

## M I N U T E S

### JOINT MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Kansas City, Missouri

November 11, 1985

A special meeting of the Board of Directors and National Officers of the Future Farmers of America was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Dr. Larry D. Case, Chairman, in the Andy Kirk Room of the Vista Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri. Those present in addition to Dr. Case included:

#### Board of Directors

Robert A. Crawley, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Little Rock, Arkansas  
Floyd J. Doering, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Public Instruction, Madison, Wisconsin  
Duane M. Nielsen, Deputy Director, Division of Innovation and Development, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC  
Jerry Paxton, Vocational Agriculture Teacher, Encampment, Wyoming  
\*Les Thompson, Branch Chief, State Administration Branch, Division of Vocational Education, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC  
Lee Traver, Chief, Bureau of Technology, Trade and Agriculture, Programs, Albany, New York  
Rosco Vaughn, State Supervisor, Vocational Agriculture Education, State Department of Education, Las Cruces, New Mexico  
J. W. Warren, Chief, Programs Development Section, Division of Vocational Education, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC

#### Ex-Officio Members

Larry D. Case, Chairman of the Board, and Senior Program Specialist, Agriculture, Division of Vocational Education, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC  
C. Coleman Harris, Secretary, Board of Director, and Program Specialist, Agriculture, Division of Vocational Education, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC  
David A. Miller, National FFA Treasurer, and Section Chief, State Department of Education, Baltimore, Maryland

#### Board of National Officers

Steve Meredith, National FFA President, Glendale, Kentucky  
Michael Gayaldo, National FFA Secretary, Kelseyville, California  
Mike Barrett, National FFA Vice President, Mead, Nebraska  
Graham Boyd, National FFA Vice President, Pinetown, North Carolina  
Nanci Mason, National FFA Vice President, Collins, Mississippi  
Brad Bass, National FFA Vice President, Mount Vernon, Texas

Consultants

- \*\*William E. Drake, Professor and Coordinator, Agricultural and Occupational Education, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
- \*\*Clinton O. Jacobs, Professor, Agricultural Education, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota
- \*\*Gary W. Leske, Associate Professor, Agricultural Education, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota
- \*\*Edwin L. Love, Professor, Agricultural Education, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas
- \*\*Walt Schuh, President, NVATA, Bow, Washington
- \*\*Myron Sonne, President Elect, NVATA, Letcher, South Dakota
- \*\*Ralph Thomas, Vice President, NVATA, Woodward, Oklahoma
- \*\*Craig Wiget, Vice President, NVATA, Mt. Blanchard, Ohio

Others present for all or portions of the meeting

Wilson W. Carnes, Administrative Director, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia  
Robert W. Cox, Executive Director, National FFA Alumni Association, Alexandria, Virginia  
Jay Householder, President, National FFA Alumni Association, Junction City, Ohio  
James P. Clouse, Professor, Agricultural Education, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia  
Dennis Shafer, Director, National FFA Supply Service, Alexandria, Virginia  
Robert A. Seefeldt, Program Specialist/Awards, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia  
Tony Hoyt, Program Specialist/Leadership, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia  
Cameron Dubes, Director of Information, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia  
Bernie Staller, Executive Director, National FFA Foundation Office, Madison, Wisconsin  
John M. Pitzer, Senior Editor/Electronic Communications, The National FUTURE FARMER magazine, Alexandria, Virginia  
George Verzagt, Manager, Career Show, Alexandria, Virginia

1. INVOCATION - Brad Bass, National FFA Vice President, gave the invocation.
2. ADJUSTMENTS OF AGENDA - Adjustments in the agenda were requested by the chairman and two items were added.
3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - Mr. Harris requested approval of the minutes of the July 15-18, 1985 meeting. There being no objections, the minutes were approved as distributed.
4. APPROVAL OF GOVERNING COMMITTEE MINUTES - The Governing Committee minutes of September 25, 1985, mailed to the Board, and the minutes of October 23, 1985, distributed at the meeting, were approved as corrected. (See Appendix A)

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\*Mr. Les Thompson was unable to attend the meeting  
\*\*Since this meeting is primarily for convention bussiness rather than official Board action, Messrs. Drake, Jacobs, Leske, Love, Schuh, Sonne, Thomas and Wiget, Consultants to the Board of Directors, were not in attendance.

5. APPOINTMENT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE - The chairman pointed out that the Nominating Committee was appointed prior to this Board meeting in accordance with the changes recommended by the National Officer Review Committee and approved by the Board at the July, 1985 meeting.
  
6. APPROVAL FOR RECOGNITION OF PROFICIENCY AWARD WINNERS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION - Mr. Seefeldt requested approval for two Proficiency Award winners who are unable to be in attendance to receive recognition at the 58th National FFA Convention.  
  
