

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FFA
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES

The meeting of the State FFA Executive Committee was called to order by President Jimmy Pierce at 10:00 a.m. on February 20, 2006 at the Farm Bureau Office Building in Sacramento. Present were Stephanie Obad, State Vice President; Natalie Ryan, State Secretary; Daniel Bays, State Treasure; Beatriz Campuzano, State Reporter; Beau Williamson, State Sentinel; Grace Berryhill, Past State President; Kyle Avelar, North Coast Region President; Jesse Garcia, San Joaquin Region President; Gabriel Bradley, Superior Region President; Courtney Stevens, Central Region President; Nessie Early, South Coast Region President; Kelsey Rice, Southern Region President; Bob Heuvel, State FFA Advisor; Mr. Josiah Mayfield, Foothill FFA Advisor; Vernon Clark, Foothill FFA; and Charles Parker, Assistant State Advisor.

The Opening Ceremony was conducted by the State FFA Officers and the meeting began with a welcome from Jimmy Pierce, State FFA President.

Following the welcome, Jimmy proceeded directly into the items of business.

State FFA Executive Committee Minutes

Gabriel Bradley, Superior Region President, moved and it was seconded to accept the minutes from the September 27, 2005 State FFA Executive Committee meeting. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Officer Reports

The current State Officers provided a report on each of the following items.

- 1) Membership Update - Current membership number is 63,430 with six chapters still missing rosters.
- 2) National FFA Convention - Move to Indianapolis will provide a different feel than Louisville. The convention activities will be spread out in the downtown area providing more opportunities for students.
- 3) Chapter Officer Leadership Conferences - Officers appreciated the opportunity to work with Regional Officers in delivering a mixture of workshops to help the local chapter officers.
- 4) Chapter Visits - The team visited over 100 chapters, traveling in all six regions in California. Through the travels, the officers gained a broader understanding of the agriculture industry and an appreciation for the local communities.
- 5) Made for Excellence Conference and Advanced Leadership Academies - Summaries of the evaluations were presented to the committee. A six site will be added for 2007 in the South Coast Region with a possible seventh site being considered in the North Coast Region.
- 6) State FFA Finals - Five state finals have been held with five different chapters being crowned as state champions. State winners were: Riverdale in Cotton Judging; Mariposa in Natural Resources; Porterville in Citrus Judging; Paso Robles in Grapevine Pruning; and Fowler in Fruit Tree Pruning.
- 7) New Horizons Insert - The due dates have all come and gone and all that remains is the final insert for the 2005-2006 year. Regional Presidents should remind their newly elected Reporters to work with Mr. Beard in providing regional updates in a timely manner.

- 8) Industry Tours - The State Officers have had the privilege to visit seven industry leaders in an effort to become advocates for the industry. From financial institutions to over sixteen hundred acres of nursery stock, the Officers were able to meet with many outstanding industry leaders.
- 9) FFA Foundation - The Foundation Board is in the process of evaluating the possible expansion of the current Board. A larger Board could enhance fund raising and bring a more diverse group to the table for discussions.
- 10) FFA Adult Board of Directors - The Adult Board recently approved the purchase of two sound systems for use in delivering conferences. The Board also approved the purchase of a laptop computer for use by the FFA staff.

Regional Reports

Each of the regional presidents gave an update on the happenings within their regions.

Superior Region Report – Gabriel Bradley, Region President

Using a power point presentation Gabe focused on National Convention, Goodwill Tour, Holiday Dinner, Regional Officer Screening, and highlighted upcoming dates of importance.

Central Region Report – Courtney Stevens, Region President

Again, utilizing a power point presentation, Courtney shared with the committee her teams involvement in Regional Officer Interviewing, Speaking Preliminaries, Proficiency Scoring, Sectional Officer Leadership Conference, and the upcoming regional events.

South Coast Region Report – Nessie Early, Region President

Nessie gave an update on her region by highlighting Chapter Officer Leadership Conference, Regional Officer Planning Meetings, and drew attention to the important events yet to come.

Southern Region Report – Kelsey Rice, Region President

In her report, Kelsey highlighted SoCal, Officer Screening, and the Christmas Dinner as events that have occurred since the last meeting. Kelsey also shared with the committee upcoming dates of interest.

San Joaquin Region Report – Jesse Garcia, Region President

Jesse shared with the committee reports on the Fall Meeting, Regional Officer Screening and the addition of a new Section. Jesse also shared upcoming dates of importance.

North Coast Region Report – Kyle Avelar, Region President

The North Coast Report highlighted the State Degree Scoring and Proficiency Scoring. Kyle also listed upcoming events in the region.

State Leadership Conference

Following the distribution of the Tentative Conference Schedule, the committee reviewed the report from the Delegate Committee Chairs. The Chairs recommended consideration be given to five “Big Issues” to be discussed at State Conference. The issues were 1) FFA Degree Requirements; 2) Promotion of the FFA; 3) Member Involvement at All Levels; 4) Effect of New Standards on Agriculture Programs; 5) Sectional Officers; and 6) the FFA Uniform. The Executive Committee added to the list 7) Delegate Process.

Gabe Bradley, Superior Region President, moved and it was seconded to adopt issues 1, 3, 4, and 5 for discussion at the upcoming State Leadership Conference.

Kelsey Rice, Southern Region President, moved and it was seconded to amend the motion by striking 4 and inserting issue 7. Amendment Passed by voice vote.

