

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

**Indianapolis, Indiana**

**July 12-16, 2002**

**Friday, July 12, 2002**

A new board member orientation was held at the FFA Center in Indianapolis from 2:30-5:00 p.m. In attendance were: Larry Case, Board Chairman; Coleman Harris, Executive Secretary; Elaine Lewis, Instructor, Agricultural Education from Yelm, Washington (USDE representative); James Woodard, State Director from Atlanta, Georgia (State Supervisor); Kent Boggs, State FFA Executive Secretary, from Stillwater, Oklahoma (USDE representative) and Bernie Staller, Chief Operating Officer.

**Saturday, July 13, 2002**

A day-long retreat for the National FFA Board of Directors and the National Officers was held in the Corydon Room at the Adam's Mark Hotel. Treasurer Marion Fletcher facilitated the first session to discuss the situation with State budget shortfalls throughout the country and how it impacts FFA planning, budgeting, staffing, etc. Marshall Stewart, board member, led the second session which discussed the question "What can FFA do to better serve short-term students – those that are enrolled in agricultural education for less than two to four years required for successful participation in most degrees, awards, and scholarships." National Officer Amber Haugland guided a discussion on the topic of recruiting and retaining FFA Center staff. Various ideas and suggestions surfaced that will be pursued at various levels.

An ice cream social was held on Saturday evening at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Circle City 5 for the members of the National FFA Board of Directors, Consultants, Foundation Board of Trustees, national FFA staff and guests along with the National Officer teams, members and advisors for National Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization (PAS) and Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS).

**Sunday, July 14, 2002**

A special session for committee and task force reports was held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown Indianapolis beginning at 1:00 p.m. Following brief introductions, the first presentation was made by attorney Scot Himsel of Baker & Daniels who briefed the board on the a recent internet "spam" e-mail that referenced the letters FFA and linked to a child pornography site. He explained the provision of our current trademark protection and the parameters of a famous mark status and future actions that may be considered to protect the public from confusion and potential damage to the image of FFA. Himsel noted that conditions for achievement of Famous Mark status includes extensive advertising and unsolicited press coverage. He advised that it is an extremely costly proposition. In addition, the Supreme Court is projected to undertake a review of famous mark standards due to a split in the lower courts. The consensus was to pursue current efforts with regard to trademark protection; continue working with police officials notified when the incident was discovered; and alert state staff of appropriate responses when they receive inquiries/concerns from individuals in their states.

Michael S. McHugh, CPA of the Oxford Financial Group, Ltd. updated the board on the current financial market and the investment strategies for diversification of asset allocations for the organization, endowment and foundation. A summary of the investment policy statements was provided as well. (*Attachment 1*).

Reports included updates on the following:

- Revision of the MOU between the National FFA Alumni Council and the National FFA Organization – Jacque Deeds indicated that the proposed document addressed the operational concerns expressed by the Board last year. Cindy Ettestad voiced that the FFA Alumni Council was satisfied with the MOU as it is being presented, having offered only minor changes.
- Delegate Process Change – Anna Melodia introduced FFA staff member, Seth Derner, former National Officer in 1995-96, who reviewed the changes that will be implemented this year. Dale Crabtree noted the challenges that are presented by the scheduling logistics.
- Essential Learning Project – Kelly Horton reviewed the origin of the precepts for the corner stones of our mission. Formative assessments have been developed to define the accountability measures of FFA programs and ultimately to provide practical tools for local teachers.
- 75<sup>th</sup> FFA Anniversary – Kent Schescke updated the board on the anniversary celebrations.
- 2003 Budget – Bernie Staller gave a synopsis of the proposed organization and preliminary foundation budget.
- National Officer Report – The national officers each reflected comments and concerns that were expressed to them in the field:
  - FFA’s Image – Abbie Kammerzell touched on the struggles with the enforcement of official dress and suggested that it might be a topic for discussion at the State inservice.
  - What is FFA? Amber Haugland expressed the team’s enthusiasm for the agriculture industry and the desire for a communications piece that tied together our interest in both agriculture and education.
  - Recruitment – Amber Haugland shared the field’s repeated requests for help with recruiting FFA members.
  - Retention – Elio Chiarelli, Jr. indicated that a major issue for local chapters centers on retaining their members. What tools can National FFA provide to use to retain FFA members?
  - On-Line Rosters – Robin Niehaus expressed the enthusiasm she encountered for the on-line membership roster and the potential resource for the states.
  - National FFA Convention Site Change – Robin Niehaus said the overall reaction to the convention site changes was positive, except in Kentucky and Missouri.
  - National Leadership Conference (NLCSO) – Dane White expressed the depth of satisfaction of service to the States by all the national officers.
  - FFA Programs – Dane White suggested that our programs, Blast Off, MFE, Edge, WLC, and Inservice resulted in excellent feedback from the field.

