

9/28/1999

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

A meeting of the State FFA Advisory Committee and the State FFA Executive Committee commenced at 9:00am on Tuesday, September 28, 1999, in the Conference Room at the California Farm Bureau Office, in Sacramento, California. Present were Roy Beck, Central Region Representative; Ron Furtado, North Coast Region Representative; Carleen Charley, Superior Region Representative; Gina Boster, Southern Region Representative; Bill King, North Coast Region Representative; Jack Havens, South Coast Region Representative; Dave Caetano, San Joaquin Region Representative; Mike Morales, Central Region Representative; Mike Campbell, Southern Region Representative; Karen Henderson, Superior Region Representative; Jim Aschwanden, Executive Director of CATA; Mandy Foreman, Past State FFA President; Kevin Mathy, State FFA President; Angela Browning, State FFA Vice President; Megan McReynolds, State FFA Secretary; Scott Grumbles, State FFA Treasurer; Tracy Haas, State FFA Reporter; Dane White, State FFA Sentinel; Paul Amador, Central Region FFA President; Tim Hammerich, North Coast Region FFA President; Michelle Vieira, San Joaquin Region FFA President; Julie Kondoff, South Coast Region FFA President; Neil Gibson, Southern Region FFA President; Douglas Paasch, Superior Region FFA President; and Charles Parker, Assistant State FFA Advisor.

Following the opening ceremony, Kevin Mathy welcomed all in attendance and gave a brief overview of the purpose of the FFA Executive Committee. Mr. Bill King then gave an overview of the purpose of the FFA Advisory Committee.

Megan McReynolds moved to approve the 1999 State FFA Leadership Conference Minutes as presented. Julie Kondoff seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Mike Campbell moved to approve the June 23 FFA Advisory Committee Minutes. Ron Furtado seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

**National Convention Update**

Update was given by Scott Grumbles highlighting the accomplishments of members of the California Association. Overview of the state sponsored trip was reviewed, highlights of the trip are included in the home page for Excellence in Presentations, [www.tpw.com](http://www.tpw.com).

**Regional President's Reports**

Doug Paasch gave the Superior Region Report and shared the region theme "Millenium...Reaching Above and Beyond" to the members present.

Julie Kondoff distributed the report for the South Coast Region and announced the regional theme as "Paving the Way".

Paul Amador announced the Central Region theme "To Truly Fly, Dream High" as part of his regional report.

Tim Hammerich gave the North Coast Region report and shared the region theme "Conquering Fears to Achieve New Heights" to the participants.

Neil Gibson passed out information sheets highlighting the Southern Region and presented the region theme, "Where Dreams Take Flight".

Michelle Vieira gave the final region report highlighting the San Joaquin Region accomplishments and the region theme "On the Wings of Excellence".

### **National Leadership Conference for State Officers Report**

Dane White gave an overview of the State Officer's trip to Vail, Colorado and their participation in the NLCSO.

### **Integrated Leadership Development Program**

Greenhand Conferences are being held throughout California based upon attendance in 1998. Overall, over 3,000 freshmen will take advantage of the opportunities available through the conferences. These conferences are being conducted by Excellence in Presentation.

Six Made for Excellence Conferences are scheduled to be held in California. These conferences will be held over one day in the San Joaquin, Southern, and South Coast Regions while two day conferences will be held in Redding, Chico, and Stockton. The MFE's are being presented by the National FFA.

Advanced Leadership Academy's are being held in conjunction with the MFE's. The sites are Redding, Chico, Pomona, Reedley, Stockton, and Atascadero.

The final part of the Integrated Leadership Development Program, the Sacramento Leadership Experience will be held in Sacramento. Forty lucky applicants will be selected to attend the SLE. All seniors are encouraged to complete an application to participate in the SLE. In an effort to increase the number of SLE's offered, a larger pool of applicants must be obtained.

