

**Meeting Minutes of
National Board of Directors and National Officers
of the National FFA Organization**

Louisville, Kentucky

October 23, 2000

A special meeting of the National FFA Organization Board of Directors and the National FFA Officers was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Larry D. Case, Chairperson, in the Executive West hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. All members of the Board were present.

Board of Directors:

Larry D. Case, Chairperson of the Board and Coordinator, Agricultural & Rural Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.
Tommy Gladden, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Clemson University, Clemson, SC
Steven J. Gratz, U.S. Department of Education Representative; Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Columbus, OH
Robert Heuvel, State Supervisor, Standards & High School Development Division, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Sacramento, CA
Vicki Lantz, U.S. Department of Education Representative; Instructor – Agricultural Education, Big Spring High School, Newville, PA
Ronald L. Reische, Principal Consultant, Agricultural Education, Illinois State Board of Education, Springfield, IL
Nick Siddle, U.S. Department of Education Representative; Instructor - Agricultural Education, Sheridan High School, Sheridan, WY
Marshall Stewart, State Coordinator for Agricultural Education, Department of Agriculture and Extension Education, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
Jacquelyn Deeds, U.S. Department of Education Representative, Professor, Agricultural Information Science and Education, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS

Officers of the Board of Directors:

Larry D. Case, National FFA Advisor and CEO; Coordinator, Agricultural & Rural Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.
C. Coleman Harris, National FFA Executive Secretary; Education Program Specialist, Agriculture, Division of Vocational-Technical Education, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.
Marion Fletcher, National FFA Treasurer; Supervisor for Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Little Rock, AR

Board of National FFA Officers:

Chris Vitelli, National FFA President, Plant City, FL
Jodee Ruppel, National FFA Secretary, North Manchester, IN
Leslie Small, National FFA Vice President, Central Region, Lebanon, IN
Joe Shultz, National FFA Vice President, Eastern Region, DeGraff, OH
Carol Spruill, National FFA Vice President, Southern Region, Hoschton, GA
Marshall Baker, National FFA Vice President, Western Region, Portales, NM

Others present for all or portions of the meeting:

Bernie Staller, Chief Operating Officer, National FFA Organization and National FFA Foundation, Indianapolis, IN

Tom Kapostasy, Director, Business and Information Services, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, IN

Anna Melodia, Director, Educational Programs Division, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, IN

Kent Schescke, Director, Business and Partner Development Division, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, IN

Vicki Settle, Comptroller, National FFA Foundation, Indianapolis, IN

Bill Stagg, Team Leader, Communications Resources Team, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, IN

Scott Stump, Convention Manager/Communications Consultant, Communications Resources Team, National FFA Organization, Alexandria, VA

Dean Folkers, Team Leader, Teacher Services, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, IN

Kevin Keith, Teacher Services Specialist, Teacher Services Team, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, IN

1. Reflections

Carol Spruill led reflections.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda - Finance Committee Report was moved up in the agenda following approval of minutes.

3. Approval Of Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Carol Spruill (Nick Siddle), seconded by Marshal Baker (Ron Reische) and **carried** to approve the minutes of the July 15-18, 2000 National FFA Board of Directors' meeting.

The 2000 National FFA Organization governing committee conference call minutes dated September 8th and 25th were provided.

4. **MOTION: Moved by** Carol Spruill (Steve Gratz), seconded by Leslie Small (Jacque Deeds) and **carried** to contribute an additional 5.7% or approximately 5.7% of eligible staff payroll which is about \$173,800 to the National FFA Employee Defined Contribution Retirement Plan.

5. **MOTION: Moved by** Leslie Small (Bob Heuvel), seconded by Joe Shultz (Steve Gratz) and **carried** to approve the updated budget 2000-20001. (Attachment 1)

6. Treasurer's Report

Marion Fletcher, National FFA Treasurer, provided comments and commended the National FFA staff (in particular, Bernie, Tom, and Vicki) regarding the Fiscal Year End Financial Report.

MOTION: Moved by Marshall Baker (Tommy Gladden), seconded by Jodee Ruppel (Steve Gratz) and **carried** to accept the Treasurer's Report.

7. Finance Committee Report

Tommy Gladden presented the Finance Committee Report.

8. Overview of Legal Matters

Bernie Staller provided the Board with information regarding the identification of a number of websites using *ffa.com* and the legal attempts underway to restrict such usage. No action needed.

9. Update on the 73rd National FFA Convention

Scott Stump provided the report for the 73rd National FFA Convention. The fireworks show will be on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. Pre-registered attendees were 25,000 and the concerts are doing well. Details regarding stage in the round were highlighted. NexTel is providing cell phones with two-radio capabilities. Dr. Case expressed a special thank you to Scott Stump for his dedicated service to the convention.

Dean Folkers indicated that 910 teams would compete within the 23 Career Development Events in 2000.

Kevin Keith reported that 5 proficiency finalist out of a total of 1,305 were unable to attend this year. The number of American Degree recipients totaled 2,283. Agri-Entrepreneurship applications dropped from 119 to 70. Keith explained the challenges being faced and stressed that future sponsorship of the program may be jeopardized.

Bill Stagg gave an overview of the newsroom activities located in the VIP Suite Lounge of Freedom Hall.

10. Approval of Awards/Degrees to Sponsors and Others

No request.

11. Reports from the 1999-00 National FFA Officers

The national officers provided a report containing six recommendations for consideration by the Board of Directors. (Attachment 2)

MOTION: Moved by **Ron Reische**, seconded by Steve Gratz **and carried** to accept the 1999-00 National FFA Officer team's final report and to recognize and commend the team for this report with the assurance that their recommendations will be given full consideration attention and for an outstanding job. A standing ovation followed.

11. January Board Meeting Announcement

The next board meeting will be held January 19-23, 2001 in Alexandria, VA with a board and national officer retreat being held on Friday, January 19 at 8:30 a.m.

12. Closing

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

C. Coleman Harris
Secretary

Larry D. Case
Chairperson