

**CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FFA**  
**STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**

The meeting of the State FFA Executive Committee was called to order by President Catharine Kuber at 10:29 a.m. on February 16, 2008 at the FFA Center in Galt. Present were David Jones, State Vice President; Michelle Jimenez, State Secretary; Aubrey Bull, State Treasure; Kate Tscharner, State Reporter; Vernon Clark, State Sentinel; Jesse Garcia, Past State President; Mandy Hill, North Coast Region President; Abigail Ryan, San Joaquin Region President; Graham Blagg, Superior Region President; Kristen Steves, Central Region President; Marlene Romero, South Coast Region President; Levy Randolph, Southern Region President; Bob Heuvel, State FFA Advisor; Hugh Mooney, North Coast Region FFA Advisor, Adriane Bradley, Grass Valley-Bear River FFA, Xavier Garcia, Soledad 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 Catharine Kuber, State FFA President.

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

**State FFA Executive Committee Minutes**

Levy Randolph, Southern Region President, moved and it was seconded by Jesse Garcia, Past State President, to accept the minutes from the September joint State FFA Executive Committee and State FFA Advisory Committee meeting. Motion passed by a voice vote.

**State Advisor Report**

Mr. Heuvel, State FFA Advisor, gave a brief update on the Agricultural Education Unit and the FFA.

- FFA will be receiving an additional \$15,000 from the CDE
- Membership and participation is up
- Greenhand Conferences, MFE's and ALA's registration numbers are higher than anticipated
- Over 65,000 students enrolled in agricultural education
- Have reviewed applications, conducted interviews, and will be offering an opportunity for a teacher to join State Staff as the Assistant State FFA Advisor

**Membership Update**

Vernon Clark, State FFA Sentinel, provided the latest numbers relative to FFA Membership. According to the membership rosters and the program enrollment reports, there are currently 65,700 members in the California FFA. This represents an increase of 824 over the previous year. The largest region is the Central Region with 16,595 while Florin High School has the largest chapter with 840.

**San Joaquin Region Update**

Abigail Ryan, San Joaquin Region President, provided an update on the events in the region. She distributed a handout detailing the Fall Regional Meeting, State Degree Scoring, Regional Officer Screening, and upcoming dates.

## **State Officer Reports**

A report was delivered by Kate Tscharner, State Reporter, via a slide show highlighting the many activities that the State Officers have taken part in over the past 9 months.

- 1) National FFA Convention – Regional Presidents were asked to do a brief survey of the students in their region on the interest in participating in the National FFA Convention. With the economy getting worse, there is a concern that fewer individuals will opt to take part in the state sponsored trip and that the cost of the trip will continue to increase. Information obtained by the Regional Presidents will be shared with Mr. Parker.
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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.
- 4) Integrated Leadership Development Programs – Participation by students and chapters is up in the ILDP. With the increase, it looks as if two additional Greenhand Conferences should be added for next year along with one ALA/MFE conference. It is suggested that the MFE/ALA conference be held in the Santa Rosa area.
- 5) 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; Clovis in Natural Resources; Visalia-Golden West in Citrus Judging; Paso Robles in Grapevine Pruning; and Kingsburg in Fruit Tree Pruning.
- 6) FFA Foundation – The Foundation Board is in the process of developing a five year plan for the growth of the FFA Center. To facilitate the plan, a Gala will be held in Clovis on opening night of the State FFA Leadership Conference.
- 7) New Horizons Insert - The due dates have all come and gone and all that remains is the final insert for the 2007-2008 year. Regional Presidents should remind their newly elected Reporters to work with Mr. Beard in providing regional updates in a timely manner.

## **Superior Region Report**

Graham Blagg, Regional President, passed out a flyer which covered the accomplishments of the Superior Region. Graham reviewed National Convention Results, Chico State Parli Pro contest, Superior Region Spring Meeting and upcoming dates.

## **State Leadership Conference**

Following the distribution of the Tentative Conference Schedule, the committee reviewed the major changes which will occur during the 2008 State FFA Leadership Conference.

