

California Association FFA
STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the State FFA Advisory Committee commenced at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 13, 2006, in the Harvest Room at the Farm Bureau Office Building in Sacramento, California. Present were Donelle McCallister, North Coast Representative; Ralph Mendes, San Joaquin Representative; Hugh Mooney, Central Representative; Kim Arnst, North Coast Representative; Miguel Guerra, South Coast Representative; Heather Thomas, Superior Representative; Rick Neugebauer, Superior Representative; Sherri Freeman, Southern Representative and Charles Parker, Assistant State FFA Advisor.

Neugebauer/Mooney moved and seconded that the minutes from the September 27, 2005 FFA Advisory Committee Meeting be approved. Motion passed by voice vote.

National FFA Convention

Review of the move to Indianapolis was conducted with the following comments.

1. Main sessions will be in Conseco Field House with alternative events being held in the RCA Dome.
2. Advisors are encouraged to pay close attention to the National FFA Web Page for details on parking.
3. Try to develop a form or organize a meeting for the early trip participants and for the regular trip participants who have tickets for activities Wednesday evening. If this does not work, then consider holding the orientation meeting as the participants get off the bus and prior to them obtaining room keys..

Speaking Finals

The committee was informed that the Prepared Speaking finals would be held as they were last year. In addition, the State Creed winner will recite the creed on stage.

State Leadership Conference

The tentative schedule for the 2006 State Leadership Conference was reviewed. Suggestions included:

1. Inquire with Lassen College about being part of the Sunday Dinner.
2. Allow for the conference t-shirt to be used as the conference badge at the Saturday Night Bash.

Probation Chapters

Reviewed the list of chapters subject to being placed on probation at the State FFA Executive Committee.

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 2005-2006 is anticipated to be 63,500.

Chapter Visit Review

It was recommended that an evaluation form be emailed to teachers following the visit by a State Officer.

Advanced Leadership Academy and Made for Excellence Conferences

Recommendation was made to make every effort to room advisors close to their students. It was also

suggested that an identification form (wrist bands) be developed for use at the dances. Review was conducted of the ALA's delivered in January/February, 2005.

Greenhand Conferences

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

1. Pyramid activity was a hit.
2. Add a Greenhand Conference in the North Coast Region.
3. Add to information policy on chapters arriving late and departing early.

Honorary State FFA Degree Nominations

Reviewed the list of suggested Honorary State FFA Degree nominees.

Distinguished Service Citation Nominations

Reviewed the list of potential Distinguished Service Citation nominees.

Constitutional Amendment Proposals

Reviewed the proposed amendments to be forwarded to the State FFA Executive Committee.

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.

Big Issues

Potential "BIG ISSUES" to be considered by the State Executive Committee include:

State Degree Dollar Requirements
Hotels at Conference
Bidding State Conference
Impact of No Child Left Behind on Ag Programs

Leadership Program

Possible incentives for ticket sales:

I Pods
Personal DVD Players

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.