

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 Jimmy Pierce at 9:05 a.m. on September 27, 2005 in the Conference Room at the California Farm Bureau Office in Sacramento, California. Present were Stephanie Obad, State Vice President; Natalie Ryan, State Secretary; Daniel Bays, State Treasurer; Beatriz Campuzano, State Reporter; Beau Williamson, State Sentinel; Jimmy Pierce, State President; Grace Berryhill, Past State President; Courtney Stevens, Central Region President; Kyle Avelar, North Coast Region President; Jesse Garcia, San Joaquin Region President; Nessie Early, South Coast Region President; Kelsey Rice, Southern Region President; Gabriel Bradley, Superior Region President; Charles Parker, Assistant State Advisor; Bob Heuval, State Advisor; Rosco Vaughn, Teacher Educator at Fresno State; Angie Barnes, 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; David Caetano, Tulare Union; Sherri Freeman, Warner Springs; Jim Aschwanden, CATA Executive Director; Roy Beck, Altaville-Bret Harte; Kathy Gassen, Chino-Don Lugo; George Green, Arubckle-Pierce; Al DeRose, Chair Adult Board; Kim Arnst, Petaluma; Ralph Mendes, Bakersfield-Foothill; Vernon Clark, Foothill FFA; Mike Clark, Foothill FFA; Johnny Esquer, Calxico; Dick Piersma, Hilmar; and Carly Duetshke, Student Teacher at Bret Harte HS.

The meeting began with a welcome from Jimmy Pierce, 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, 2005 State Advisory Committee meeting. Motion passed by a voice vote.

State FFA Executive Committee Minutes

Natalie Ryan, State FFA Secretary, moved and it was seconded to accept the minutes from the Spring 2005 Executive Committee meeting. Motion passed by a voice vote.

State Leadership Conference Minutes

Jesse Garcia, San Joaquin Region FFA President, moved and it was seconded to accept the minutes from the 77th State FFA Leadership Conference. Motion passed by a voice vote.

State Advisor Report

Mr. Heuval gave a report highlighting key points within the FFA and Department of Education. Mr. Heuvel shared updates on funding, membership, and the staffing within the Agricultural Education Unit.

State Officer Reports

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

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. It is hoped that all permits will be obtained in the next few weeks and that construction will begin by the end of October. At this time, it is projected to cost \$3.7 million for Phase One of the FFA Center.

Betty Bushong Memorial Scholarship

Beau Williamson, State FFA Sentinel, moved and it was seconded that one half of the trust be used for the FFA College Scholarship Fund with the remaining one half to be used for Conference Scholarships. Jesse Garcia, San Joaquin Region FFA President, moved to amend motion by inserting before trust "interest earned on the". Amendment passed by voice vote. Main motion as amended passed by voice vote.

Natalie Ryan, State FFA Secretary, moved and it was seconded that the funds set aside for Conference Scholarships be used as follows: 7 scholarships at \$400 each for National Convention, 3 scholarships at \$400 each for Washington Leadership Conference, and 20 scholarships at \$100 each for the State FFA Leadership Conference. Recipients will be selected based on an application with re-evaluation occurring at the 2006 Fall State FFA Executive Committee Meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.

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.

State Conference Report

Bertriz Campuzano, State FFA Reporter, reviewed the recommendations made by the various committees which operated during the 2005 State Leadership Conference. Beatriz also reviewed ideas to enhance the conference dance. Finally, a video of the 2004 conference was shown.

Central Region FFA Report

Courtney Stevens, Central Region President, provided details of the growth undertaken by the current Regional Officers and shared the upcoming schedule for the Central Region.

Hometown Leadership Program

Daniel Bays, State FFA Treasurer, gave brief comments on the Hometown Leadership Development Program. With the changes in the program, there are fewer chapters participating with fewer dealers involved. However, the goal of the program is to still to raise over \$100,000 for the FFA Center.

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.

Award Applications Scorecards

Natalie Ryan, State FFA Secretary, passed out copies of the scorecards that will be used with the revised award applications. Committee members are asked to review the scorecards and forward any recommendations to Mr. Parker prior to October 15.