- 1) Saturday Night – The conference dance will occur on opening night. For those that desire to do something different, discounted tickets will be available for Blackbeards Amusement Park. Tickets can be purchased through the FFA for \$8 per person. Tickets will not be available at the Park.
- 2) Monday Night – Emerson Drive will perform in concert on the final night of the 80<sup>th</sup> Conference.

## **Central Region Update**

Central Region President, Kristen Steves, shared the happenings in the region. Her handout covered COLC, Blue Diamond Growers Convention, Stockton Ag Expo, SOLS 2, Regional Officer Interviews, Regional Preliminary Contests, 2008 Election Candidates, and upcoming events.

### **Proposed State Amendments**

State Amendment Proposal One (Changing Number of Delegates Per Chapter)

Jesse Garcia, Past State President, and Vernon Clark, State Sentinel, moved and seconded to recommend a Do Pass on Proposal One. Motion passed by voice vote.

State Amendment Proposal Two (When to Wear Section, Region and Association FFA Jacket)

Vernon Clark, State Sentinel, and David Jones, State Vice President, moved and it was seconded to recommend a Do Pass on Proposal Two. Motion passed by voice vote.

State Amendment Proposal Three (Cleaning up Nominating Committee Language)

David Jones, State Vice President, and Graham Blagg, Superior Region President, moved and it was seconded to recommend a Do Pass on Proposal Three. Motion passed by voice vote.

### **National FFA Amendment Proposals**

National Amendment Proposal One (Community Service Hours)

Michelle Jimenez, State Secretary, and Abigail Ryan, San Joaquin Region President, moved and seconded to recommend a Do Pass on Proposal One. Motion passed by voice vote.

National Amendment Proposal Two (Increasing Money Earned for American Degree)

Vernon Clark, State Sentinel, and Jesse Garcia, Past State President, moved and seconded to recommend a Do Not Pass on Proposal Two. Motion passed by voice vote.

National Amendment Proposal Three (Changing Process to Adopt Amendments)

David Jones, State Vice President, and Abigail Ryan, San Joaquin Region President, moved and seconded to recommend a Do Not Pass on Proposal Three. Motion passed by voice vote.

National Amendment Proposal Four (Increasing National Dues)

Levy Randolph, Southern Region President, and Vernon Clark, State Sentinel, moved and seconded to recommend a Do Pass on Proposal Four. Motion failed by voice vote. Jesse Garcia, Past State President and David Jones, State Vice President, moved and seconded to recommend a Do Not Pass on Proposal Four. Motion passed by voice vote.

### **North Coast Region Update**

The North Coast update was provided by Regional President, Mandy Hill. Mandy provided a handout that shared Recent Events in the North Coast Region and highlighted upcoming events.

Meeting was recessed for Lunch at 11:52am.

Meeting reconvened at 12:25pm

### **Honorary State FFA Degree**

Jesse Garcia, Past State President, and Vernon Clark, State Vice President, moved and seconded to bestow the Honorary State FFA Degree upon Ms. Kristi Mattes. Motion passed by voice vote.

Vernon Clark, State Sentinel, and Michelle Jimenez, State Secretary, moved and seconded to bestow the Honorary State FFA Degree upon Nick Garcia. Motion passed by voice vote.

Kristen Steves, Central Region President, and Vernon Clark, State Sentinel, moved and seconded to bestow the Honorary State FFA Degree upon Judy Culbertson. Motion failed by voice vote.

Jesse Garcia, Past State President, and Abigail Ryan, San Joaquin Region President, moved and seconded to bestow the Honorary State FFA Degree upon Sharlene Garcia. Motion passed by voice vote.

Aubrey Bull, State Treasurer, and Vernon Clark, State Sentinel, moved and seconded to bestow the Honorary State FFA Degree upon Mark Bender. Motion passed by voice vote.

