

California Association FFA
STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the State FFA Advisory Committee commenced at 9:25 a.m. on Monday, February 2, 2004, in the Harvest Room 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; Heather Thomas, Superior Region Representative; Kim Arnst, North Coast Region Representative; Kathy Gassen, Southern Region Representative; Miguel Guerra, South Coast Representative; Tommy Bottoms, State FFA Sentinel; David Caetano, San Joaquin Region Representative; Steve DeRose, South Coast Representative; and Charles Parker, Assistant State FFA Advisor.

Mooney/Mendes moved and seconded that the minutes from the September 30, 2003 FFA Advisory Committee Meeting be approved. Motion passed by voice vote.

National FFA Convention

Review of the trip was conducted with the following comments.

1. Try to obtain bus drivers in Washington D.C. who can also serve as tour guides. If this is not possible, then see if retired teachers in the area might be available.
2. Establish a pay structure for students to pay extra so that only two are in a room.

Speaking Finals

Discussion occurred involving the state leadership events help prior to the State Leadership Conference. The following was reported:

1. Prepared Public Speaking Finals (2) will be held on the conference stage in the Fifth General Session.
2. Creed Recitation, Extemporaneous Speaking, and Job Interview will be held on Thursday preceding conference with the final results announced that evening. For Prepared only 3-6 will be announced.
3. State winning Advanced Parli Pro team will be asked to conduct a five minute demonstration in the Second General Session.
4. In Prepared Speaking, the manuscripts will be scored by two judges. Those scores will be provided in all subsequent rounds. The judges may elect to use those scores or score the manuscripts on their own.

State Leadership Conference

The tentative schedule for the 2003 State Leadership Conference was reviewed.

Future conference dates are:

- 2005 April 15-19
- 2006 April 21-25

2007 April 13-17
2008 April 18-22
2009 April 17-21
2010 April 16-29

FFA Membership Update

Preliminary enrollment numbers were presented. Accurate FFA numbers are not available at this time. However, local program enrollment numbers have been calculated. Projected FFA membership for 2003-2004 is 58,652. This is a slight increase from the 56,664 reported for last year.

List was provided of those chapters who are not currently properly affiliated. The list will go to the State FFA Executive Committee for action.

Advanced Leadership Academy

Review was conducted of the proposal for ALA's for the 2004 year. The focus will be on students understanding issues and how to work with others to come to a consensus.

Options to consider for presenters included:

1. Using State FFA Officers.
2. Utilizing College Students.
3. Using immediate Past State Officer Team.

Made for Excellence Conferences

Comments were made regarding the 2004 MFE's presented. The presenters were commended for doing an outstanding job. Suggestions included:

1. Look at skits/acting to see if they really add to the experience. Maybe use to a lesser degree so that you transition into a professional setting.
2. Try to find that line between childish and professional.

Greenhand Conferences

Committee members shared their experiences regarding the Fall Greenhand Conferences. Comments included:

1. Teachers need to deal with other teachers showing up without being registered.
2. Teachers need to deal with other teachers who continually show up late.
3. Try to either list the bio's of the presenters or have them share the information as part of the teaching component.

Sacramento Leadership Experience

Suggested that the application deadline be extended to January 15.

Honorary State FFA Degree Nominations

Brent Hallock, Cal Poly SLO,
Bruce Campbell, South High School

Distinguished Service Citation Nominations

Sonoma-Marín Fair
JD Haskill Company, Tulare
Paula Maita Company, Elk Grove

Constitutional Amendment Proposals

Two proposed amendments were presented. Both proposals are to be forwarded to the State FFA Executive Committee with a recommendation of support from the FFA Advisory Committee.

Proposal One – Adding Community College Teacher to Adult Board of Directors.

Proposal Two – Strike out Past State Officers as Official Delegates to National Convention.

National Issues

No issues have as yet been received from the National FFA.

BIG Issues

The process for identifying “big” issues for discussion at the National FFA Convention was reviewed. Possible topics included:

1. What should the National FFA be doing at the Federal Level. With No Child Left Behind and Perkins reauthorization, how can the membership be involved.

Agricultural Education Update

A brief update on the status of agricultural education in California was presented. The highlights of the presentation included an update on the Governor’s Budget proposal and its effect on agricultural education.

Items for Spring Regional Meetings

1. Testing conflicts with State Leadership Conference.
2. Showing up late for conferences and not adhering to the official dress code.
3. Review State FFA Degree requirements and present any proposals.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22 at Cal Poly.

2004-2005 Meeting dates are:

September 28

February 14

June 21

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FFA STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA FEBRUARY 2, 2004

- ✓ Review Minutes from September 30, 2003 Meeting
- Agricultural Education Update
- ✓ National Convention Follow-up
- ✓ State Speaking Finals
- ✓ State Leadership Conference
- FFA Membership Update
- ✓ State Officer Chapter Visits Evaluation
- ✓ Advanced Leadership Academy Proposal
- ✓ Made for Excellence Conference Evaluation
- Greenhand Conference Evaluation
- ✓ Honorary State FFA Degree Nominations
- ✓ Distinguished Service Citation Nominations
- ✓ State Constitution Amendment Proposals
- ✓ National FFA Issues
- ✓ Identification of "BIG" Issues for National Convention Delegate Process
- ✓ State FFA Center Update
- ✓ Other Items
 - a. Record Book Scorecard
 - b. FFA Emblem Statue
 - c. Manual Corps
 - d. Awards - Consecutive Years
 - e.