

**CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FFA
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

The meeting of the State FFA Executive Committee was called to order by President Carlyn Marsh at 10:00 am on February 17, 2020 at the FFA Center in Galt. Executive Committee members present includes:

- Carlyn Marsh, State President;
- Reagan Dahle, State Vice President;
- Lindsey Swall, State Secretary;
- Kayla Zalesny, State Treasurer;
- Miriam Alvarado, State Reporter;
- David Lopez, State Sentinel;
- Reese Gonsalves, Central Region President;
- Hannah Alto, North Coast Region President;
- Arthur Cuevas, San Joaquin Region President;
- Dean Hill South Coast Region President;
- Emma Thorpe, Southern Region President;

Additional Attendees

- Hannah Garrett, Leadership Development Coordinator;
- Dane White, Assistant State FFA Advisor;
- Charles Parker, State FFA Advisor.

The Opening Ceremony was conducted by the State FFA Officers and the meeting began with a welcome from Carlyn Marsh, State FFA President.

State Advisor Report

Mr. Parker, State FFA Advisor, gave a brief update on the direction of FFA and the state budget. Highlights included:

- Regional Supervisor Positions are all filled
- Staff is more diverse
- New division director at CDE is very data-driven

CATA/Foundation Report

Mr. Patton gave an update that included the following items:

- Fiscal allocation by Governor Newsom is a record
- \$4 billion in Prop 98 dollars
- Foundation is hiring new Development Director
- Staff changes at the FFA Center will require new hiring

Following this report, the Advisory Committee adjourned to the classroom and Carlyn proceeded directly into the items of business.

State FFA Executive Committee Minutes

Kayla Zalesny moved and it was seconded 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 Officer Reports

The state officers reported on the following items:

- Membership Update (over 93,000 members)
- National Convention
- COLC's
- Chapter Visits
- Made for Excellence
- Advanced Leadership Academy

Region Update

The Regional Presidents proceeded to give their individual updates. Each regional president provided a small newsletter with upcoming events and information. Their handouts included information on Fall Regional Meetings, State Degree Scorings, Regional Officer Screenings, and upcoming dates.

State FFA Degrees

David Lopez moved and it was seconded to approve all 2,699 State FFA Degrees forwarded to the committee from State Staff. Motion was approved voice vote.

Topics of Consideration

The State Leadership Conference schedule was handed out, and the schedule changes were discussed.

Primary change to State FFA Convention Schedule includes:

Moving the program to the Guidebook app and reducing the schedule by a full session in order to get people on the road earlier.

Proposed State Amendments

Amendment Proposal 2 (State Officer Increase to 8) –

Reagan Dahle moved, and it was seconded that the Executive Committee go on record recommending a DO NOT PASS to the motion to increase the number of State Officers to 8. The motion was debated and passed, voice vote.

Amendment Proposal 1 (State Officer Survey Removal from Constitution) –

Reagan Dahle moved, and it was seconded that the Executive Committee go on record recommending a DO PASS to remove the state officer surveys from the Constitution. Motioned passed voice vote.

Program of Work Committee Items

Delegate Committee Topics

The delegate committee topic list was reviewed and discussed. The executive committee brainstormed possible topics for delegate consideration and the following committee topics were selected.

Committee Chair 2.1 – Expansion of Middle School Opportunities

The purpose of the Committee on Middle School Expansion is to suggest new middle school opportunities in California FFA. These opportunities of involvement include, but are not limited to, Career Development Events and leadership conferences.

Committee Chair 2.2 – Expansion of SAE Opportunities

The purpose of the Committee on the expansion of SAE Opportunities is to assess the current SAE opportunities and suggest new SAE educational recognition opportunities. These opportunities include, but are not limited to, New Proficiency Areas and evaluating State Degree Requirements.

Committee Chairs 2.3 – FFA Applications

The purpose of the Committee is to evaluate the suite of applications that FFA members currently use for assorted conferences and leadership roles and suggest updates that reflect current needs and growing numbers. This includes, but is not limited to, State FFA Office, Nominating Committee, Sacramento Leadership Experience, et.

