

9/25/2001

California Association FFA
STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the State FFA Advisory Committee, State FFA Board of Directors, and the State FFA Executive Committee commenced at 9:00am on Tuesday, September 25, 2001, in the Conference Room at the California Farm Bureau Office, in Sacramento, California. Present were Hugh Mooney, Central Region Representative; Kim Arnst, North Coast Region Representative; Carleen Charley, Superior Region Representative; Tony Miller, Southern Region Representative; Donelle McCallister, North Coast Region Representative; Ken Watje, South Coast Region Representative; Dave Caetano, San Joaquin Region Representative; Mike Campbell, Southern Region Representative; Karen Henderson, Superior Region Representative; Jim Aschwenden, Executive Director of CATA; Tim Hammerich, Past State FFA President; Jacob Wenger, State FFA President; Molly Fagundes, State FFA Vice President; Becky Roland, State FFA Secretary; Jeff Alves, State FFA Treasurer; Luke Browning, State FFA Reporter; Gabriel Ponce, State FFA Sentinel; Meggie Fagundes, Central Region FFA President; Howard Wilson, North Coast Region FFA President; Martina Otterbeck, San Joaquin Region FFA President; Erica Flores, South Coast Region FFA President; Dennis Blackman, Southern Region FFA President; Bryan Dodson, Superior Region FFA President; Dane White, National Officer Candidate; Kristi Mattes, FFA Board of Directors; Al DeRose, FFA Board of Directors; Dick Piersma, FFA Board of Directors; Steve Rocca, FFA Board of Directors; Lloyd Doster, FFA Board of Directors; David Mendonca, FFA Board of Directors; Angie Miles, FFA Financial Services Office; Roberta Firoved, FFA Board of Directors; Ralph Mendes, San Joaquin Region Representative; Jim Drew, FFA Board of Directors; Bob Heuvel, State FFA Advisor; and Charles Parker, Assistant State FFA Advisor.

Following the opening ceremony, Jacob Wenger welcomed all in attendance and gave a brief overview of the agenda for the day.

Tim Hammerich moved to approve the April 19, 2000 State FFA Executive Committee Minutes. Motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Bryan Dodson moved to approve the 2000 State FFA Leadership Conference Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

David Caetano moved to approve the June FFA Advisory Committee Minutes with the typo error corrected. Motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

FFA Center Review

Dick Piresma, Chairman of the FFA Board of Directors, gave a brief overview of the status of the FFA Center. Currently there are three options: 1) U.C. Davis location; 2) Lincoln location; and 3) purchased site closer to Downtown Sacramento. The site selection committee is hopeful to have a site identified prior to November.

State FFA Advisor Report

Mr. Heuvel gave a brief overview of the functions of each committee in attendance. FFA Advisor Committee is to provide oversight to the programmatic issues affecting the FFA program. The FFA Board of Directors is charged with the oversight of the fiscal operations of the Association. And, the FFA Executive Committee provides direction to the overall program.

Mr. Heuvel reported on the status of the Vocational Student Organization (AB8) funds. Currently 77% of all vocational student organization members are members of the FFA. The next funding cycle will show a slight increase for the FFA. The funding amount will be \$214,000.

National Convention Update

Update was given 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. The highlights of the results are located on the Association web page at calaged.org.

Chapter Suspensions/Probations

Luke Browning moved to forward a letter placing Anza-Hamilton on probation with a stipulation that they must attend all activities listed on their program of activities which was submitted to the Southern Region Supervisor. Failure to attend any one of the activities will result in the immediate suspension of the FFA Charter. Motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Meggie Fagundes moved to place Auburn-Chana, Avenal, Cambria-Coast Union, Fort Bragg, and Mission Viejo on probation with the understanding that they must have a minimum of two delegates attend the 2002 State FFA Leadership Conference. Motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Tim Hammerich moved to suspend the charter of San Bernardino due to failure to have members present at three of the past four State Leadership Conferences. Motion was seconded and passed with a voice vote.

Dennis Blackman moved to suspend the charters of San Bernardino-Gorgonio and San Jose-Pioneer due to the lack of a vocational agriculture program

New programs which are going through the process of chartering include: Atwater-Buhach Colony, Bakersfield-District Farm, Bakersfield-Liberty, Benton-High Desert, and Westwood.