The special session adjourned and the Research Standing Committee met in the Corydon Room of the Adam’s Mark Hotel from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Topics of discussion included: National Agricultural Education Research Workgroup; Teacher Induction Project; Updates on Essential Learnings, StrengthsFinder RFP, research articles, and NAFTA Forum at NAAE National Conference.

### **Monday, July 15, 2002**

Committee meetings were held from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the National FFA Center. This session included meetings of the Finance Standing Committee; Policy, Constitution and Bylaws Standing Committee; and a Special Committee for the Delegate Process – Identifying Critical and Emerging Issues.

### **Opening Session:**

Dan White, National FFA President, called the meeting of the Board of Directors and National Officers of the National FFA Organization to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Deere/Washington Room at the National FFA Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. Following is a listing of all who 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.

**Kent Boggs**, U.S. Department of Education Representative; State FFA Executive Secretary, Oklahoma Department of Career & Technical Education, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

**Jacquelyn Deeds**, U.S. Department of Education Representative, Professor, Agricultural Information Science and Education, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Mississippi.

**Horacio Garza, Jr.**, U.S. Department of Education Representative; Instructor - Agricultural Education, Sharyland High School, Mission, Texas.

**Robert Heuvel**, State Supervisor, Standards & High School Development Division, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Sacramento, California.

**Elaine Lewis**, U.S. Department of Education Representative; Instructor – Agricultural Education, Yelm High School, Yelm, Washington.

**Marshall Stewart**, State Coordinator for Agricultural Education, Department of Agriculture and Extension Education, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina.

**James Woodard**, State Supervisor, State Director of Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Steve Zimmerman**, State Supervisor, State FFA Advisor, North Dakota FFA Association, Bismarck, North Dakota.

### **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 :**

**Dane White**, National FFA President, Eureka, California

**Robin Niehaus**, National FFA Secretary, Hillsboro, Illinois

**Amber Haugland**, National FFA Vice President, Central Region, Ambrose, North Dakota

**Elio Chiarelli, Jr.**, National FFA Vice President, Eastern Region, McDonald, Pennsylvania

**Barrett Keene**, National FFA Vice President, Southern Region, Plant City, Florida

**Abbie Kammerzell**, National FFA Vice President, Western Region, Colfax, Washington

### **Consultants to the Board:**

**David Lawver**, Consultant (AAAE), Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas

**W. Wade Miller**, Consultant (AAAE), Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

**Jack Elliot**, Consultant (AAAE), The University of Arizona, Dept. of Agricultural Education, Tucson, Arizona

**Roger H. Teeple**, Consultant (NAAE), Charles D. Owen High School, Black Mountain, North Carolina

**Chuck Stranberg**, Consultant (NAAE), Teacher Educator, Ridgewater College, Litchfield, MN

**Jim Allsup**, Consultant (Past President, National FFA Alumni Council), Robstown, Texas

**Cindy Ettestad**, Consultant (President, National FFA Alumni Council), Molalla, Oregon  
**Pam Jumper**, Consultant (Vice President, National FFA Alumni Council), Paragould, Arizona

**Absent:**

**Sarah Osborn Welty**, Consultant, (NAAE President) Walkersville High School, Walkersville, Maryland

**Others present for all or portions of the meeting:**

**Patricia L. Natusch**, Member, National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees, Administrator/State FFA Executive Secretary, Connecticut FFA Foundation, Coventry, Connecticut.

**Cheryl Zimmerman**, Member, National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees, State FFA Executive Director, Spencer, Wisconsin.

