

**CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FFA**  
**STATE FFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**FFA ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**ADULT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**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 Grace Berryhill at 9:15 a.m. on September 28, 2004 in the Turf Club at the State Fair Grounds in Sacramento, California. Present were Marcus Hollan, State Vice President; Colleen Bartlett, State Secretary; Katie Robertson, State Treasure; Carey Galliani, State Reporter; Jesse Eller, State Sentinel; Grace Berryhill, State President; Nicolina Prestininzi, Past State President; Nicholas Traini, Central Region President; Lisa Hammerich, North Coast Region President; Landon Friend, San Joaquin Region President; Jimmy Pierce, South Coast Region President; Casey Regan, Southern Region President; Stephen Perry, Superior Region President; Audrey Denney, National Officer Candidate; Charles Parker, Assistant State Advisor; Bob Heuval, State Advisor; Rosco Vaughn, Teacher Educator at Fresno State; Angie Miles, FFA Financial Services Director; Steve DeRose, Arroyo Grande; Rick Neugebauer, McArthur-Fall River; Kristi Mattes, Fresno-Central; Rosemary Vernon, Capital Campaign Director; Donelle McCallister, Kelseyville; Heather Thomas, Colusa; Hugh Mooney, Galt; Larry Wright, Rio Vista; Miguel Guerra, Santa Maria-Righetti; Lloyd Doster, Littlerock; David Caetano, Tulare Union; Tony Miller, La Habra; Louie Brown, Past State Officer; Jim Aschwanden, CATA Executive Director; Roy Beck, Altaville-Bret Harte; Kathy Gassen, Chino-Don Lugo; George Green, Arubckle-Pierce; Al DeRose, Chair Adult Board; and Denise Skidmore, Hilmar Cheese.

The meeting began with a welcome from Grace Berryhill, State FFA President, and introductions by each individual present.

**FFA Advisor Committee Minutes**

Hugh Mooney, Central Region, moved and it was seconded to accept the minutes from the June, 2004 State Advisory Committee meeting. Motion passed by a voice vote.

**State FFA Executive Committee Minutes**

Nicolina Prestininzi, Past State President, moved and it was seconded to accept the minutes from the Spring 2004 Executive Committee meeting. Motion passed by a voice vote.

**State Leadership Conference Minutes**

Marcus Hollan, State FFA Vice President, moved and it was seconded to accept the minutes from the 76<sup>th</sup> State FFA Convention. Motion passed by a voice vote.

**State Conference Report**

Colleen Bartlett, State Secretary, reviewed the recommendations made by the various committees which operated during the 2004 State Leadership Conference.

### **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. Mr. Heuvel shared updates on the funding, teacher shortages, need for public relations, and feedback on the various leadership conferences held throughout the year..

### **San Joaquin Region FFA Report**

Landon Friend, San Joaquin Region President, gave a quick update on the region activities, regional officer experiences, and highlighted upcoming events.

### **National Convention Report**

Katie Robertson, State Treasurer, presented the report on National Convention. There are over 400 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 49 official delegates who will be taking part in the business sessions at the convention. Jesse Eller, State Sentinel, will be serving on the National Nominating Committee. There are 35 individuals traveling to New York with 185 visiting Washington D.C.

### **National Officer Candidate Report**

Audrey Denney, Past State Reporter, gave a brief review of her training to date and her participation in conferences throughout the state. She spoke highly of her experience thus far and was looking forward to continued growth.

### **Chevrolet Leadership Program**

Jesse Eller, State Sentinel, gave brief comments on the new Chevrolet Leadership Development Program. To date 193 local chapters are signed up and participating in the program. Comments included: it is taking over two weeks to get second order of tickets; phone calls to coordinator not being returned; need to have earlier declaration of contacts with dealers; student incentives are unknown; allow program to run entire length of football season; dealer costs seem high for small dealers; local advisor needs to be notified when a dealer says no; and small schools and large schools getting the same number of tickets.

### **New Horizons Report**

Carey Galliani, 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. Carey asked the regional presidents to remind their reporters to look at upcoming deadlines and submit articles in a timely fashion. Due dates for submission of articles are November 10<sup>th</sup>, January 10<sup>th</sup>, and February 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Board of Directors Report**

Al DeRose, Chairman of the Board, presented the Board of Directors Report. He discussed the increase in surplus of the budget and commended the past state officers for their service to the members in California.