Main motion passed by voice vote.

Proposed State Amendments

Amendment Proposal One (Changing GPA needed for State Degree from 2.0 to 2.5)

Jesse Garcia, San Joaquin Region President, moved and it was seconded to recommend a Do Pass on Proposal One. Motion failed by voice vote.

Nessie Early, South Coast Region President, moved and it was seconded to recommend a Do Not Pass on Proposal One. Motion passed by voice vote.

Amendment Proposal Two (Changing the recordbook score needed for the State Degree from 70% to 80%)

Daniel Bays, State FFA Treasurer, moved and it was seconded to recommend a Do Not Pass on Proposal Two. Motion passed by voice vote.

Amendment Proposal Three (Cleaning up By-Laws to assign two delegates per chapter to committee work.

Natalie Ryan, State FFA Secretary, moved and it was seconded to recommend a Do Pass on Proposal Three. Motion passed by voice vote.

Amendment Proposal Four (Appointment of Program of Work Committee Chair by the State President)

Stephanie Obad, State FFA Vice President, moved and it was seconded to recommend a Do Pass on Proposal Four. Motion passed by voice vote.

Amendment Proposal Five (Appointment of Finance and Audit Committee Chair by the State President)

Jesse Garcia, San Joaquin Region President, moved and it was seconded to recommend a Do Pass on Proposal Five. Motion passed by voice vote.

Amendment Proposal Six (Two Delegates must sign-in at Voting Booths)

Nessie Early, South Coast Region President, moved and it was seconded to recommend a Do Pass on Proposal Six. Motion passed by voice vote.

Amendment Proposal Seven (To serve on the State Nominating Committee a member must hold the State FFA Degree)

Gabriel Bradley, Superior Region President, moved and it was seconded to recommend a Do Pass on Proposal Seven. Motion passed by voice vote.

National FFA Amendment Proposals

Jesse Garcia, San Joaquin Region President, moved and it was seconded that California be opposed to having all amendments ratified by a majority of states. Motion passed by voice vote.

Distinguished Service Citations

Gabriel Bradley, Superior Region President, moved and it was seconded to confer the Distinguished Service Citation on Boswell Farms, Cal Poly Pomona College of Agriculture,

Harris Ranch, U.C. Davis College of Agriculture and Paul Venusdel. Motion passed by voice vote.

Honorary State Degree

Gabriel Bradley, Superior Region President, moved and it was seconded to confer the Honorary State FFA Degree on Angie Barnes, Delores Cabezut-Ortiz, Bob Clouse, Sharlene Garcia, P. J. Lococo, Abel Maldonado, Charles Poochigian, Michael Spiess and Roscoe Vaughn.

Jesse Garcia, San Joaquin Region President, moved and it was seconded to include the 2005-2006 State Officer Parents. Amendment passed by voice vote.

Jesse Garcia, San Joaquin Region President, moved and it was seconded to include Mark Nower and Jeff Tasse if they have not previously received the honor. Amendment passed by voice vote.

Grace Berryhill, Past State President, moved and it was seconded to delete Abel Maldonado and Charles Poochigian. Amendment passed by voice vote.

Jesse Garcia, San Joaquin Region President, moved and it was seconded to insert Bonnie Reiss. Amendment failed by voice vote.

Daniel Bays, State FFA Treasurer, moved and it was seconded to delete Delores Cabezut-Ortiz. Amendment failed by voice vote.

Main motion as amended passed by voice vote.

Distinguished Service

Jesse Garcia, San Joaquin Region President, moved and it was seconded to reconsider the motion on the Distinguished Service Citations. Motion passed by voice vote.

Courtney Stevens, Central Region President, moved and it was seconded to add Mark Bender, Larry Paulson, Sharlene Garcia and Bonnie Reiss to the Distinguished Service list. Amendment failed by voice vote. Division was called with hand vote taken. Motion failed 3 in support and 8 in opposition.

Stephanie Obad, State FFA Vice President, moved and it was seconded to include Bonnie Reiss on the Distinguished Service list. Amendment passed by voice vote.

Main motion as amended passed by voice vote.

New Chapters

Beatriz Campuzano, State FFA Reporter, moved and it was seconded to approve charters for San Juan Bautista-Anzar, Yuba City-River Valley, Porterville-Citrus, Elk Grove-Pleasant Grove, Ceres-Central Valley and Coleville as well as reinstatement of New Cuyama-Cuyama Valley, Riverbank, and Upper Lake. Motion passed by voice vote.

Probation Chapters

Natalie Ryan, State FFA Secretary, moved and it was seconded to place the following chapters on probation with the following 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: La Grange-Don Pedro, Eureka, Napa-Vintage, Riverdale, Visalia-Redwood, Bell, San Fernando, Soledad, Sylmar, Anga-Hamilton, Bloomington, Buena Park, Escondido-Orange Glen, Fontana, Hemet-West Valley, Lancaster-Antelope Valley, Quartz Hill, Redlands-Grove, Valley Center, and Olivehurst-South Lindhurst. Motion passed by voice vote.

State Degree

Courtney Stevens, Central Region President, moved and it was seconded to raise the confer the State Degree to the 1,397 applicants. Motion passed by voice vote.

Expense Claims

Mr. Parker passed out expense claim forms to be completed and returned.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.