

## 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 5, 1984

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 Music Room of the Radisson Muehlebach Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri. Those present in addition to Dr. Case included:

#### Board of Directors

Floyd J. Doering, State Supervisor, Agriculture Education, Madison, WI  
Thaine D. McCormick, Chief, Programs Branch, U.S. Department of Education,  
Washington, DC

Duane M. Nielsen, Deputy Director, Division of Innovation and Development,  
U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC

Les Thompson, Program Specialist, State Administration Branch, U.S. Department  
of Education, Washington, DC

Lee Traver, Chief, Bureau of Agricultural Education, Albany, NY

J. W. Warren, Chief, Program Access Branch, U.S. Department of Education,  
Washington, DC

Donald E. Wilson, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Sacramento, CA

#### Ex-Officio Members

Larry D. Case, Senior Program Officer, Agriculture, Division of Vocational  
Education Services, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC

C. Coleman Harris, Secretary, Board of Directors, and Program Officer,  
Vocational Agriculture Education, U.S. Department of Education, Washington,  
DC

David A. Miller, National FFA Treasurer, and Section Chief, State Department  
of Education, Baltimore, MD

#### Board of National Officers

Ron Wineinger, National FFA President, Marion, Kansas

Bill Caraway, National FFA Secretary, Clovis, New Mexico

Rhonda Scheulen, National Vice President, Loose Creek, Missouri

Carol Irvine, National Vice President, Gaithersburg, Maryland

Chuck Duggar, National Vice President, Marianna, Florida

Melody Lawson, National Vice President, Peoria, Arizona

Consultants

\*Dale Butcher, Past President, NVATA, West Lafayette, IN

Walt Schuh, President, NVATA, Bow, WA

\*Myron Sonne, Vice President, NVATA, Letcher, SD

\*Ross H. Smith, Vice President, NVATA, West Lafayette, IN

Ronald A. Brown, Associate Professor, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS

\*Gilbert A. Long, Head, Department of Agriculture Education, Utah State University, Logan, UT

\*Gary W. Leske, Associate Professor, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN

\*William E. Drake, Professor and Coordinator, Agricultural and Occupational Education, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Others present for all or portions of the meeting

Wilson W. Carnes, Administrative Director, FFA, Alexandria, VA

Robert W. Cox, Executive Director, National FFA Alumni Association, Alexandria, VA

Eldon E. Witt, President, National FFA Alumni Association, Roanoke, IL

John M. Pitzer, Senior Editor, The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, Alexandria, Va

Ted Amick, Program Specialist/Contests, FFA, Alexandria, VA

Robert A. Seefeldt, Program Specialist/Awards, FFA, Alexandria, VA

Tony Hoyt, Program Specialist, Leadership, FFA, Alexandria, VA

Cameron Dubes, Director of Information, FFA, Alexandria, VA

Bernie Staller, Executive Director, National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee, Madison, WI

Glenn D. Luedke, Director of Advertising, The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, Alexandria, VA

R. D. Hagan, District Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Jefferson City, MO

Richard W. Tenney, Assistant Professor, Agricultural Education, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

1. INVOCATION - Carol Irvine, National FFA Vice President, gave the invocation.

\*Since this meeting is primarily for convention business rather than official Board action, Messrs. Butcher, Drake, Leske, Long, Smith and Sonne, Consultants to the Board of Directors, were not in attendance.

2. ADJUSTMENTS OF AGENDA - Adjustments in the agenda were requested and one item was added.
3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - Mr. Harris requested approval of the minutes of the July 16-19, 1984 meeting of the National FFA Board of Directors. There being no objections, the minutes were approved as distributed.
4. APPROVAL OF GOVERNING COMMITTEE MINUTES - The following Governing Committee minutes were distributed to the Board: July 30, 1984, August 9, 1984, September 19, 1984, October 17, 1984 and October 30, 1984. There being no objections, the Governing Committee minutes were approved as presented. (See Appendix A)
5. APPOINTMENT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Ron Wineinger presented the slate of delegates designated to serve on the Nominating Committee as follows:

Lynn Kennedy, Colorado (Chairman)	Steve Kaufman, Florida (Co-Chairman)
Crystal Wooton, New Mexico	Tracy L. Yarborough, South Carolina
John Kuegel, Jr., Kentucky	Richard Miller, Arizona
Carolyn L. Witmer, Pennsylvania	Jeff Moon, Minnesota
Margaret "Annie" Perkins, West Virginia	

James W. Warren, Washington, DC (Consultant)  
James P. Clouse, Virginia (Consultant)

MOTION - It was moved by Bill Caraway (Mr. Doering)\*\*, seconded by Melody Lawson (Mr. Wilson) and carried to approve the slate of delegates recommended by the National FFA Officers to serve on the Nominating Committee.

