

California Association FFA
STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the State FFA Advisory Committee commenced at 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, February 24, 2005, in the Harvest Room at the Farm Bureau Office Building in Sacramento, California. Present were Roy Beck, Central Representative; Donelle McCallister, North Coast Representative; Ralph Mendes, San Joaquin Representative; Hugh Mooney, Central Representative; Kim Arnst, North Coast Representative; Kathy Gassen, Southern Representative; Miguel Guerra, South Coast Representative; David Caetano, San Joaquin Representative; Ken Harris, San Joaquin Supervisor; Greg Beard, South Coast Supervisor; Jean Landeen, Central Supervisor, Josiah Mayfield, Foothill FFA; Isaac Robles, Porterville FFA; Jim Smith, Eureka FFA; Jeanette Sturzen, Superior Supervisor; and Charles Parker, Assistant State FFA Advisor.

Mooney/Beck moved and seconded that the minutes from the September 28, 2004 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 room chapters not part of the organized trip on a different floor or make sure that they understand they must follow all California rules.
2. Forward to National FFA request for them to work with rental car agencies in Indianapolis to insure that there are adequate supplies of vans for use during National Convention.
3. Inquire to see if Indy promotional video is available for use at Section, Region, etc. meetings.

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 again be held on the conference stage.
2. Creed winner will present the Creed on Stage during one of the Sessions.
3. State winning Advanced Parli Pro team will be conduct a five minute demonstration on stage during one of the sessions.
4. Judges table be placed near the stage in the center to facilitate contestants ability to recognize judges locations.

State Leadership Conference

The tentative schedule for the 2005 State Leadership Conference was reviewed.

Future conference dates are:

2006	April 22-25	2008	April 19-22	2010	April 17-20
2007	April 14-17	2009	April 18-21		

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 2004-2005 is 63,361. This is an increase of 4,047 from what was reported last year.

Advanced Leadership Academy

Review was conducted of the ALA's delivered in January/February, 2005.

Consensus was that the ALA was well received by the students, they enjoyed the curriculum and that it was at the appropriate age level. One suggestion would be to rotate the topic (ie: Ag Literacy) with another hot topic so that those Junior who return as Seniors will not be bored.

Made for Excellence Conferences

Comments were made regarding the 2005 MFE's presented. Suggestions included:

1. Presenters should be dressed in business attire.
2. Activities and materials tended to be below age of those attending.
3. Look into writing own curriculum rather than using the National format.

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. Concern still exists regarding 10, 11, and even 12th grade students attending.

Honorary State FFA Degree Nominations

Reviewed the list of Honorary State FFA Degree nominees approved by the State FFA Executive Committee.

Billy Cox	Margie Fanconi	A.G. Kawamura
Kim Donaher-Oh	Jack Havens	Rich Mead
State Officer Parents		

Distinguished Service Citation Nominations

Reviewed the list of Distinguished Service Citation nominees approved by the State FFA Executive Committee.

Excellence in Presentations	Indio High School
Farm Credit Associations	Lemoore High School

Constitutional Amendment Proposals

Reviewed the one proposed amendment approved by the State FFA Executive Committee.

Proposal One – For Nominating Committee change eligibility from Junior/Senior to Senior Only. (State Executive Committee Recommends a DO NOT PASS)

National Issues

Reviewed the one item forwarded for consideration by the National FFA.

Proposal One – Including as part of the approval process that 50% of the states must approve an amendment prior to it being adopted.

Other Items

Beck/Mendes moved and seconded that the Advisor plaques presented by the State Officers to their specific advisors be sponsored by the FFA as part of the conference budget. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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AGENDA FEBRUARY 24, 2005

- Review Minutes from September 28, 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 Evaluation
- 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
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