**Bernie Staller**, Chief Operating Officer, National FFA Organization and National FFA Foundation, Indianapolis, Indiana.

**Tom Kapostasy**, Director, Business Services Division, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, Indiana.

**Anna Melodia**, Director, Education Division, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, Indiana.

**Kent Schescke**, Director, Development and Partnerships Division, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, Indiana.

**Jay Jackman**, Executive Director, National Association of Agricultural Educators, Alexandria, Virginia

**Megan Burgess**, NAAE Summer Intern, Montague, Michigan.

**Christine Hegedus**, NAAE Summer Intern, Goodyear, Arizona.

**Karen Ritter**, President, National PAS Organization, Platteville, Wisconsin.

**Penny Haase-Witler**, Officer Coordinator, National PAS Organization, Columbia, Missouri.

**Melvin Landry, Jr.**, 2002-2003 MANRRS Society Graduate President, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Landon C. Terry**, MANRRS Undergraduate Student President, University of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois.

**National FFA and Foundation staff** participated throughout the weekend.

**1. Call To Order**

President Dane White called the First Session to order with the Official Opening Ceremony following the roll call by Vice President Elio Chiarelli, Jr.

**2. Reflections**

Abbie Kammerzell led reflections.

**3. Review of Board Operating Procedures**

Chairperson Case dispensed with explanations due to the prior orientation for new board members given on Friday, July 12, 2002.

**4. Overview of National Officer Activities**

Dane White began the review of the activities of the National FFA officer team followed by comments by Abbie Kammerzell, Amber Haugland, Elio Chiarelli, Jr., Robin Niehaus and Barrett Keene.

**MOTION:** Moved by Jacque Deeds, seconded by Steve Zimmerman **and carried** to commend the National FFA Officers and to accept their report.

The national officers were commended for a job well done and a round of applause followed.

**5. Seating of Newly Elected Officers and Consultants**

Chairperson Case introduced and welcomed Kent Boggs, Elaine Lewis, and James Woodard to the Board of Directors. He pronounced them duly seated as members of the National FFA Board of Directors. The board welcomed them with a round of applause.

## 6. Reports on Matters as Related to FFA Board Operations

- NASAE — no report at this time.
- PAS — Karen Ritter made introductions including Penny Haas-Witler and special MANRRS guests, Melvin Landry, Jr. and Landon C. Terry, listed above.
- The Council — Marshall Stewart reported for the National Council of Agricultural Education. Stewart noted the recent repositioning of The Council to address more global agricultural issues and the reduced strain for dollars resulting from the decision to move away from the project management business that was recently bid out to Ohio State University. (Future proposed projects/activities include: Federal Charter; more of a “Think Tank” approach; leverage influence for the ag ed community in the political arena; National Summit for Agricultural Education in 2003 with NCRRES. At this time, the Council is anticipating a \$78,000 annual budget projected for future activities with potential of \$100,000 if Foundation proposal is accepted on Tuesday.)
- NYFEA – no report at this time.

## 7. Reports of Consultants

- NAAE — Roger Teeple submitted a report on behalf of NAAE. (*Attachment 2*)
- AAAE — Wade Miller reported on behalf of AAAE.
- FFA Alumni — no report at this time.

## 8. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** Moved by Elio Chiarelli, Jr. (James Woodard), seconded by Robin Niehaus (Steve Zimmerman) **and carried** to approve the January 19-23, 2002 and the April 5, 2002 special conference call minutes as presented.

## 9. Review of and Adjustments to Agenda

- None at this time.

## 10. Report of National FFA Treasurer

Marion Fletcher reviewed the current financial report.

**MOTION:** Moved by Amber Haugland (Bob Heuvel) seconded by Abbie Kammerzell (Marshall Stewart) **and carried** to accept the report of the National FFA Treasurer. (*Attachment 3*)

## 11. Confirmation of Awards Selection

Anna Melodia introduced the program awards managers for the Education Division.

Kevin Keith presented the report for the American FFA Degree recipients.

