

2/16/2004

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

The meeting of the State FFA Executive Committee was called to order by President Nicolina Prestininzi at 9:38 a.m. on February 16, 2004 at the Farm Bureau Office Building in Sacramento. Present were Colette Rose, State Vice President; Lindsay Walsh, State Treasurer; Megan Brownell, State Reporter; Thomas Bottoms, State Sentinel; Nicolina Prestininzi, State President; Lisa Hammerich, North Coast Region President; Megan Jacobsen, San Joaquin Region President; Taraleigh Hoer, Superior Region President; Brian Fiorini, Central Region President; Katy Teixeira, South Coast Region President; Ashley Smith, Southern Region President; Brian Dodson, 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 Nicolina Prestininzi, State FFA President.

**State FFA Executive Committee Minutes**

Taraleigh Hoer, Superior Region President, moved and it was seconded to accept the minutes from the September 30, 2003 State FFA Executive Committee meeting. Motion passed by a voice vote.

**Membership Update**

Thomas Bottoms, State Sentinel, highlighted the current FFA membership in each region. Membership totals are: Central Region – 13,582; North Coast Region – 3,862; San Joaquin Region – 14,558; South Coast Region – 7,398; Southern Region – 11,785; and Superior Region – 7,467.

**National Convention Report**

Colette Rose, State Vice President, presented the report on National Convention. She mentioned the awards won, and shared stories from her experiences. Colette also shared a brief power point presentation of the National Convention and Post Convention Trip to Washington D.C.

**Chapter Officer Leadership Conferences Report**

Thomas Bottoms, State Sentinel, talked about unique events that took place at each of the regional COLC's. Once again, Tommy shared a power point presentation highlighting each of the COLC's conducted.

**State Advisor Report**

Mr. Heuval gave a report highlighting key points within the FFA and Department of Education.

- Better environment that last year at this time.
- Superintendent O'Connell wants to support student organizations.
- Important to continue to educate industry and legislative leaders on the total agricultural education program and how FFA fits.

### **Made for Excellence Report**

Nicolina Prestininzi, State President, shared with the committee brief highlights of the MFE Conferences which were presented. Feedback to this point has been very positive with the recommendation to continue to operate the MFE's as they were operated this year.

Katy Teixeira, South Coast Region President, moved and it was seconded that a "Map of Success" for the Leadership Continuum be developed and shared with all programs. Motion passed by voice vote.

### **Advanced Leadership Academy Report**

Lindsay Walsh, State Treasurer, informed the committee about the ALA's and the focus on the conferences. The conference objectives for 2004-05 are: Each student will 1) be exposed to industry leaders and organizations and understand the important role they play in promoting agriculture, 2) create an understanding of issues that affect the agriculture industry, and 3) develop and present an oral argument on one of the identified issues.

Lisa Hammerich, North Coast Region President, moved and it was seconded to approve the proposed objectives for the Advanced Leadership Academy. Motion passed by voice vote.

### **State Finals Report**

Colette Rose, State Vice President, shared with the committee the results of the recently completed Winter State Finals held at Fresno State. The winning teams were identified as Lemoore in Cotton Judging; Bakersfield-Foothill in Citrus Judging; Lodi-Tokay in Vine Pruning; and Reedley in Tree Pruning.

### **Chapter Visit Update**

Megan Brownell, State Reporter, using a power point presentation shared with the committee some highlights of the 108 visits made by the State Officers. During these visits, the officers presented one of the three lessons they developed. From the north to the south, the State Officers enjoyed seeing California and visiting with members.

### **Regional Reports**

Regional reports were presented by each of the Regional Presidents highlighting the events that have taken place as well as highlighting future activities. The regional presidents were commended for an outstanding job. Refreshments provided hit the spot and once a gain proved how creative the President's could be.

### **New Horizons Report**

Megan Brownell, 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. Megan thanked the regions for their input into previous California Inserts.

### **Industry Visits**

Tommy Bottoms shared with the committee a list of those sights the officers visited as part of their tour. He shared his perception of the success of the visits and recommended that more visits be conducted.

### **FFA Foundation Report**

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

### **FFA Adult Board of Directors Report**

Lindsay Walsh, State Treasurer, shared with the committee the notes from the recent meeting. She talked about the importance of the committee and how they fit into the total FFA program.

