

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FFA
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES

The meeting of the State FFA Executive Committee was called to order by President Bryan Dodson at 10:00 a.m. on February 17, 2003 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; Kristen Heath, North Coast Region Secretary; 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; Jacob Wenger, Past State President; Charles Parker, Assistant State Advisor; and Bob Heuval, State Advisor.

The Opening Ceremony was conducted by the State FFA Officers and the meeting began with a welcome from Bryan Dodson, State FFA President.

State FFA Executive Committee Minutes

Natalie Phipps, San Joaquin Region President, moved and it was seconded to accept the minutes from the October 1, 2002 State FFA Executive Committee meeting. Motion passed by a voice vote.

State Advisor Report

Mr. Heuval gave a report highlighting key points within the FFA and Department of Education. He challenged the Executive Committee to serve the members and to make sure that the upcoming State Leadership Conference was one that the general membership will enjoy and will grow from.

Membership Update

Amber Cleaver, State Secretary, used a California map to highlight the current FFA membership in each region. Currently the membership totals are Central Region – 12,634; North Coast Region – 3,789; San Joaquin Region – 14,055; South Coast Region – 7,196; Southern Region – 11,678; and Superior Region – 7,312.

National Convention Report

Anne Marie Diener, State Vice President, presented the report on National Convention. She asked each committee member to share their highlight of the convention. After many exciting stories, Anne Marie closed with her overall impression of the activities of the 75th National FFA Convention.

Regional Reports

Regional reports were presented by each of the Regional Presidents or their representative highlighting the events that have taken place as well as highlighting future activities. The regional presidents were commended for an outstanding job.

Chapter Officer Leadership Conferences Report

Audrey Denney, State Reporter, talked about unique events that took place at each of the regional COLC's. She mentioned sectional showcases, two-day conferences, script binders, and the energy displayed by the regional officer teams.

Chapter Visit Update

Mark Aguiar, State Treasurer, informed the committee that the State Officers have visited 103 chapters. During these visits, they presented one of the three lessons they developed. From the north to the south, the State Officers enjoyed seeing California and visiting with members.

Made for Excellence Report

Audrey Denney, State Reporter, shared with the committee brief highlights of the MFE Conferences which were presented by the National FFA.

Advanced Leadership Academy Report

Tyler Blagg, State Sentinel, informed the committee about the ALA's and the focus on the conferences. He asked the committee members if they had heard comments about the conferences. Following input, Tyler informed the committee that at the State Conference, committees will be charged with developing objectives for the ALA and other conferences in California.

State Finals Report

Amber Cleaver, State Secretary, shared with the committee the results of the recently completed Winter State Finals held at Fresno State and Reedley College. At Reedley College, Clovis was victorious in the Natural Resources Contest. At Fresno State, Fowler won the Tree Pruning; Lodi was crowned in Vine Pruning, and Lemoore placed first in Citrus Judging.

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 about the upcoming deadline. She thanked the regions for their input into previous California Inserts.

FFA Foundation Report

Bryan Dodson, State President, provided a few brief comments regarding the California FFA Foundation. He asked the Regional Presidents to review the sponsors list and see if they could identify any potential sponsors.

FFA Adult Board of Directors Report

Mark Aguiar, State Treasurer, shared with the committee the notes from the recent meeting. The highlight was the development of a Memorandum of Understanding between the FFA Foundation and Adult Board or Directors. Also, the Board decided to place a sign on the property signifying the site of the Future FFA Leadership Center.

FFA Center Update

Bryan Dodson, State President, led a discussion on potential fundraising ideas. The goal would be to raise \$500,000, from the current FFA membership. This would show industry sponsors that the current membership is supportive of an FFA Center. After much discussion and many outstanding ideas. It was decided that at Regional Meetings a jar be placed for donations. Chapters could also use the jar idea at the local level for donations. The chapter and region with the most money donated would receive a brick with their name on it at the new FFA Center. All funds will be due at or prior to the Regional Awards Breakfast at the 75th Annual State FFA Leadership Conference.

Amendment Proposals

Proposal 1-Elissa Shipp, Southern Region President, moved and it was seconded to recommend a do pass on the proposal. Motion passed by voice vote.

Proposal 2-Natalie Phipps, San Joaquin Region President, moved and it was seconded to recommend a do pass on the proposal. Jacob Wenger, Past State President, moved and it was seconded to amend the proposal to strike Chapter and insert State. Amendment passed with a voice vote. Tyler Blagg, State Sentinel, moved the Previous Question and it was seconded. Previous Question passed 12 in the affirmative and 0 in the negative. Main motion passed by voice vote.