### **FFA Center**

Rosemary Vernon presented a brief report on the progress of the FFA center. The Capital Campaign Committee is continuing to identify potential sponsors. Groundbreaking is scheduled for February 22, 2005.

### **National Convention Delegate Training**

Marcus Hollan, State Vice President, shared that on September 27, 2004 the national convention delegates had their delegate training. During the training the delegates discussed the six issues they will be facing at the convention. After some lengthy debates, the delegates developed a position for California on each issue. The issues and positions are as follows:

1. Creation of Bi-Cameral (House and Senate) Delegate Assembly - The delegates recommend that California oppose this issue.
2. Clarification on FFA Membership Requirements - The delegates recommend that California oppose this issue.
3. Improvement of Official Dress at National Convention - The delegates recommend that California take a no stance on this issue.
4. Change Reporter's Part in Opening Ceremonies - The delegates recommend that California oppose this issue.
5. Development of a National Service Project - The delegates recommend that California support this issue.
6. Increase Non-Traditional Student Enrollment - The delegates recommend that California support this issue.

### **Superior Region FFA Report**

Stephen Perry, Superior Region President, provided an update on the happenings within the Superior Region.

### **Lunch**

A Box Lunch was provided and the participants elected to take a working lunch.

### **Chapter Status Report**

Carey Galliani, State Reporter, moved and it was seconded to place San Fernando on probation with the condition that they send three students to the 2005 State Leadership Conference with two of these students serving as official delegates. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Nicolina Prestininzi, Past State President, moved and it was seconded to suspend the charter at Sacramento-Luther Burbank. Motion passed by a voice vote.

### **South Coast Region FFA Report**

The South Coast Report was presented by Jimmy Pierce, Regional President. Jimmy shared what the South Coast has been doing and what is in their future plans.

### **FFA Advisory Committee Report**

David Caetano, Chairman, gave a quick update on the Advisory Committee. He also wanted to commend the officers for scheduling a meeting where all of the various groups can get together and develop uniform positions. Mr. Caetano asked for an update on the 15 passenger van issue. Effective January 1, 2005, to operate a 15 passenger van you will need to possess a Class B license. In addition, local school insurance policies may not cover 15 passenger vans.

### **State Officer Reports**

A Power Point presentation was given by the State Officers on their travels to date. Reports were given on Blast-Off Training, CATA Conference, NLCSO, ROLC, SOLS, SPC, and State Officer Training.

### **Central Region FFA Report**

Nicholas Traini, Central Region President, provided details of the growth undertaken by the current Regional Officers. Nick also shared their plans for the upcoming COLC to be held at Beyer High School.

### **North Coast Region FFA Report**

Lisa Hammerich, Regional President, took a few moments to share with the group the happenings in the North Coast Region.

### **Southern Region FFA Report**

Casey Regan, Southern President, gave a brief update on what is going on in the Southern Region.

### **February Meeting**

Carey Galliani, State Report, shared a vision for the revised February meeting. This year, the meeting will be held on February 21 and 22, 2005. All Regional Officers will be invited and a follow-up to the ROLC will be conducted. Regional Officers will attend the Legislative Breakfast and will take part in training for the upcoming State Leadership Conference. It was suggested that the State FFA Advisory Committee meet on the 22<sup>nd</sup> so that they may be present for the official groundbreaking of the FFA Center. Other ideas included; barbeque lunch, dinner dance, and development of a proclamation.

### **Expense Claims**

Colleen Bartlett shared the expense claim process to all Regional Presidents.

### **Other Information**

Mr. Parker handed out information on membership numbers, chapter visit schedule, and award application review process.

GPA proposed change from 2.0 to 2.5

South Coast and Southern reported that their teachers were opposed to the change.

70-80% change on record book score

South Coast in support of the change (60% to 40%)

Mandating at least one representative from district for supervision at state conference

South Coast in support of the requirement.

Fund Raising at Career Show at State Conference

South Coast and Superior opposed to idea.

Creed winner as demo at State Conference

South Coast supports the proposal.

Prepared Speaking final two on stage

South Coast supports the proposal.

Extemp final two on stage

South Coast supports the proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.