bellah.

Made for Excellence conferences were discussed. It was agreed to continue with our current system with an effort made to reduce the overall cost to the participants.

Constitutional Amendment Proposals

Mendes/Furtado moved and seconded that the State FFA Advisory Committee support constitution and bylaw amendment proposal one relative to changing chapter affiliation. The amendment would allow individuals who have graduated to maintain membership if their former chapter's charter has been terminated. Motion passed by voice vote.

Aschwanden/Mendes moved and seconded that the State FFA Advisory Committee forward to the State FFA Executive Committee with no opinion a constitution and bylaw amendment proposal that would alter the state officer election process. The proposal would stipulate that the Nominating Committee place the top two candidates against each other for President. Following the election, the individual with the most votes would become president with the other candidate becoming the vice-president. The committee would then place two individuals on the ballot for each remaining office. Motion passed by voice vote.

National Issues

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

Additional Topics

Fund Raising - Mr. King conducted an informal round table vote with the committee supporting the existing policy regarding fund raising activities. Mr. Heuvel is to continue to be selective on who he approves to use the association name. Any potential fund raising companies will be encouraged to have a booth at the CATA Conference where each local teacher can elect to participate.

Record Book Scorecard - Current scorecard was distributed to each committee member. The committee is asked to evaluate the scorecard and develop proposals for future changes. Any proposed changes should be submitted for consideration at the June FFA Advisory Committee Meeting.

FFA History Book - Mr. Parker was encouraged to continue plans to have available an updated history book at the 75th State FFA Leadership Conference.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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AGENDA FEBRUARY 8, 1999

- ✓ Review Minutes from October 5, 1998 Meeting
- ✓ Agricultural Education Update
- ✓ National Convention Follow-up
- ✓ State Leadership Conference
- ✓ FFA Membership Update
- ✓ Integrated Leadership Development Program Update
- ✓ Honorary State FFA Degree Nominations
- ✓ Distinguished Service Citation Nominations
- ✓ State Constitution Amendment Proposals
- ✓ National FFA Issues
- ✓ State FFA Center
- ✓ Other Items
 - a. Record Book Scorecard
 - b. Aligning Proficiency Application to Scorecard
 - c. History Book
 - d. FFA Printing
 - e. Scheduling of Regional Meetings
 - f. Briggs + Stratton
 - g. FFA Review Team

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSALS

Items that are ***bold print, italic, and underlined are addition.***

Items that are CAPITALIZED AND IN PARENTHESES ARE TO BE DELETED.

AMENDMENT ONE:

State Constitution, page 4, Article 3, Section B, Paragraph 5, Sentence 3.

Changing chapter affiliation after leaving high school may be approved only when the student's parents/legal guardian move their place of permanent residence after the student has left high school ***or their former chapter charter has been terminated.***

AMENDMENT TWO:

State By-Laws, page 22, Article 3, Section D, Paragraph 3, Sentence 2.

The nominating committee shall, after consideration of the qualified candidates, (MAKE NOMINATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS STATE OFFICES) ***place the number one and two ranked candidates against each other for president . The candidate receiving the majority votes shall become president with the second candidate becoming the vice president. All other offices shall be determined by placing two qualified candidates against each other with the individual receiving the highest number of votes being elected to that office.***