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California Association FFA State Executive Meeting Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the State FFA Executive Committee commenced at 10:15am on Monday, February 18th, 2002, in the Conference Room at the California Farm Bureau Office, in Sacramento, California. Present were 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, Gabe Ponce; State FFA Sentinel, Meggie Fagundes; Central Region FFA President, Howard Wilson; North Coast Region FFA President, Martina Otterbeck; San Joaquin FFA President, Erica Flores, South Coast Region FFA President, Dennis Blackman; Southern Region FFA President, Bryan Dodson; Superior Region FFA President, Tim Hammerich; Past State FFA President, Bob Heuvel; State FFA Advisor and Charles Parker; Assistant State FFA Advisor.

Following the opening ceremonies, Jacob welcomed all in attendance and gave a brief overview of the agenda.

Becky Roland moved to approve the September 25th, 2001 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Membership Update

Molly Fagundes gave a brief overview of this year's membership information. Everyone received a handout that included the top ten largest chapters and smallest chapters and the number of members in each individual Chapter.

National Convention Report

Becky Roland gave a review of the Delegate process and highlights of the National Convention, which was held in Louisville, Kentucky, October 24th-27th. Suggestions that were made for next year are as follows; the tours, which included Churchill Downs, Louisville Slugger and lunch at Joe's Crab Shack, were a great learning experience. The Caucus Meetings were very beneficial and gave the delegates the chance to ask questions so they were more prepared in discussion and committee work. In the future, it was recommended that California arrange the room assignments, and put members from different regions in each room. By doing this, it can give the California Delegation a chance to get to know more people from our state. It was also recommended that we continue the delegate training in Sacramento.

Chapter Visits

Gabe Ponce gave a report on what the officer team did during chapter visits this past year. Three lesson plans were presented to over one hundred schools and they focused on Opportunities in the FFA, Careers in Agriculture, and Leadership. Suggestions were to make sure the evaluation forms were sent to Mr. Parker, so in future planning the Officer team can meet the needs of the students. Also, the State Conference Video was very beneficial.

Chapter Officer Leadership Conferences

Gabe Ponce continued with a report of the COLC's. The State Officers presented a theme presentation and workshops on The Power of Influence, Goal Setting and Conflict Management and an overall workshop on the Agriculture Industry.

Made For Excellence Conferences

Jeff Alves shared with the group information on MFE's. It was recommended that each Regional President review with their officer team any feedback they have received from the conference. Also, if possible, look into having more two-day conferences instead of one-day conferences. Students seem to get more motivated and excited at two-day conferences.

Advanced Leadership Academy

Luke Browning asked for any suggestions that were made for the Advanced Leadership Academy Conferences. It was recommended that the current lesson plan be altered to also fit the more advanced students that have already had experience with using power point and writing resumes.

Everyone received a 3 by 5 card and participated in a mixer. After the activity we continued with the State Officer Reports.

Foundation Meeting Report

Jacob Wenger handed out a list of sponsors for the State Judging Finals, the State Proficiency Awards and FFA Leadership Awards. A report on the FFA Center information will be provided by Rosemary Vernon later after lunch.

State Judging Contest

Molly Fagundes handed out results of the State Finals in the areas of National Resources, Citrus, Tree Pruning and Vine Pruning. The Natural Resources Contest was held in Reedley, the Citrus, Tree and Vine Pruning Contest were held at Fresno State.

New Horizons/California Insert

Luke Browning gave a brief oral report on the California Insert. Currently the California Insert cost \$7,000 to produce each issue and will be cut from 16 pages to 8 because of the lack of entries for articles and chapter scoops. Recommendations were to have an internship program, in partnership with Mr. Beard at Cal Poly, who will write articles for the California insert. Regional Officers should make announcements at Spring Regional meetings to remind chapters to send in articles for the Chapter Scoop and facilitate the Section officers in communicating with the Chapter Reporters, one-on-one. More suggestions were to have a generic form, included in each issue, which chapters can fill out and send back. The form would include areas for Chapters to fill in their latest events, community involvement, honors/awards, etc. Forms could be reviewed (by an intern) and written in paragraph form.

Board of Directors Meeting Report

Jeff Alves gave a report on the past Board of Directors meeting that was held in Fresno. The announcement was made for all Regional Presidents to remind the Regional Supervisors that the Regional Budgets are Due April 1st.

Discussion followed for ideas of how we can express our patriotism and help or recognize the victims of September 11th. Meggie Fagundes moved that the State Constitution and Bylaws Committee discuss making one day of FFA week a Patriotic Day. The motion was seconded, discussion followed. Motion passed, voice vote. An outline/objective will be made to help the committee with it's recommendations.

FFA Center Report

Mrs. Rosemary Vernon gave a report on the FFA Center. Regional Presidents are to announce the details of the contest designed to help find California FFA Alumni at the Spring Regional Meetings. She showed us the model of the Center and answered questions.

State FFA Advisor Report

Mr. Heuvel gave a brief report on the latest information of the Budget Cuts proposed by the Governor. He explained the situation and how we will be represented on the Task Force Committee to ensure that funding will still be available. Mr. Heuvel also reported that California would receive a State Liaison this year from the National FFA. This will help with our contact at the National level. He briefed us on the lapel pin issue that should be brought up somewhere at National Convention this coming year.

Regional Reports

Martina Otterbeck, San Joaquin Region President, passed out a flyer and reported on the Region COLC/Rally and upcoming meetings and State Degree banquets.