**MOTION:** Moved by Elio Chiarelli, Jr. (Horacio Garza, Jr.), seconded by Abbie Kammerzell (James Woodard) and carried to approve, for the receipt of the American FFA Degree, the attached list of candidates 2,554 of 2,557, submitted by state associations and verified as meeting all minimum requirements. (*Attachment 4*)

**MOTION:** Moved by Barrett Keene (Jacque Deeds), seconded by Robin Niehaus (Marshall Stewart) and carried to bestow 11 H. O. Sargent Awards – Member and 2 H. O. Sargent Awards – Non-Member, as listed, at the 2002 National FFA Convention. (*Attachment 5*)

**MOTION:** Moved by Elio Chiarelli, Jr. (Elaine Lewis), seconded by Amber Haugland (Kent Boggs) and carried to bestow the Distinguished Service Citation to IMC Global Inc. (David A. Prichard, Vice President – Investor & Corporate Relations), Lake Forest, Illinois; Publishers Press (Nicholas Simon, Owner), Shepardsville, Kentucky; and USDA – Farm Service Agency (James R. Little, Agency Administrator), Washington, D.C.

**MOTION:** Moved by Amber Haugland (Marshall Stewart), seconded by Robin Niehaus (Elaine Lewis) and carried that the National FFA Organization bestow Honorary American FFA – Other Degrees (97), as listed, at the 2002 National FFA Convention. (*Attachment 6*) Note: James Woodard abstained from voting.

**MOTION:** Moved by Bob Heuvel (Abbie Kammerzell), seconded by James Woodard (Amber Haugland) and carried that the National FFA Organization bestow the Honorary American FFA – Teacher Degrees (52), as listed, at the 2002 National FFA Convention. (*Attachment 7*)

**MOTION:** Moved by Elio Chiarelli, Jr. (Kent Boggs), seconded by Amber Haugland (Steve Zimmerman) and carried to bestow the VIP Award to Bill Bartow (Ossineke, MI); Dr. Jane Coulter (Washington, D.C.); Dr. Larry Erpelding (Manhattan, KS); Enoch Gonzalez (San Juan, PR); Lawrence J. Gundrum (Libertyville, IL); Joel C. Janke (Bismarck, ND); Dr. Layle D. Lawrence (Morgantown, WV); William B. Schreck (Springfield, IL); Kenneth G. Seering (Denmark, WI); Pete Spike (Columbus, OH); and Wes Watkins (Washington, DC). (*Attachment 8*)

## 12. Program Development and Direction

Bernie Staller summarized the procedure for Program Development and Direction presentations.

Tom Kapostasy presented the reports for Business Services Divisions. Tom reviewed the staffing positions of his six team leaders: Lee Ann Shiller; Sheridan Gilchrist; Janet Maloney; Vicki Settle; Mark Cavell and Bill Stagg. Then Tom reviewed the year to date status of his operations and gave a progress update of the challenges identified in January of 2002.

Bill Stagg gave a presentation for Marketing & Communications Services (MCS). He noted the reorganization of MCS into four overlapping areas of operations: Communication Production; Information Publishing; Marketing and Public Relations and Convention News and Information. Significant projects include Local Program Resource CD-ROM; website redesign; convention site selection announcement; brand and trademark management; combined Annual Report for FFA and Foundation; and a number of 75 Anniversary projects...web-based State Guide to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; “Voices of Visions, PBS television production, a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary PSA Campaign; and “FFA at 75” book.

Sheridan Gilchrist reported for the Customer and Distribution Services Team.

Vicki Settle summarized the report for the Financial Services Team.

Anna Melodia reviewed the highlights, challenges and opportunities for the Educational Programs Division since January 2002.

Marshall Stewart raised a question regarding FFA’s efforts in the curriculum area and Bernie clarified that the curriculum materials being developed by the FFA is for the purpose of infusing the FFA program in the classroom and to ensure that our materials deliver a common message and a

common concept throughout the instructional pieces so that FFA is truly an integral part of the agricultural education program.

Bob Heuvel expressed his interest in maintaining agriculture in the development process so that we protect and preserve the integral aspect of FFA's role in agricultural education.

Bernie Staller further explained the modular concept of curriculum development and its value to the States and to local teachers. He also shared that the Organization has undertaken the delivery and wrap-up of a number of curriculum development projects from The Council including biotechnology, veterinary science and agricultural issues, some of which are not finalized until 2003.