Parker discussed alternatives to the existing ILDP in an effort to improve delivery and educational value. Regional representatives were asked to discuss with their fellow teachers the proposal to incorporate Sectional Officer Summits and conduct COLC's at the Sectional level. The feedback will be reviewed at an upcoming Advisory Committee Meeting.

### **State President's Conference Report**

Angela Browning updated those present on the participation of herself and Kevin Mathy at the SPC in Washington D.C.

### **FFA Board of Directors Report**

Scott Grumbles gave a brief update on the Board and its activities. The Board is still looking for a site to build the FFA Center. A fund raising committee has been established to begin developing a plan for funding the FFA Center development.

### **FFA Foundation Report**

Kevin Mathy gave a report update on the most recent FFA Foundation meeting. The meeting primarily dealt with the budget and list of sponsors. Additional sponsors are needed. Any ideas are to be forwarded to Jim Aschwanden, CATA Executive Director.

### **CATA Summer Conference Report**

Tracy Haas talked about the State FFA Officer's attendance at the 1999 CATA Summer Conference. Each officer had the opportunity to attend a regional meeting while Kevin Mathy spoke to the entire delegation.

### **Schools In Symposium Report**

Megan McReynolds gave a brief report on the officers participation in the 1999 Schools In Symposium in Sacramento. The officers worked at the VSO Booth and had an opportunity to visit with numerous participants in the conference.

### **State Fair Report**

Scott Grumbles shared with the group the officer's participation in the California State Fair. The officers interviewed outstanding individuals for both the Outstanding Exhibitor awards and the Premier Exhibitor award. In addition, the officers took part in the opening ceremonies, the closing ceremonies, and evaluated the various chapter exhibits in the livestock barns.

The meetings were adjourned at 12:05 p.m. for lunch.

Meetings reconvened at 1:00 p.m. by Kevin Mathy.

### **Delain Eastin Meeting Report**

Angela Browning gave a report on the recently held meeting between the State FFA Officers and State Superintendent of Schools, Delain Eastin. The meeting was very cordial with Ms. Eastin talking about her commitment to a garden in every school.

### **Food, Land, and People Conference Report**

Kevin Mathy talked about the officers participation in the Food, Land, and People Conference held at the Presidio in San Francisco. The officers took part in panels discussing agriculture literacy and its importance to California.

### **New Horizons Update**

Tracy Haas shared with the groups the latest edition of the New Horizons. Tracy also addressed concerns regarding articles, displays, etc. that are being found in the magazine.

### **Chapter Suspensions/Probations**

Dane White moved to forward a strongly worded letter to Valley High School, Quincy High School, and Coachilla Valley High School placing each chapter of probation for non-attendance at the 1999 State FFA Leadership Conference. Seconded by Tim Hammerich. Motion passed by voice vote.

Due to the lack of a vocational agriculture program, the following chapter's are being dropped from

the active list: San Bernardino-Cajon, San Bernardino-Pacific, Upland, Victorville-Excelsior, and Live Oak-Valley Oak.

New programs which are going through the process of chartering include: Greenfield, Porterville-Granite Hills, Salinas-Alisal, Soledad, Butte-Cascade, Hemet-Hamilton, LeGrange-Don Pedro, and Redlands-Grove.

### **Constitutional Proposals**

Discussed potential proposals. Tried to identify the most important issue, expansion of officer team, expanding the importance of the nominating committee, regional representation, etc.. After a great deal of outstanding input, the topic was referred to the next meeting.

Caetano moved that the Fall FFA Executive Committee Meeting and the FFA Advisory Committee meeting be held jointly at the Farm Bureau next year.

Each region is asked to conduct a brief survey of teachers during the Fall or Spring regional meetings. Survey could include:

1. How many chapters do officer training at the local level?
2. Sectional Training Conferences. How long are they?
  - One Day
  - Two Day
  - Half Day
  - Evening
  - Other
3. Should Sectional Conferences be designed for
  - Chapter Officers
  - Members at Large
  - Other Idea

Closing ceremony was conducted.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.