

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FFA
STATE FFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE and
FFA ADVISOR COMMITTEE
MINUTES

The meeting of the State FFA Executive Committee and the State FFA Advisor Committee was called to order by President Jesse Garcia at 7:10 a.m. on February 21, 2007 in the Jerry T. Davis Board Room at the California FFA Center in Galt, California. Present were Nessie Early, State Vice President; Kaytlin Smith, State Secretary; Ryan Amaral, State Treasurer; Ellie Titus, State Reporter; Matthew Johnson, State Sentinel; Jesse Garcia, State President; Jimmy Pierce, Past State President; David Jones, Central Region President; Sienna Fry, North Coast Region President; Vernon Clark, San Joaquin Region President; Michelle Jimenez, South Coast Region President; Levy Randolph, Southern Region President; Brian Vorhis, Superior Region President; Bob Heuvel, State Advisor; Charles Parker, Assistant State Advisor; Hugh Mooney, Galt; David Caetano, Tulare Union; Sherri Freeman, Warner Springs; Roy Beck, Altaville-Bret Harte; Ralph Mendes, Bakersfield-Foothill; Miguel Guerra, Santa Maria-Righetti; Katie Alling, Grass Valley-Nevada Union; Michael Clifford, Lompoc; Randy Mendes, St. Helena; and Rick Neugebauer, McArthur-Fall River.

Executive Committee and Advisory Committee Minutes

Kaytlin Smith, State Secretary, moved and it was seconded to accept the minutes from the September 26, 2007 meeting as submitted. Motion passed by voice vote.

Reports

Jesse informed the committee members that due to limited time, all reports are in written form and included in the packet of information distributed as they entered the meeting room. Reports include:

FFA Foundation Board Meeting Report	Chapter Visit Report
FFA Adult Board of Directors Report	Chapter Office Leadership Conference Report
New Horizons Insert Report	National Convention Report
Industry Tours Report	Central Region FFA Update
Fresno State Mid-Winter State Finals Report	North Coast Region FFA Update
Made for Excellence Report	San Joaquin Region FFA Update
Advanced Leadership Academy Report	South Coast Region FFA Update

State Leadership Conference

The tentative schedule was presented. Major changes include potential movie night, rotation of the regional awards breakfasts, and upgrades in sound, lights, and video production.

Honorary State Degree

Ellie Titus, State Reporter, moved and it was seconded to elect Richard Denier, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Rosemary Vernon, Dick Piersma, and the State Officer Parents to the Honorary State FFA Degree. Motion passed by voice vote.

David Jones, Central Region President, moved and it was seconded to elect Larry Paulson, Michael Tescano and Darrol Fishman to the Honorary State FFA Degree. David Jones, Central Region President, moved to strike out Larry Paulson and Michael Tescano. Amendment Passed by voice vote. Main motion Fails 3 in favor and 8 in the opposition.

Distinguished Service Citations

Nessie Early, State Vice President, moved and it was seconded to present the Distinguished Service Citation to Colusa Fairgrounds; Delta College; Eureka High School; Exeter High School; Fresno State University Ag One Foundation; Sonora High School in La Habra; San Luis Obispo High School and Western Farm Service. Ellie Titus moved to amend the motion by striking Western Farm Service. Amendment passed by voice vote. Main motion passed by voice vote.

Administrator, Advisor and Counselor Program

Nessie Early, State Vice President, moved and it was seconded to rescind a previous motion to automatically bestow the Honorary State FFA Degree to the State Winner in the Administrator, Advisor and Counselor programs. Rescind passed 11 in favor and 1 in opposition.

New Charters

Ryan Amaral, State Treasurer, moved and it was seconded to present new charters to Bakersfield-Frontier, Madera-Liberty, and Modesto-Enochs provided they have met all requirements. Motion passed by voice vote.

Suspended Charters

Kaytlin Smith, State Secretary, moved and it was seconded to suspend the charters to Bell High School and San Jacinto High School. Motion passed by voice vote.

Probation Chapters

Matthew Johnson, State Sentinel, moved and it was seconded to place La Grange-Don Pedro, Bakersfield-Liberty, Bakersfield-North, Chowchilla, Clovis, Delano, Fresno-Duncan, Porterville-Citrus, Riverdale, Harbor City-Narbonne, Morgan Hill-Sobrato, Santa Paula, Apple Valley, Chino-Don Lugo, Hemet, Hemet-West Valley, Lancaster-Antelope Valley, and Redlands-Grove on probation with the condition that they are ineligible to participate in any FFA event until such time as their delinquency has been cleared. Jimmy Pierce, Past State President, moved and it was seconded to amend the motion by adding effective April 1. Amendment passed by voice vote. Main motion passed by voice vote.

Star School Employee Award

Nessie Early State Vice President, moved and it was seconded to refer the Star School Employee Award to the Big Issues Committee to be reviewed by the delegates at the 2007 State Leadership Conference. Motion passed 11 in favor and 1 in opposition.

State Officer Team Size Survey

Matthew Johnson, State Sentinel, moved and it was seconded to refer the State Officer Team Size issue to the Big Issues Committee to be reviewed by the delegates at the 2007 State Leadership Conference. Motion passed by voice vote.

Record Book

The record book is up for revisions this year. State Staff has reviewed the record book and is submitting a change to revise the Placement Business Agreement so that the students must write in complete sentences the required aspects. In addition, a recommendation has been submitted to add the degree checklists currently found in the on-line version to the written book as well.

CATA is asked to review the record book and ask for any additional proposals during their Spring Regional CATA Meetings. At the Summer CATA Conference all proposals will be reviewed with

teachers submitting final recommendations to State Staff for final review. Any changes will then be applied to the 2007-08 school year record book.

State FFA Advisor Report

Bob Heuvel, State Advisor, reported on the increase in AB8 funds as well as Perkins funds being made available for the general FFA budget. Mr. Heuvel talked about the increase in attendance at conferences as well as the positive evaluations being received.

State Leadership Conference Big Issues

Matthew Johnson, State Sentinel, moved and it was seconded to combine the issues of Officer Team Expansion with Outreach Activities for High Schools not Offering Agriculture Programs. Ellie Titus, State Reporter, moved and it was seconded to amend the motion by adding on at the end in cooperation with regional officers and other student leaders. Amendment passed by voice vote. Main motion passed by voice vote.

Big Issues

David Jones, Central Region President, moved and it was seconded to adopt as Big Issues for the State Leadership Conference Delegate Process: 1) Should the California FFA Constitution match the National FFA Constitution and recommendations? 2) Should the State Officer Team be expanded? 3) Should the FFA raise conference fees to assist in paying for different costs? 4) Should we innovate the State Award Program? And 5) Should be reapportion the number of delegates at the State Leadership Conference? Jimmy Pierce, Past State President moved and it was seconded to add at the end 6) Should we have chapter affiliation versus member affiliation? Amendment passed by voice vote. Main motion passed by voice vote.

State Degree

Michelle Jimenez, South Coast Region President moved and it was seconded to raise 1539 members to the State FFA Degree for 2007. David Jones, Central Region President, moved and it was seconded to amend the motion by adding and to accept any names that may have been missing from the original list provided they have met the criteria and the approval of the State Advisor. Amendment passed by voice vote. Main motion passed by voice vote.

FFA Center

Regional Presidents were asked to remain following the adjournment of the meeting to meet with Rosemary Vernon, FFA Capital Campaign Director, to review some assistance requests for the morning.

Next Meeting

The next meeting for the State FFA Executive Committee was set for April 12 at 7pm in Fresno. The next meeting for the State FFA Advisory Committee will be held in conjunction with the CATA Summer Conference.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.