### **FFA Center Update**

Colette Rose, State Vice President and Thomas Bottoms, State Sentinel 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 the idea of an FFA Bowl-A-Thon be mentioned. Potential dates are November 13-19. Regional Presidents are to report back at the Executive Committee Meeting prior to State Conference who the Regional contact will be, if the Region is receptive to the idea, and if the dates are appropriate. Additionally, at each region, the Regional Officers are to continue to encourage chapters to either send in funds raised and/or send in their pledge of what they will be committed to raise in the next three years.

### **Amendment Proposals**

Ashley Smith, Southern Region President, moved and it was seconded to recommend a Do Pass on Proposal One. Motion passed by voice vote.

Taraleigh Hoer, Superior Region President, moved and it was seconded to recommend a Do Pass of Proposal Two. Motion passed by voice vote.

Proposal One – State Constitution & By-Laws (State Executive Committee Recommends a Do Pass)

#### Article VI - Section B.1 (State Constitution)

The Board of Directors of the corporation shall consist of ~~fourteen (14)~~ fifteen (15) members.

- (a) State FFA Advisor
- (b) Assistant State FFA Advisor
- (c) Six (6) Agriculture Teachers (*one per each region*)
- (d) Executive Director of the California Agricultural Teachers' Association
- (e) Member of the State Agricultural Education Advisory Committee
- (f) Member of the California FFA Foundation Board of Directors
- (g) Past State FFA Officer
- (h) Agricultural Education Teacher Educator
- (i) Current State FFA Treasurer (ex-officio member)
- (j) Community College Agriculture Teacher

#### Article VIII – Section C.2 (By-Laws)

The term of office of the members shall be three (3) years with the exception of the State FFA Treasurer who shall serve during his/her term as an elected state officer. Individuals shall be elected in groups as follows:

A – San Joaquin; Superior; Assistant State FFA Advisor; and Past State Officer; and Community College Agriculture Teacher

B – Central; South Coast; State FFA Advisor; FFA Foundation; and Teacher Educator

C – North Coast; Southern; CATA Executive Director; and State Ag Advisory

Financial Impact – No Financial Impact to the State FFA Budget.

Proposal Two – State By-Laws (State Executive Committee Recommends a Do Pass)

Article IV – Section D

The official delegates to the national convention shall be the state president and the state vice president. When additional delegates are necessary or when either the current state president or state vice president is unable to serve, the current state officers shall serve as official delegates in order of their respective offices. ~~When additional delegates are necessary, the team of immediate past state officers shall serve in order of their respective offices.~~ Only delegates to the national convention who are members of the current ~~or immediate past~~ state officer team shall receive payment of expenses from the state treasury of the Future Farmers of America.

Financial Impact – Potential savings of \$6,000 in State Budget.

**Honorary State Degree**

Megan Jacobsen, San Joaquin Region President, moved and it was seconded to confer the Honorary State FFA Degree on Marilyn Bailey, Pam Bradshaw, Alan Cover, Al DeRose, Buck McKeon, Niaz Mohamad, Gene Offerman, Jim Porter, Robert Vance, and the parents of the 2003-2004 State FFA Officers. Motion passed by voice vote.

Names to be added for consideration in 2005 are: Mark Bender, Larry Paulsen, Kim Donaher-Oh, Brent Hallock, and Bruce Campbell.

**Distinguished Service Citations**

Katy Teixeira, South Coast Region President, moved and it was seconded to confer the Distinguished Service Citation on King City Agriculture Department, Mark Johnson, Merced College Agriculture Department, O.H. Kruse Milling Company, Pat Ricchiuti, and Shasta College. Motion passed by voice vote.

**New Chapters**

Ashley Smith, Southern Region President, moved and it was seconded to approve charters for Martinez-Alhambra, Stockton-Weston Ranch, Visalia-El Diamante, and Woodland-Pioneer. Motion passed by voice vote.

**Probation Chapters**

Brian Fiorini, Central Region President, 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: Altura-Modoc, Apple Valley, Avenal, Bakersfield-Stockdale, Bell, Benton-High Desert, Canoga Park, Caruthers-MARC, Clovis, Delano, Fillmore, Fresno-Central, Fresno-Washington, Gardena, Harbor City-Narboone, Hemet, Hemet-West Valley, Lancaster-Antelope Valley, Live Oak, Martinez-Alhambra, Marysville, Oakhurst-Yosemite, Oakland-Castlemont, Porterville-Monache, Redlands-Grove, San Fernando, and Van Nuys-Grant.

Taraleigh Hoer, Superior Region President, moved and it was seconded to place Chino on probation for sixty days or until such time as they have fully affiliated. Motion passed by voice vote.