

California Association FFA
STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the State FFA Advisory Committee commenced at 9:07 a.m. on Monday, February 13, 2003, at the Farm Bureau Office Building in Sacramento, California. Present were Roy Beck, Central Region Representative; Donelle McCallister, North Coast Region Representative; Ralph Mendes, San Joaquin Region Representative; Hugh Mooney, Central Region Representative; Tony Miller, Southern Region Representative; Rick Neugebauer, Superior Region Representative; Kim Arnst, North Coast Region Representative; Kathy Gassen, Southern Region Representative; and Charles Parker, Assistant State FFA Advisor.

Mooney/Neugebauer moved and seconded that the minutes from the October 1, 2002 FFA Advisory Committee Meeting be approved. Motion passed by voice vote.

National FFA Convention Trip

Review of the trip was conducted with the following comments.

1. Need to make arrangements to stay until the end of the closing session.
2. With budget cuts the state sponsored trip may become more beneficial.
3. Inquire about having security guards placed in the elevators during peak use times.
4. Reinforced desire to house California's delegation on the lower floors of the Galt House.

State Leadership Conference

Mr. Parker reviewed the tentative schedule for the 2003 State Leadership Conference. He highlighted changes to the program such as; Addition of State Band, Revised Workshop Schedule; Past State Officer Reunion; FFA Historical Display; Saturday Evening Attire.

FFA Membership Update

Parker reported on the preliminary enrollment numbers. Accurate FFA numbers are not available at this time. However, local program enrollment numbers have been calculated. Projected FFA membership for 2002-2003 is 56,664. This is a slight increase from the 56,204 reported for last year.

Honorary State FFA Degree Nominations and Distinguished Service Citation Nominations

Members were asked to submit any potential names for consideration to the State FFA Executive Committee by February 17.

Integrated Leadership Development Program

Review of the conferences resulted in the following:

1. Immature message was delivered at the ALA Conferences.
2. Participants were treated like kids in the ALA Conferences.
3. Need to review ILDP to focus on specific objectives.
4. Should ALA be an introductory for SLE?
5. California presenters would enhance conferences.
6. Would in be possible to involve industry in the ALA Conferences.

7. Identify specific learning objectives for ALA Conferences.
8. Utilize evening activity to enhance learning.
9. Stockton Hotel needs to be replaced.
10. Identify person who is to coordinate presenters.
11. Set learning bar higher.
12. Establish prices based upon costs for that site.
13. Break students up so that they are not by chapter.
14. MFE was "ok" but not "wow".
15. Forward cost breakdown for Greenhand Conference to Committee members.

Constitutional Amendment Proposals

Parker presented eight proposed amendments. All proposals are to be forwarded to the State FFA Executive Committee for review.

National Issues

Parker reviewed the process for identifying "big" issues for discussion at the National FFA Convention. Possible topics included:

1. What should the National FFA be doing at the Federal Level.

Record Books

Roy Beck raised some concerns regarding record books and evaluation of projects. Concerns raised included:

1. Are we questioning the integrity of the agriculture teacher?
2. What is an agriculture Project? List is to be provided to committee at June meeting.
3. New scorecard should not have been used this year. The course of action was changed in mid-stream, which resulted in some confusion.

On-Line Membership

Hugh Mooney talked about the membership process. Suggestions were:

1. Send email to schools/chapters November 1 if payment/PO has not been received.
2. Some schools paid via check in October but had not received their materials until January.

Agricultural Education Update

Mr. Parker gave a brief update on the status of agricultural education in California. The highlights of his presentation included an update on the Governor's Budget proposal and its effect on agricultural education.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

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AGENDA FEBRUARY 3, 2003

- Review Minutes from October 1, 2002 Meeting
- Agricultural Education Update
- National Convention Follow-up
- State Leadership Conference
- FFA Membership Update
- Advanced Leadership Academy Evaluation
- Made for Excellence Conference Evaluation
- Honorary State FFA Degree Nominations
- Distinguished Service Citation Nominations
- State Constitution Amendment Proposals
- National FFA Issues
- State FFA Center Update
- Other Items
 - a. Record Books
 - b. Membership Report
 - c.
 - d.