Committee Chair 2.4 – Student Exposure to Agriculture Careers

The purpose of the Committee on Agriculture Careers is to suggest educational experiences for students to learn about agricultural careers in California. The committee should explore field trip opportunities, online resources, chapter resources kits, etc.

Committee Chairs 2.5 – Career Development Events

Discuss opportunities for the improvement of California FFA's CDEs. Possible discussion items include: new contest regional qualifiers, matching California rules to National contest rules, and additional contests to explore.

Committee Chair 2.6 – Student Resources for AET

The purpose of the Committee on Resources for AET is to suggest the type of resources students would find useful in operating AET. These ideas include, but are not limited to resources for chapter management, SAE resources, Application resources, etc.

Committee Chairs 2.7 – Expand Local Alumni Engagement

The purpose of the Committee on Alumni Engagement is to consider how to keep alumni engaged in the local FFA program. The committee will focus on how to engage local supporters with an FFA alumni chapter. The committee will suggest resources, activities, etc. that can engage alumni with a local chapter.

David Lopez moved, and it was seconded to approve the delegate committee list.
Motion passed by voice vote.

Reinstated Chapters

Kayla Zalesny moved and it was seconded to reinstate the FFA charter of the following chapters. Motion passed by voice vote.

Reinstated Chapters

0382 Paradise (Superior)

Probation Chapters

David Lopez moved and it was seconded to place 45 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 State, Regional or Section Office, and members could not participate in any other FFA activity. Motion passed by voice vote.

The chapters include:

Ceres-Central Valley	Canoga Park
Clarksburg-Delta	Fillmore
Davis	Greenfield
Elk Grove-Pleasant Grove	Morgan Hill-Live Oak
Esparto	Morro Bay
Lathrop	San Luis Obispo
Modesto-Johansen	Brawley
Modesto-Thomas Downey	Escondido
Orangevale-Casa Roble	Fullerton
Rio Linda	Hemet-West Valley
San Andreas-Calaveras	La Habra-Sonora
Shingle Springs-Ponderosa	Lakeside-El Capitan
Sutter Creek-Amador	Lancaster-Antelope Valley
Turlock	Orange
Woodland-Pioneer	San Marcos
Woodland Christian	Valley Center-All Tribes (past due and no roster submitted)
Sonoma-Sonoma Valley	Valley Center Middle
Arvin	Grass Valley-Nevada Union
Bakersfield-Highland	Lincoln
Bakersfield-Mira Monte	Los Molinos
Reedley Middle College	Palo Cedro-Foothill
Strathmore	Yuba City
Taft	

Distinguished Service Citations

Kayla Zalesny moved and it was seconded to present the following groups with the Distinguished Service Citation. Motion passed by voice vote.

Expo Decor
Almond Alliance of California
J.K. Thille Ranches

Honorary State FFA Degree

Dean Hill moved it was seconded to bestow the Honorary State FFA Degree upon the following individuals. Motion passed by voice vote.

2019-20	State	Officer Parents
Gina	Boster	CTE Director, Corona-Norco USD
Brian	Kim	Regional Assistant Advisor
Steve	DeRose	Former Ag Teacher and CATA Officer
Tony	Thurmond	Superintendent of Public Instruction, CDE
Lupita	Cortez-Alcala	Deputy SPI, CDE
Karen	Ross	Secretary, CDFA
Jennifer	Stockton	California FFA Staff
David	Peters	Former Ag Teacher

Big Ideas:

The following items were discussed and were recommended to State Staff for exploration and possible implementation:

- Doing Parli Pro training for National Delegates and State Officers
- Having delegates review the State Officer Candidate surveys
- Revising the activities at ROLC to include training on more subjects
- Training Nominating Committee to better understand the role and characteristics of effective State Officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Swall
State FFA Secretary