Jesse Garcia, Past State President, and Vernon Clark, State Sentinel, moved and seconded to bestow the Honorary State FFA Degree upon Connie and Ron Kuber; Rick and Julie Jones; Ben and Susana Jimenez; Mike and Nancy Bull; Ann and Jay Tscharner; and Don and Dena Clark. Motion passed by voice vote.

Vernon Clark, State Sentinel, and David Jones, State Vice President, moved and seconded to bestow the Honorary State FFA Degree upon Dan Walters. Motion failed, 5 in the affirmative and 7 in the negative.

Jesse Garcia, Past State President and Vernon Clark, State Sentinel, moved to close nominations. Motion passed by voice vote.

### **South Coast Region Update**

Marlene Romero, Region President, shared what was going on in the South Coast Region. Through her handout, she highlighted Holiday Greeting Cards, Holiday Social, Regional Officer Screening, and State Degree Banquet.

### **Distinguished Service Citations**

Jesse Garcia, Past State President, and David Jones, State Vice President, moved and seconded to present Galt High School Agriculture Department with the Distinguished Service Citation. Motion passed by voice vote.

Michelle Jimenez, State Secretary, and Graham Blagg, Superior Region President, moved and seconded to present Sun-Maid Growers with the Distinguished Service Citation. Motion passed by voice vote.

Kate Tscharner, State Reporter, and David Jones, State Vice President, moved and seconded to present Maddox Dairy with the Distinguished Service Citation. Motion passed by voice vote.

Abigail Ryan, San Joaquin Region President, and Kate Tscharner, State Reporter, moved and seconded to present Lodi High School Agriculture Department with the Distinguished Service Citation. Motion passed by voice vote.

Graham Blagg, Superior Region President, and Vernon Clark, State Sentinel, moved and seconded to present Sanky Automobile with the Distinguished Service Citation. Motion passed 7 in favor and 5 opposed.

Vernon Clark, State Sentinel and David Jones, State Vice President, moved to close nominations. Motion passed by voice vote.

### **Southern Region Update**

The Southern Region President, Levy Randolph, gave the committee an update on the events of the Southern Region. Levy's report covered the Southern Region Leadership Conference, MFE/ALA Conferences, Regional Officer Candidate Screening, and upcoming events.

### **State Degree**

Jesse Garcia, Past State President, and Abigail Ryan, San Joaquin Region President, moved and seconded to confer the State Degree to the 1,672 applicants with additions allowed only if approved by the State FFA Advisor. Motion passed 8 in the affirmative and 4 in the negative.

### **New Chapters**

David Jones, State Vice President, and Levy Randolph, Southern Region President, moved and seconded to approve charters for Merced-Golden Valley and Romoland-Heritage. Motion passed by voice vote.

### **Reinstated Chapters**

Levy Randolph, Southern Region President, and Vernon Clark, State Vice President, moved and seconded to approve the reinstatement of Anza-Hamilton, Gardena, and San Jacinto. Motion passed by voice vote.

### **Dropped Chapters**

David Jones, State Vice President, and Jesse Garcia, Past State President, moved and seconded to drop the charters of Greenville, La Grange-Don Pedro, North Fork-Mt. Oaks, Redlands-Grove, and Yucaipa-Yucaipa 9<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed by voice vote.

### **Probation Chapters**

Jesse Garcia, Past State President, and Vernon Clark, State Sentinel, moved and 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, members could not run for Regional or Section Office, and members could not participate in any other FFA activity. Motion passed by voice vote.

Chapters included: Avenal, Bakersfield-Ridgeview, Campbell-Westmont, Ceres, Chino, Delano, Durham, Escondido-Orange-Glen, Fresno-Duncan, Greenfield, Hamilton-Anza, Harbor City-Narbonne, Lemoore, Quartz Hill, San Jacinto, Strathmore, Tehachapi Thermal-Coachella Valley, Ventura and Yucaipa. Motion passed by voice vote.

### **Coleman Harris National Officer Endowment**

Topic was to be added to the agenda for consideration at the Spring State Executive Committee Meeting.

### **Expense Claims**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.