

California Association FFA
STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the State FFA Advisory Committee commenced at 1:05 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2006, in room 52B05 at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, California. Present were Kim Arnst, North Coast Region Representative; Ralph Mendes, San Joaquin Region Representative; Heather Thomas, Superior Region Representative; Hugh Mooney, Central Region Representative; Michael Clifford, South Coast Region Representative; Roy Beck, Central Region Representative; Sherri Freeman, Southern Region Representative; David Caetano, San Joaquin Region Representative; Charles Parker, Assistant State FFA Advisor; Jesse Garcia, State FFA President; Nessie Early, State FFA Vice President; Kaytlin Smith, State FFA Secretary; Ryan Amaral, State FFA Treasurer; Ellie Titus, State FFA Reporter; and Matthew Johnson, State FFA Sentinel.

Mooney moved and it was seconded that the minutes from the February FFA Advisory Committee Meeting be approved. Motion passed by voice vote.

State Leadership Conference Review

Reviewed the online conference evaluation results. This year over 450 individuals took the time to complete the evaluation. Highest rated items were the fireworks and laser show with the lowest rated items being the bus transportation and the meals. Major items:

1. Sound was too loud.
2. Video's were too violent.
3. Sunday night all participant dinner was a hit.

Also distributed was the Delegate Committee Feedback Report. This report listed all items arising from the delegate committee meetings. This document, once addressed at the Fall State FFA Executive Committee Meeting will be placed on calaged.org.

Advanced Leadership Academy/Made for Excellence

Evaluation summary for both ALA and MFE's were reviewed. Major recommendation is to improve the quality of the workbooks as they still tend to be a little childish.

This year a new conference will be held in San Luis Obispo at the Embassy Suites the first weekend in February.

Greenhand Conferences

Distributed the priorities list for Greenhand Conferences. For 2006 there will be a site in Petaluma replacing a site in Fresno.

California Association of Resource Conservation District Speaking Contest

For more information go to www.carcd.org/opportunity/speakoff.htm.

FFA Membership

California's membership for 2005-06 is an all time high at 64,273. This represents a 41% increase over the past ten years. Largest chapter in 2005-06 was Fresno-Central with 738 members. Average size of a chapter in California is 201.

American Degree Summary

For 2006 281 applications were forwarded to National FFA for consideration. Top chapters were: Porterville-14; Elk Grove-12; and Tulare Western-10

ACTION ITEM

Moved by Beck and seconded to recommend to Cal Poly that they review possible avenues to conduct the State Finals Awards Ceremony earlier. Motion passed 4 in the affirmative and 3 in the opposition. Suggestions included:

Have two awards ceremonies with one starting earlier followed by the second ceremony.
Start current awards format earlier.

ITEM FOR REVIEW

Caetano asked the committee to conduct an informal review with teachers in their regions regarding enlarging the State FFA Officer Team. i.e. How many should there be? Would the current system change? What would be the added costs? Etc.. Committee members should be ready to report back at the February meeting with results and recommendations.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.