Regional President's Reports

Bryan Dodson, Superior Region President, passed out almonds from a past FFA member along with a regional calendar and a written report.

Erica Flores, South Coast Region President, distributed a colorful flyer highlighting the activities of the South Coast Region.

Blast Off Training

Luke Browning gave a quick overview of the three days of training received in late June. Kelly Brown, past National FFA President, provided the training based on team development, review of personality traits, and organization.

National Leadership Conference for State Officers Report

Molly Fagundes gave an overview of the State Officer's trip to Lake Tahoe, Nevada and their participation in the NLCSO. The conference was held at the Nevada 4H Camp just across the Nevada border. California developed their Mission Statement and met officers from Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Nevada, and Idaho.

State President's Conference Report

Jacob Wenger updated those present on the participation of himself and Molly Fagundes at the SPC in Washington D.C. The highlight of the trip was the Press Conference held at the White House with President George W. Bush.

Sectional Officer Leadership Conference Report

Jeff Alves talked about the various SOLC's attended by the State Officers. Jeff talked about how impressed the officers were in watching the Sectional Officers gain valuable skills which will enable them to be successful officers.

Regional President's Reports Continued

Dennis Blackman passed out the Southern Region Program of Work and reviewed the happenings of the region.

Meggie Fagundes updated the committee on the Central Region calendar. Meggie also passed out a written report to those present.

Regional Officer Leadership Conference

Becky Roland provided an oral report on the ROLC. The conference was held in July at Bass Lake. Highlights of the conference included the regional Patriotic Observances and mixers along with the team time with state officers.

FFA Day at Giants/Dodgers Stadiums

Luke Browning gave a brief report on the two days set aside for the FFA. In September, over 1,000 FFA members attended the Giants game at Pac Bell Stadium. Then in September, over 700 attended a game at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles. At the Dodger game, an FFA member sang the National Anthem, five members carried the flags, the State Officers were introduced on the field, and commemorative t-shirts were available for purchase.

State Fair Report

Gabriel Ponce 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.

FFA Board of Directors Report

Jeff Alves gave a brief update on the Board and its activities. The Board is still looking for a site to build the FFA Center. A capital campaign is being established to begin developing a plan for funding the FFA Center development.

State Leadership Conference Review

Reviewed a conference review tape. Discussion followed relative to availability of the tape. Tape will be made available for each program at a cost recovery.

Suggestions for 2002 Conference centered around: food was poor, dance was too hot, have a visiting state officer host as well as a host for special guests, add leadership workshops for one day participants, require one day participants to be in uniform, continue to evaluate the cost of the conference.

National Convention Delegate Training

Jacob Wenger gave an overview of the training undertaken by the California Delegates. California is one of only a few states who provides any kind of training prior to participation at the convention. The evaluation of those in attendance seemed very positive and appreciative of the training.

FFA Foundation Report

Jacob Wenger gave an 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.

Regional President's Reports Continued

The San Joaquin Region oral report was presented by Martina Otterbeck. Her report highlighted those activities which the region has participated in to this date.

Howard Wilson from the North Coast Region gave the final region report. Howard passed out a written report and reviewed the happening of the North Coast Region.

Leadership Continuum

Mr. Parker went over the revised California FFA Leadership Continuum. The Greenhand Conferences are designed to excite the freshman member. The Made for Excellence Conferences center on the personal development of the individual. Chapter Officer Leadership Conferences will be held at the sectional level and will enhance officer skills. Fall Conferences will focus on teaming activities to enhance group dynamics. Sectional Officer Leadership Summits are designed to offer sectional officers additional leadership training. Advanced Leadership Academies will look at the professional side of the student. The Regional Officer Leadership Conference will center of providing regional officers with enhanced skills enabling them to serve the members of their regions.

And, the Sacramento Leadership Experience will provide students with a unique experience culminating their four years of participation in the FFA Leadership Continuum.

Parker discussed the continuum and asked the Advisory Committee to overview the continuum with teachers during the fall meetings.

The meetings were adjourned at 12:45 p.m. for lunch.

Meetings reconvened at 1:25 p.m. by Jacob Wenger.

New Horizons Update

Luke Browning shared with the groups the latest edition of the New Horizons. Luke talked about the goal to highlight industry in each issue of the upcoming New Horizons.

Closing ceremony was conducted.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