The Board members directed Bernie Staller and Anna Melodia to develop a motion for the Board's consideration outlining/defining the National FFA Organization's futuristic role in curriculum development that clarifies the Board's intent.

**MOTION: Moved by** Amber Haugland, seconded by Barrett Keene to approve raising in 2003 the convention pre-registration fee from \$25 to \$30 and the on site registration fee from \$25 to \$35.

Following considerable discussion, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. to be continued at the Adam's Mark Hotel on Tuesday, July 16, 2002.

#### **Tuesday, July 16, 2002**

The meeting of the Board of Directors and National Officers of the National FFA Organization was reconvened at 8:00 a.m. in the Victory Ballroom of the Adam's Mark Hotel with all members of the Board present.

**MOTION: Moved by** Amber Haugland (Bob Heuvel), seconded by Barrett Keene (Steve Zimmerman) **and carried** to approve raising in 2003 the convention pre-registration fee from \$25 to \$30 and the on site registration fee from \$25 to \$35.

**MOTION: Moved by** Robin Niehaus (Jacque Deeds), seconded by Abbie Kammerzell (Elaine Lewis) **and carried** to approve the following endorsement statement to be published in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Convention Survival Guide, the Convention Guidebook and on the FFA website as well as in letters or minor convention print items (related to specific convention activities: award programs, band, chorus and talent, courtesy corps, etc.) that may be sent to advisors and or students prior to the national FFA convention.

*Statement: The National FFA Board of Directors strongly encourages all advisors to ensure that ALL FFA members who attend the national FFA convention follow the standards of official dress as outlined in the 2002-2003 Official FFA Manual on page 10.*

**MOTION: Moved by** Barrett Keene, seconded by Abbie Kammerzell to approve raising in 2003 the Washington Leadership Conference registration fees by \$55.

After some discussion, Dr. Case recommended that the issue be sent back to the Staff to clarify budget implications and alternative options. There was strong support for the program and its continuance as a quality program.

**MOTION: Moved by** Elio Chiarelli, Jr., seconded by Barrett Keene to postpone action on this item so the staff can report alternatives at the January Board meeting.

Discussion ensued on the appropriate timing for this decision.

**MOTION:** Moved by Abbie Kammerzell, seconded by Amber Haugland **and carried** to strike “January” and replace with “October” board meeting.

**MOTION AS AMENDED:** “Moved by Elio Chiarelli, Jr., seconded by Barrett Keene to postpone action on this item so the staff can report alternatives at the October Board meeting.” was sustained by Marshall Stewart and James Woodard **and carried**.

Kent Schescke presented a report regarding the key strategic priorities for the Development and Partnership Division.

Cindy Etestad reported on behalf of the National FFA Alumni Council. She expressed great appreciation and excitement over the hiring of Frank Saldaña as the new Executive Director for the Alumni Council effective the end of July.

**MOTION: Moved by** Robin Niehaus (Jacque Deeds), seconded by Elio Chiarelli, Jr. (Marshall Stewart) **and carried** to approve the attached memorandum of understanding between the National FFA Organization and the Elected Leadership of the National FFA Organization’s Alumni Association. (*Attachment 9*)

### **13. Special Committee Report — Delegate Process – Identifying Critical and Emerging Issues**

Steve Zimmerman, Chairperson for the Special Committee on the Delegate Process – Identifying Critical and Emerging Issues, presented a drafted set of ten (10) issue areas for consideration at the State Presidents’ Conference (SPC). Following SPC input, a number of critical issues will be submitted to the delegation at the 75<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention. Expectations are that some of these issues will reappear in future conventions, but none are anticipated as standing committees. (*Attachment 10*)

Bob Heuvel initiated discussion regarding use of a lapel pin on the official jacket as a constitutional amendment. It was concluded that the issue was not a constitutional item, but rather an official dress item as listed in the manual. Case suggested that this should be an item of business for the new delegate assembly.

Wade Miller, Chairperson, presented a report for the Standing Research Committee.

