

California Association FFA
STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the State FFA Advisory Committee commenced at 10:05 a.m. on Monday, February 11, 2008, in the Board Room of the FFA Center in Galt, California. Present were Jake Dunn, Central Representative; Sherri Freeman, Southern Representative; Roy Beck, Central Representative; Bob Heuvel, State FFA Advisor; Dave Caetano, San Joaquin Representative; Doug Sehnert, Southern Representative; and Charles Parker, Assistant State FFA Advisor.

Freeman/Sehnert moved and seconded that the minutes from the September 25, 2007 FFA Advisory Committee Meeting be approved. Motion passed by voice vote.

Agricultural Education Update

Mr. Heuvel provided an update on the status of Agricultural Education in California.

1. FFA is set to receive a boost of \$15,000 from negotiations with the Division Director.
2. Potential for FFA to receive additional funds through SB70.
3. Ag Education absorbed a \$96,000 reduction in Pre-Service, Inservice and Professional Development funds.
4. Ag Education is undergoing a 50% reduction in travel.
5. Interviews are to be held February 14 to fill the upcoming Assistant State FFA Advisor vacancy.

National FFA Convention

Due to the economy, each region is being asked to discuss the National Convention Trip. Every effort will be made to continue to offer a trip at the lowest possible cost. However, with reduced numbers, the cost is becoming more difficult to control.

To provide some guidance to EIP, each region is being asked

1. Do they plan to attend National Convention this coming year?
2. Do they plan to take part in the State Sponsored Trip?
3. Will they take advantage of the Washington DC option?

Summaries of these questions should be forwarded to Charles Parker for compilation and submission to EIP.

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 2007-2008 is Currently at 65,700.

State Officer Visits

The State Officers have just completed their annual trek across the Golden State as they visited over 100 local programs. The officers expressed a great deal of respect for the teachers who are in the classroom every day. The team enjoyed visiting with families, sharing with students, and hopefully inspiring others to strive for their dreams.

ALA, MFE and Greenhand Conferences

Attendance at all conferences is up. This will result in the need to add additional sites in the future.

ALA/MFE – The Santa Rosa area is an ideal location to add another conference. This would take some of the load off Sacramento and Redding.

Greenhand Conferences – It is a difficult task to try to determine the future sites for Greenhand Conferences. A number of areas could benefit from an additional conference, but the numbers are not large enough to make it beneficial. Time needs to be spent looking at where to place the conferences that would allow for more students. Possible sites would include Santa Rosa, Salinas, and Lodi.

State Leadership Conference

The tentative schedule for the 2008 State Leadership Conference was reviewed. Big changes for 2008 included:

1. Saturday Night – Conference Dance with option to purchase tickets for Blackbeards Amusement Park.
2. Monday Night – Bib NEW event occurring. Final details not worked out but announcement expected by February 23.

Proposed State Amendments were discussed with no formal position being taken by the committee. State Amendments for discussion included:

1. Delegate Allocations per Chapter
2. Appropriate Use of the Official FFA Jacket
3. Nominating Committee wording

Committee also shared insight on the National FFA Amendment proposals that will be discussed at the State Convention.

1. Including hours for community service in requirements for the Chapter, State, and American FFA Degrees.
2. Changing the dollars and hours needed to obtain the American FFA Degree.
3. Increasing National FFA dues from \$5 to \$7.
4. Changing voting at National Convention to include ratification from at least 50% of the states prior to an amendment being adopted.

Beck/Dunn moved and seconded that the FFA Adult Board of Directors look into allowing credit cards to be used to make payments to the California FFA. Motion passed by voice vote.

Probation Chapters

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

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.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.