Meggie Fagundes, Central Region President, passed out her Newsletter and discussed upcoming events.

Bryan Dodson, Superior Region President, passed around some of his Grandmother's famous Fudge and reported on the latest in the Superior Region.

Howard Wilson, North Coast Region President, gave a brief presentation of past events and passed out a flyer.

Dennis Blackman, Southern Region President, handed out a newsletter and reported on upcoming events and reviewed the slate for next year's officer team.

Erica Flores, South Coast Region President, passed out a pamphlet and reported on the South Coast's latest events and upcoming activities.

Amendment Proposals

Tim Hammerich moved to recommend a "NO STANCE" on proposal number one. It was seconded, debate followed. The motion passed by voice vote.

Dennis Blackman moved that the Executive Committee encourage a "NO VOTE" on proposal two. It was seconded, debate followed. The motion passed, voice vote.

Bryan Dodson moved that the Executive Committee encourage a "YES VOTE" on proposal number 3. It was seconded, motion passes, voice vote.

Molly Fagundes moved that the Executive committee recommended a "YES VOTE" on proposal number 4. It was seconded, debate followed. The motion passed, voice vote.

Gabe Ponce moved to recommend a "YES VOTE" on proposal 5. It was seconded, debate followed. The motion passed, voice vote.

Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Citations

Nominations List:

Carlos Alves, State Officer Parent
Elsie Alves, State Officer Parent
Greg Beard, South Coast Region Supervisor
Louie Brown, State Agricultural Education Advisory Committee Member
David Caetano, Agriculture Teacher
Charlie Crabb, Dean of Agriculture, Chico State University
Frank Fagundes, State Officer Parent
Michelle Fagundes, State Officer Parent
Bill King, Agriculture Teacher
Max Norton, State Agricultural Education Advisory Committee Member
Bonnie Pettey, Scholarship Sponsor
Lee Pettey, Scholarship Sponsor
Lidia Ponce, State Officer Parent
Santiago Ponce, State Officer Parent
Lorelle Roland, State Officer Parent
Mark Roland, State Officer Parent
Deborah Wenger, State Officer Parent
Paul Wenger, State Officer Parent

Molly Fagundes moved to recommend that we recognize the listed people for Honorary State FFA Degree, plus the added names of Mr. Larry Wright and Sonya Parker. It was seconded, debate followed. The motion passed, voice vote.

Jeff Alves moved to accept the nominations for Honorary State FFA Degree. It was seconded, debate followed. The motion passed, voice vote.

Gabe Ponce moved to approve the four nominations to receive the Distinguished Service Citation. It was seconded, debate followed. The motion passed, voice vote.

Distinguished Service Citations: California Farm Bureau Federation; Western Farm Services, Niaz Mohamed Family and the California Mid-State Fair.

Probations and Suspensions

Molly Fagundes moved that the North Hollywood FFA Charter be suspended. It was seconded. Motion passed, voice vote.

Luke Browning moved that we put the chapters listed under "chapters to be placed on probation with conditions" on probation with conditions. The motion was seconded, and passed by voice vote.

Chapters to be placed on probation with conditions:

Anza-Hamilton
Bell
Bloomington
Buena Park
Chino
Concord
Covina
Eureka
Fontana
Fremont-School for Deaf
Gardena
Half Moon Bay
Porterville
Poway
Quartz Hill
Salinas-Alisal
San Fernando
Santa Maria
Van Nuys-Grant

Meggie Fagundes moved that we put the chapters under the "chapters to be placed on probation" list on probation. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Charters to be placed on Probation:

Altaville-Bret Harte
Atwater-Buhach Colony
Bakersfield-Farm
Caruthers
Chowchilla
Fort Bragg
Kerman
Manteca
Middletown

Morgan Hill-Live Ock
Oakdale-Castlemont
Riverdale
Riverside-Norte Vista
Selma
Strathmore
Tulelake
Wheatland
Willits
Woodland

New Charters

Bryan Dodson moved to accept the six schools who applied for a charter. The motion was seconded, motion passed by voice vote.

New Charters:

Atwater-Buhach Colony
Bakersfield-Liberty
Bakersfield-Regional Occupational Center
Benton-High Desert
Turlock-Pitman
Westwood

Gabe Ponce moved to reinstate the Victorville-Excelsior Charter. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Reinstated Charters:

Victorville-Excelsior

State FFA Degrees

Molly Fagundes moved to approve the 1,196 State Degree recipients pending approval from Angie Miles at the financial office, and also making sure that they are from an active chapter in good standing. It was seconded, debate followed. Jeff Alves moved to amend the main motion by adding, "as of the date of their respective State Degree Ceremony" at the end of the motion. The amendment was seconded, and passed by voice vote. The amended main motion passed by voice vote.

Luke Browning moved that any student not on the approved list of State FFA Degree recipients may be eligible for consideration at the Spring Executive Meeting. The motion was seconded, debate followed. Motion passed, voice vote.

Gabe Ponce moved that those students who were unable to receive their State Degree due to a chapter's probation, be eligible for reconsideration at the executive meeting in April. It was seconded, debate followed. The motion passed, voice vote.

Review of State Conference Program

New changes to remember:

- Executive Meeting moved to Thursday night, April 18th, 7-9pm.
- Delegate Enrichment Training, Sunday 10:45-11:45am.
- Agriscience Fair on Sunday, not judged on Monday

Mr. Parker reviewed the reimbursement forms.

Closing ceremony was conducted.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Roland
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State FFA Secretary