MOTION - It was moved by Brad Bass (Mr. Traver)\*\*\*, seconded by Graham Boyd (Dr. Vaughn) and carried that the Horse Proficiency Award winner from the Eastern Region, and the Specialty Crop Production Award winner from the Southern Region receive recognition and their awards at the 58th National FFA Convention; the awards to be accepted by designated individuals.
  
7. FINAL UPDATE OF 58TH NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION ACTIVITIES - Mr. Harris led an item by item review of the convention staffing plan. He then called upon the respective convention program managers for an update on their areas of operation.

It was pointed out that the Supply Service Booth will remain open on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

1,050 FFA members are participating in the FFA Courtesy Corps.

Board members were encouraged to say hello to Mrs. Veva Keebler at the Main Registration desk. Mrs. Keebler has worked for the Kansas City Convention and Visitors Bureau for the past 30 years.

It was announced that the registration fee for the Friday p.m. session will be \$3.00 per session.

The General Manager of the Radisson Muehlebach Hotel, and President of the Convention and Visitors Bureau will meet with the State Supervisors at their a.m. meeting on Tuesday relative to the renovation plans of the Muehlebach Hotel in 1986.

Mr. R. W. Cox, Executive Director of the National FFA Alumni Association, updated the Board on Alumni Convention and FFA Convention activities. He stated the current Alumni membership stands at 26,625 which is an increase of 280 over 1984. The Alumni Association's income increased \$1,500 over last year. A fact sheet listing 1985 FFA Alumni Membership Achievements was distributed to the Board.

Mr. Jay Householder, President of the FFA Alumni Association, extended greetings on behalf of the Alumni and commended the 1984-85 National Officers for a job well done.

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\*\*\*Parenthesis indicate joint action by the National FFA Officers and Board of Directors

Mr. Cameron Dubes, Director of Information, presented a report on news room convention activities. He distributed copies of the new brochure entitled "think about it" which is aimed at 8th grade students, and pointed out new information and public relations materials for 1986. He commended Roni Horan and Andy Markwart for their outstanding assistance.

Cameron Dubes stated leaving the National FFA Organization was a difficult decision but he felt he had to move on. He said the Board should take a serious look at FFA's image, a "contemporary image", as the public views the FFA from a different light. In closing his report, Mr. Dubes extended appreciation to the Board for their help and cooperation.

MOTION - It was moved by Brad Bass, seconded by Graham Boyd and carried unanimously, that the student officers commend Cameron Dubes for his outstanding efforts while serving as Director of Information for the FFA.

MOTION - It was then moved by Dr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Traver and carried unanimously that an official letter of commendation from the National FFA Organization be sent to Cameron Dubes. This was followed by a round of applause.

8. APPROVAL OF AWARDS - A recommendation was made that Zig Zigler, Convention Speaker, be awarded the Honorary American Farmer Degree at the 58th National FFA Convention.

It was moved by Brad Bass (Mr. Crawley), seconded by Mike Barrett (Mr. Warren) and carried to confer the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon Zig Ziglar at the 58th National FFA Convention.

It was also suggested that Willard Scott of the NBC Today Show be recommended to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree but no action was taken.

9. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - Mr. Floyd Doering, Chairman of the FFA Finance Committee reported that the current financial condition of the organization is good and the organization is operating within its budget.

MOTION - It was moved by Mike Barrett (Mr. Doering), seconded by Brad Bass (Mr. Warren) and carried to increase the reimbursement rate for actual cost of meals at this National Convention not to exceed \$21.00 per day.

It was stated that this change applies to the 1985 Convention only. The reimbursement rate for meals will be studied with a long-term recommendation to be made to the Board in January.

MOTION - It was then moved by Brad Bass (Mr. Warren), seconded by Nanci Mason (Mr. Doering) and carried to accept the report of the FFA Finance Committee.

10. TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr. David Miller, National FFA Treasurer, distributed copies of the 1984-85 Auditor's Report and led an item by item review. The new inventory system was explained, and it was stated that the cash flow appears to be satisfactory at this time. A six-page excerpt from the audit report will be presented to the delegates.

MOTION - It was moved by Michael Gayaldo (Mr. Warren), seconded by Graham Boyd (Mr. Doering) and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

11. OVERVIEW OF LEGAL MATTERS - Mr. Carnes stated that one legal case which was pending has been dropped since the July meeting.
12. PROGRESS REPORT OF ACTION ITEMS FROM THE JULY MEETING - Dr. Case presented an update report on the strategic planning process. The decision group will meet the last week in November to finalize the plan. The Chairman also updated the Board on ACCESS (computer software) which is operated by the National FFA Supply Service.

It was announced that there will be no cost of living increase for FFA employees in 1986.

13. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPLICATION FOR STATE ASSOCIATION CHARTER - Mr. Harris pointed out as stated in the memorandum mailed to the Board October 16, 1985, the District of Columbia has completed all of the requirements in accordance with Article IX, Section A, of the Bylaws, as well as the basic constitutional requirements as stated in Article III, Section A, of the Constitution. Therefore, the District of Columbia is eligible for a State Association Charter.

MOTION - It was moved by Michael Gayaldo (Mr. Warren), seconded by Nanci Mason (Mr. Traver) and carried to recommend approval of the application for a State Association Charter from the District of Columbia to the delegate body of the 58th National FFA Convention.

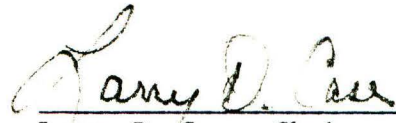
14. FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE 1984-85 NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS Steve Meredith presented the report and recommendations by the 1984-85 national officer team. (See Appendix B) A discussion followed.

MOTION - It was then moved by Dr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Warren and carried to commend the 1984-85 National FFA Officer team for a year of outstanding leadership and to accept their final report and recommendations.

15. NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE - Dr. Clouse briefly reported on nominating committee activities and review process as implimented by Phase I of the study committee.

16. COMMENDATION - MOTION - It was moved by Graham Boyd (Mr. Warren), seconded by Mike Barrett (Mr. Traver) and carried that the Board of Directors recognize the tremendous efforts of all the FFA Center staff in preparing for and conducting the National Convention, and express appreciation for their continued dedication to FFA members.

17. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the Boards the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

  
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Larry D. Case, Chairman

  
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C. Coleman Harris, Secretary

MINUTES  
GOVERNING COMMITTEE  
NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION

September 25, 1985

The meeting was called to order in Washington, DC, by Chairman Larry Case. The "Stick On For Safety Program" was presented by C. Coleman Harris and Cameron Dubes.

Following a discussion, it was moved by Duane Nielsen, seconded by Les Thompson and carried to approve the FFA "Stick On For Safety" program as a 1985-86 special FFA safety program emphasis, and that the proposal be sent to the FFA Foundation Board of Trustees for funding.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
C. Coleman Harris, Secretary

MINUTES

Governing Committee  
National FFA Organization  
October 23, 1985

A meeting of the Governing Committee was held on October 23, 1985, at the U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC. Present were: Larry D. Case, Les Thompson and Duane M. Nielsen, members of the committee.

1. It was moved by Les Thompson, seconded by Duane M. Nielsen and carried to approve the following American Farmer candidates' applications which were corrected and resubmitted by the States. Approval or disapproval was based on detailed review and recommendations by Robert Seefeldt, Manager of the FFA Award Programs.

APPROVED:

LOUISIANA

Brent Butler  
Edmond Guidry  
Dwayne Stelly

TENNESSEE

William Jones, Jr.

TEXAS

Chris Munday  
William Reynolds  
Alan Pickering  
Gary Yeager

WEST VIRGINIA

Michael McCormick

NOT APPROVED:

NORTH CAROLINA

Shari Simmons

2. It was moved by Les Thompson, seconded by Duane M. Nielsen and carried to approve the slate of delegates recommended by the National FFA Officers to serve on the Nominating Committee at the 58th National FFA Convention as follows:

Brad Parrish, Michigan (Chairman)  
Dave Schaefer, Wisconsin  
Jim Ringo, Washington  
John Sebastiano, New Jersey  
Terry Parrish, Florida

Brenda Kalvoda, North Dakota  
Aaran Alejandro, Texas  
Kelly Donnelly, Rhode Island  
Allen Broussard, Louisiana

James W. Warren, Washington DC (Consultant)  
James P. Clouse, Virginia (Consultant)  
Arnold Cordes, Wisconsin (Consultant)  
Lee Traver, New York (Tabulator)  
Rosco Vaughn, New Mexico (Tabulator)

Respectfully submitted,



C. Coleman Harris, Secretary



(Appendix B)

FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
SUBMITTED BY  
1984-85 NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS

1. Recommend that there be an intern in the Leadership Department. This person would be responsible for:
  - a. Assisting in coordination of certain national officer activity scheduling.
  - b. Providing information (both FFA and ag-related) to national officers on the road.
  - c. Developing materials to assist officers in their responsibilities.
2. Recommend that the National FUTURE FARMER magazine recognize the interest of readers in activities of the national organization including accounts of national officers.
3. Recommend that the National FFA Board of Directors, acting upon information secured from the National FFA Foundation, consider the continuation and further implementation of the Sponsor Awareness Program for the coming year.
4. Recommend that the National Organization make a greater effort to maximize the image of the FFA. Especially in those situations which provide a great deal of positive exposure.
5. Recommend that the National FFA Board of Directors aggressively pursue the establishment of a national contest in agribusiness skills which reflects changes in the vocational agriculture curriculum.
6. We felt that our time and efforts put into the Board meetings was enlightening, constructive and well spent.