

**CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FFA**  
**STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**FFA ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**

The meeting of the State FFA Executive Committee, State Adult Board of Directors and the State FFA Advisory Committee was called to order by President Bryan Dodson at 9:10 a.m. on October 1, 2002 at the Farm Bureau Office Building in Sacramento, California. Present were Anne Marie Diener, State Vice President; Amber Cleaver, State Secretary; Mark Aguiar, State Treasurer; Audrey Denney, State Reporter; Tyler Blagg, State Sentinel; Bryan Dodson, State President; Amy Brewer, North Coast Region President; Natalie Phipps, San Joaquin Region President; Robert Harris, Superior Region President; Thomas Bottoms, Central Region President; Megan Brownell, South Coast Region President; Elissa Shipp, Southern Region President; Tim Hammerich, National Officer Candidate; Jacob Wenger, Past State President; Charles Parker, Assistant State Advisor; Bob Heuval, State Advisor; Steve Rocca, Teacher Educator at Fresno State; Angie Miles, FFA Financial Services Director; Al DeRose, Atascadero; Ken Watje, Salinas; Rick Neugebauer, McArthur-Fall River; Kristi Mattes, Fresno-Central; Rosemary Vernon, Capital Campaign Director; Kim Arntz, Petaluma; Donelle McCallister, Kelseyville; Karen Henderson, Grass Valley-Nevada Union; Jim Drew, Grass Valley-Nevada Union; Hugh Mooney, Galt; Larry Wright, Rio Vista; Miguel Guerra, Santa Maria-Righetti; Gina Boster, Norco; Jim Smith, Eureka; Lloyd Doster, Littlerock; Roy Beck, Altaville-Bret Harte; David Caetano, Tulare Union; Dick Piersma, Hilmar; Tony Miller, La Habra; Kathy Gassen, Chino-Don Lugo; Louie Brown, Agricultural Education Advisory Committee.

The meeting began with a welcome from Bryan Dodson, State FFA President, and a short mixer conducted by State Secretary, Amber Cleaver.

**FFA Advisor Committee Minutes**

Elissa Shipp, Southern Region President, moved and it was seconded to accept the minutes from the June, 2002 State Advisory Committee meeting. Motion passed by a voice vote.

**State FFA Executive Committee Minutes**

Natalie Phipps, San Joaquin Region President, moved and it was seconded to accept the minutes from the Spring Executive Committee meeting. Motion passed by a voice vote.

**State Leadership Conference Minutes**

Thomas Bottoms, Central Region President, moved and it was seconded to accept the minutes from the 74<sup>th</sup> State FFA Convention. Motion passed by a voice vote.

The 74<sup>th</sup> State FFA Convention Review Tape was played for everyone and information about the purchase of the tape was brought up. The tape will be part of the Road Shows and will cost \$10 per department. In addition to the conference review, the tape will also include each of the State Officer Retiring Addresses as well as the state officer candidate speeches.

### **State Advisor Report**

Mr. Heuval gave a report highlighting key points within the FFA and Department of Education. He commended the State FFA Officers for their outstanding performance under adverse conditions and shared the AB8 funding split for next year. According to current figures, the FFA should receive \$218,000 of the \$463,000 available. Mr. Heuvel also gave some brief remarks regarding the closing of regional offices.

### **Board of Directors Report**

Mr. Piersma, Chairman of the Board, presented the Board of Directors Report. He discussed the increase in surplus of the budget and the possibility of placing a sign on the 6 acres of land designated for the FFA center outside of Galt. The sign should state "Future Home of the California Association FFA Center."

### **National Convention Report**

Audrey Denney, State Reporter, presented the report on National Convention. There are 440 members going to national convention as part of the California sponsored trip. California has various individuals competing in Proficiency's as well as career development events. California has 48 official delegates who will be taking part in the business sessions at the convention.

On September 30, 2002 the national convention delegates had their delegate training. During the training the delegates discussed the nine issues they will be facing at the convention. After some lengthy debates, the delegates developed a position for California. The issues are as follows:

1. Change how the number of teams that compete in national CDE's is determined. One team minimum, up to three based on percent of membership population.  
The delegates recommended that California oppose this issue.
2. Create more opportunities for short-term enrollment by agricultural education students.  
The delegates recommended that California support this issue.
3. Require proficiency awards to be maintained for at least five years and not change from year to year.  
The delegates recommended that California support a three-year no change policy.
4. Establish a policy for wearing lapel pins on FFA jackets.  
The delegates recommended that California support this issue.
5. Review policy for Official FFA Dress and Enforcement.  
The delegates recommended that California support this issue.
6. Change the regional alignment for the election of National FFA Officers.  
The delegates recommended that California support this issue.