### **14. Standing Committee Report — Policy, Constitution and Bylaws**

Jacquelyn Deeds, Chairperson, presented the report for the Policy, Constitution and Bylaws Committee. She complimented the National Officers on her committee who came prepared with questions

**MOTION: Moved by** Elio Chiarelli, Jr. (Horachio Garza, Jr.), seconded by Barrett Keene (Bob Heuvel) **and carried** to eliminate the use of multi-part paper rosters as a means of recording National membership effective August 31, 2003 and to eliminate the use of stand-alone spreadsheet templates (on floppy or CD-ROM disks) as a means of recording National membership effective August 31, 2005.

**MOTION: Moved by** Robin Niehaus (Marshall Stewart), seconded by Abbie Kammerzell (Steve Zimmerman) **and carried** to appoint Bob Heuvel as Board Superintendent of the National FFA Officer Selection process.



## **Standing Committee Report — Finance Committee**

Bob Heuvel reviewed the highlights of the Finance Committee meeting.

**MOTION:** **Moved by** Barret Keene (Jacque Deeds), seconded by Amber Haugland (James Woodard) **and carried** to approve \$95,800 transfer from capital reserves to cover the attached schedule of equipment and building related purchases. (*Attachment 11*)

**MOTION:** **Moved by** Abbie Kammerzell (James Woodard), seconded by Elio Chiarelli, Jr. (Elaine Lewis) **and carried** to approve the 2002-2003 FFA Organization Operating budget including any changes mandated at this board meeting. (*Attachment 12*)

**MOTION:** **Moved by** Robin Niehaus (Kent), seconded by Barrett Keene (Marshall Stewart) **and carried** to submit to the delegates for consideration at the 2002 National FFA Convention that 2003-2004 dues are set at \$5.00 per member per year.

**MOTION:** **Moved by** Amber Haugland (Jacque Deeds), seconded by Elio Chiarelli, Jr. (Elaine Lewis) **and carried** to approve increasing the National FFA Organization's capitalization policy from a minimum of \$500 to \$1,000 per fixed asset acquisition.

**MOTION:** **Moved by** Elio Chiarelli, Jr. (Marshall Stewart), seconded by Amber (Steve Zimmerman) **and carried** to accept the Finance committee's report.

**MOTION:** **Moved by** Robin Niehaus (Bob Heuvel), seconded by Abbie Kammerzell (Marshall Stewart) **and carried** to recommend Horacio Garza, Jr. to serve on the National FFA Awards and CDE Advisory Board for a term of two years.

### **15. Recognition of Retiring FFA Board Consultants and Foundation Trustees**

- Wade Miller (AAAE) expressed his thanks for the opportunity to serve a second term. The differences since his service early in his career is significant. In particular, the level of responsibility of National Officers is considerably greater and that is great to see.
- Dane expressed wishes on behalf of the board to Sarah Osborn Welty who is home with a new baby.
- Chuck Stranberg (NAAE) expressed his appreciation for the opportunity of service and the efforts of the Foundation.
- Roger Teeple (NAAE) thanked the Board, Foundation and especially the National Officers.
- Jim Allsup (Alumni) expressed his appreciation for serving and charged the Board to always make its business decisions explainable to the kids; hang on to the traditions; and continue to support Alumni and volunteerism because the community support is crucial.
- Cheryl Zimmerman (Ex. Secretary) thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve and noted the professionalism of the members and staff and the benefit it allows to State staff.

Dr. Case gave special recognition to the National Officers and for the passion and commitment to their work they have exhibited during this meeting. The Board recognized them with a standing ovation.

**16. Announcements**

The next National FFA Board of Directors' meeting will be Monday, October 28, 2002 in Louisville, Kentucky. The next National FFA Board of Trustees Executive Committee meeting will be Wednesday, October 30, 2002 in Louisville, Kentucky.

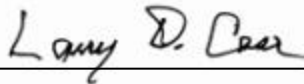
The January 2003 National Board of Directors' meeting will be held January 24-27, 2003 in Alexandria, Virginia. The January 2003 Foundation Board of Trustees' meeting will be held on January 27, 2003 in Alexandria, Virginia.

**17. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

**18. Executive Session with Senior Management**

There were no motions in the Executive Session of the Board.



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Larry D. Case, Chairperson



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C. Coleman Harris, Secretary