Superior Region FFA Report

Gabriel Bradley, Superior Region President, provided an update on the happenings within the Superior Region.

National Convention Delegate Training

Stephanie Obad, State FFA Vice President, shared that on September 26, 2005 the national convention delegates had their delegate training. During the training the fifty-two delegates discussed the nine issues they will be discussing at the upcoming National Convention. After some lengthy debates, the delegates developed the following recommendations for California. The issues and recommendations are as follows:

1. Review FFA's Public Charter and Determine if Changes are Needed - The delegates recommend that California support this issue.
2. Establish a Chapter Award Program for "American Heritage" Activities - The delegates recommend that California take a no stance on this issue.
3. Re-establish the Work Experience Abroad Program - The delegates recommend that California oppose this issue.
4. Increase Opportunities for Middle School Members - The delegates recommend that California oppose this issue.
5. Update Official Dress Wording in FFA Manual to Eliminate Gender Discrimination - The delegates recommend that California oppose this issue.
6. Add a Community Service Requirement to FFA Degrees - The delegates recommend that California support this issue.
7. Upgrade Recruiting Materials, Especially Videos – The delegates recommend that California support this issue.
8. Develop a Biotechnology/Genetics CDE – The delegates recommend that California support this issue.
9. Increase the Amount of Dollars Earned to Attain the American FFA Degree – The delegates recommend that California oppose this issue.

It was suggested that the committee look on the web site for additional information on the delegate issues. The site to look at is www.ffa.org/statestaff/so/delegates/

San Joaquin Region FFA Report

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

National Convention Report

Beau Williamson, State FFA Sentinel, 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 52 official delegates who will be taking part in the business sessions at the convention. Stephanie Obad, State FFA Vice President, will be serving on the National Nominating Committee with Grace Berryhill, Past State FFA President, striving to be a National FFA Officer.

Special Guest Speaker

Rachel Fehringer, Manager of Marketing for the California Farm Bureau and past National FFA Officer from Colorado spoke to the committee about the possibilities available within the Farm Bureau and offered her assistance in any upcoming activities in which her services could be of value. Jimmy thanked Rachel for her comments and welcomed her to California.

National Officer Candidate Report

Grace Berryhill, Past State FFA President, 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 and representing California in the process.

FFA Foundation Report

Jimmy Pierce, State FFA President, reported on the happenings with the State FFA Foundation. Jimmy suggested that committee members look on the www.calaged.org page and click on the FFA Foundation link to stay up to date on sponsors.

North Coast Region FFA Report

Kyle Avelar, Regional FFA President, took a few moments to share with the group the happenings in the North Coast Region.

New Horizons Report

Beatriz Campuzano, State FFA 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. Beatriz asked the regional presidents to remind their reporters to look at upcoming deadlines and submit articles in a timely fashion.

Southern Region FFA Report

Kelsey Rice, Southern Region FFA President, gave a brief update on what is going on in the Southern Region.

Chapter Status Report

Stephanie Obad, State FFA Vice President, moved and it was seconded to suspend/revoke the charters at Caruthers-MARC, Fremont-School for the Deaf, Martinez-Alhambra and La Puente-Nogales. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Beau Williamson, State FFA Sentinel, moved and it was seconded to place Crescent City-Del Norte and Oakland-Castlemont on probation with the condition that they send three students to the 2006 State FFA Leadership Conference with two of these students serving as official delegates and that they have a minimum of two students present at the North Coast FFA Spring Regional Meeting. Motion passed by a voice vote.

FFA Finances Update

Natalie Ryan, State FFA Secretary, moved and it was seconded that the State FFA Executive Committee recommend to the Adult Board of Directors that the surplus funds from the 2004-2005 State FFA Budget be placed into an account for appliances, furniture and other items not part of the FFA Center Campaign. Motion passed by voice vote.

South Coast Region FFA Report

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

Expense Claims

Natalie Ryan, State FFA Secretary, shared the expense claim process to all Regional Presidents.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.