7. Utilize more resources for the promotion of FFA in national media.  
The delegates recommended that California support this issue.
8. Clarify the role of FFA in the global economy.  
The delegates recommended that California support this issue.
9. Describe the role of FFA in the promotion and development of the agriculture industry.  
The delegates recommended that California support this issue.

Tyler Blagg, State Sentinel, moved and it was seconded to approve the recommendations of the delegates. Motion passed by a voice vote.

### **Regional Reports**

Regional reports were presented by each of the 6 Regional Presidents highlighting the events that have taken place as well as highlighting future activities.

### **Chapter Status Report**

Jacob Wenger, Past State Officer, moved and it was seconded to suspend the charters from North Hollywood FFA, Sun Francis-Polytechnic FFA, and Dorris-Cascade FFA. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Natalie Phipps, San Joaquin Region President, moved and it was seconded to place Chino FFA, Sacramento-Burbank FFA, Davis FFA, and Oakland-Castlemont FFA on probation due to lack of delegates at the 74<sup>th</sup> State Leadership Conference. Motion passed by a voice vote.

### **FFA Center**

Rosemary Vernon presented report on the progress of the FFA center. Currently the Capital Campaign Committee is looking at options to jump start the fund raising. Options include a USDA Rural Development grant and possible funding through the federal funds.

### **75<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee**

The California FFA is currently planning two reunions. One is planed at the State FFA Leadership Conference for Past State FFA Officers while the second will be held during the 2003-2004 year in each region. The thought is to have a dinner/dance activity so that more local alumni can attend and be part of the celebration.

The committee is also working on a video highlighting the 75 years of the California Association FFA.

### **New Horizons Report**

Audrey Denney, State Reporter, presented a report on the California Insert in the New Horizons. The insert has 16 pages of articles, news briefs, award recipients and chapter scoop. Audrey asked the regional presidents to let their reporters know that November 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the January/February issue.

### **State Officer Reports**

Reports were given highlighting the state officers involvement in various activities. The Blast-Off Training report was given by Audrey Denney, State Reporter. Amber Cleaver, State Secretary gave the NLCSO report. Activities occurring at ROLC were highlighted by Anne Marie Diener, State Vice President. Bryan Dodson, State President, talked about State President's Conference and showed a brief conference video. The SOLS report was given by Tyler Blagg, State Sentinel and Mark Aguiar, State Treasurer talked about State Fair.

### **Advanced Leadership Academy Report**

Discussion was brought up about the cost of presenting ALA's for this academic year. Mrs. McCallister moved and it was seconded that we suspend ALA's for one year. Mr. Mooney objected to the consideration of the motion. Motion failed by a hand count 1 in favor to 10 opposed.

Mr. Beck moved and it was seconded to continue to search for alternatives for presenting ALA's this year. Motion passed by a voice vote.

### **Greenhand Conferences**

Discussion was presented about the price of the conference and where they money goes. Financial numbers were presented by Mr. Parker as to total cost of the conference. The cost per participant is \$43. The amount being charged per student is \$30. The California Association FFA is making a \$13 investment in each student that attends the conference.

### **Student Leadership Fee**

Discussion was held about how the student fee is used. The financial numbers were presented by Mr. Parker. It was noted that the student leadership fees do not cover the costs of operating the FFA, that state and federal funds are used.

Boster, Norco, asked what will occur when teachers are using the computerized record book and no longer need paper copies. Mr. Parker suggested that the FFA Advisory Committee and the Adult Board of Directors will need to look into what adjustments, if any, would be made to the leadership fee. However, it was mentioned that teachers would have to be able to justify that they are using computerized books with all students.

### **Delegate Process Report**

Anne Marie Diener, State Vice President raised the issue of reevaluating the current State Delegate process. She mentioned that minor changes may occur this year. She also asked those in attendance to talk to the members and teachers they represent to obtain suggestions that will allow the process to be redesigned. All proposals are to be forwarded to the Mr. Parker.

### **Expense Claims**

Mr. Parker passed out expense claim forms and claiming report information sheet.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.