Proposal 3-Robert Harris, Superior Region President, moved and it was seconded to recommend a do pass on the proposal. Motion passed by voice vote.

Proposal 4-Thomas Bottoms, Central Region President, moved and it was seconded to recommend a do pass on the proposal. Motion passed by voice vote.

Proposal 5-Megan Brownell, South Coast Region President, moved and it was seconded to recommend a do pass on the proposal. Motion passed by voice vote.

Proposal 6-Kristen Heath, North Coast Region Secretary, moved and it was seconded to recommend a do pass on the proposal. Motion passed by voice vote.

Proposal 7-Mark Aguiar, State Treasurer, moved and it was seconded to recommend a do pass on the proposal. Motion passed by voice vote.

Proposal 8-Elissa Shipp, Southern Region President, moved and it was seconded to recommend a do pass on the proposal. Motion passed by voice vote.

Proposal 9-Natalie Phipps, San Joaquin Region President, moved and it was seconded to recommend a do pass on the proposal. Motion passed by voice vote.

Proposal 10-Jacob Wenger, Past State President, moved and it was seconded to recommend a do pass on the proposal. Motion passed by voice vote.

Honorary State Degree

Elissa Shipp, Southern Region President, moved and it was seconded to award the State Star Administrator, State Star Advisor, and State Star Counselor the Honorary State FFA Degree at the convention following their selection as the state star. Motion passed by voice vote.

Natalie Phipps, San Joaquin Region President, moved and it was seconded to confer the Honorary State FFA Degree on Jim Brabeck, Steve Harris, Dick Monteath, George Soares, Roberta Firoved, Jerry Pollard, Jeanette Sturzen, Robert Harmony, Bill Hiney, and the parents of the 2002-2003 State FFA Officers. Jacob Wenger, Past State President, moved and it was seconded to delete Robert Harmony from the list. Amendment passed by voice vote. Mark Aguiar, State Treasurer, moved and it was seconded to delete Bill Hiney from the list. Amendment passed by voice vote. Main motion passed by voice vote.

Distinguished Service Citations

Natalie Phipps, San Joaquin Region President, moved and it was seconded to confer the Distinguished Service Citation on Dennis Albiani, Dave Cogdill, Jim Collin, Manuel Cunha, Dean Flores, Barbara Mathews, and Earl Williams. Jacob Wenger moved and it was seconded to add two institutions of higher learning to the list as selected by the State FFA Officers. Amendment passed by voice vote. Main motion passed by voice vote.

Probation Chapters

Tyler Blagg, State Sentinel, moved and it was seconded to place the following chapters on probation with conditions until such a time as they have cleared their deficiencies. Conditions would be that the chapter could not have voting delegates at the State Conference, members from the Chapter could not participate in State Finals Activities, members could not receive the State Degree, and members could not participate in any other statewide activity. Motion passed by voice vote.

Chapters included: Atwater-Buhach Colony, Davis, Elk Grove-Franklin, La Grange-Don Pedro, Lodi-Tokay, and Modesto from the Central Region. From the North Coast Region we had Brentwood-Liberty, Concord, Crescent City-Del Norte, Half Moon Bay, Oakland-Castlemont. Bakersfield-Liberty, Clovis, Strathmore, and Wasco from the San Joaquin Region. Fillmore, Gardena, Gilroy, Paso Robles, San Fernando, and Van Nuys-Grant from the South Coast Region. Anza-Hamilton, Apple Valley, Calipatria, Fontana, Hemet, La Puente Valley ROP, Mira Loma-Jurupa Valley, Orange, Phelan-Serrano, Quartz Hill, Redlands-Grove, and Vista from the Southern Region. And from the Superior Region we had Loyalton.

Suspended Chapters

Robert Harris, Superior Region President, moved and it was seconded to suspend the charter for Salinas-Alisal. Motion passed by voice vote.

New Chapters

Megan Brownell, South Coast Region President, moved and it was seconded to approve charters for Elk Grove-Franklin, Nipomo, and Waterford. Motion passed by voice vote.

State Degree

Jacob Wenger, Past State President, moved and it was seconded to raise the 1264 individuals submitted to the State FFA Degree. Motion passed by voice vote.

Expense Claims

Mr. Parker passed out expense claim forms to be completed and returned.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.