6. FINAL UPDATE OF THE 57TH NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION - Mr. Harris led an item by item review of the 1984 National FFA Convention staffing plan and called upon the respective convention program managers for an update on their areas of operations.

It was announced that due to a sudden illness Mr. Rod Turnbull of the Kansas City Star was unable to serve as chairman of the Star Farmer of America selection committee. Mr. Turnbull was involved with the selection process of the Star Farmer of America since its inception. Mr. Lee Traver was appointed to serve as chairman in Mr. Turnbull's absence. Dr. Duane Nielsen is chairman of the selection committee for the Star Agribusinessman of America.

Mr. Harris reported that for the first time a registration issue of the FFA Times will be provided to each advisor registering at the convention

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

Mr. Harris further reported on convention activities of the National Agricultural Career Show as follows:

<u>1984</u>		<u>1983</u>
29,200	Square feet of exhibit space	25,800
292	Booths	258
180	Exhibitors	161

Mr. Eldon Witt, President of the National FFA Alumni Association reported current membership stands at 25,948 which is an increase of 245 from 1983. Mr. Witt also reviewed the schedule for the Alumni Convention. He extended appreciation to the National Organization for their support and indicated that the Alumni Association stands ready to assist at any time.

7. INTRODUCTION - Dr. Richard W. Tenney, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Education, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York was introduced.
8. APPROVAL OF AWARDS - It was recommended that the Honorable Elizabeth Dole and Eddie Albert be awarded the Honorary American Farmer Degree at the 57th National FFA Convention.

MOTION - It was moved by Bill Caraway (Mr. Traver), seconded by Rhonda Scheulen (Mr. Thompson) and carried to confer the Honorary American Farmer Degree upon the Honorable Elizabeth Dole and Eddie Albert at the 57th National FFA Convention.

9. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - Mr. C. W. Reed, Chairman of the FFA Finance Committee, reported that the committee reviewed the 1983-84 auditor's report and discussed plans for the preliminary budget to be presented to the Board at the January meeting.

MOTION - It was moved by Carol Irvine (Mr. Warren), seconded by Chuck Duggar (Mr. Doering) and carried to accept the Finance Committee Report.

10. TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr. David Miller, National FFA Treasurer, distributed copies of the 1983-84 auditor's report and led a very comprehensive review. Mr. Miller also distributed a Consolidated Statement dated August 31, 1984, and led an item by item review. In summarizing his report, Mr. Miller pointed out that the overall financial condition of the organization has improved since last year and that the national staff has been operating very conservative for the past couple of years.

MOTION - It was moved by Rhonda Scheulen (Mr. Thompson), seconded by Melody Lawson (Dr. Nielsen) and carried to accept the Treasurer's report.

11. OVERVIEW OF LEGAL MATTERS - Dr. Case stated that he had nothing to report on legal matters at this time.

12. PROGRESS REPORT OF ACTION ITEMS FROM THE JULY BOARD MEETING - Dr. Case reported that as requested at the July Board meeting, a National FFA Officer Evaluation and Study Committee has been appointed. Committee members include: Arnold Cordes, Rob Hovis and Eldon Witt. Consultants on the committee are: Walt Schuh, Roscoe Vaughn, Carl Beeman, Tom Engelke, Russell Weathers, Jan Eberly and Ron Wineinger.

The committee held its first meeting prior to the National Convention to study the entire national officer process during the year they serve as well as the year after they leave office. The committee will meet during the convention in Room 205 at the Municipal Auditorium and the Board members were invited to stop by at any time during the convention.

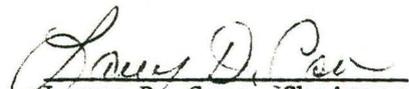
A full report on this committee and other activities being conducted will be presented at the January Board meeting.

13. REPORT BY THE 1983-84 NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS - Ron Wineinger presented a combined report of the 1983-84 national officer team. (See Appendix B)

Melody Lawson stated that she enjoyed working with the Board and extended appreciation to the Board for listening to the national officers and accepting their opinions and ideas.

MOTION - It was moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Doering and carried to commend the 1983-84 National FFA Officer team for their outstanding performance during the year and to accept their final report and recommendations.

14. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the Boards the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

  
Larry D. Case, Chairman

  
C. Coleman Harris, Secretary

M I N U T E S

Governing Committee  
National FFA Organization  
July 30, 1984

The meeting of the FFA Governing Committee was called to order by Larry Case, Chairman. Present were: Jim Warren and Les Thompson, members of the committee, and Wilson Carnes, Administrative Director.

1. Mr. Carnes gave an update on the computer at the FFA Center and discussed recommendation for increasing the memory to speed up user response. This has been a problem during periods of heavy usage.

It was moved by Jim Warren, seconded by Les Thompson and passed that the purchase of the necessary memory boards be authorized at a cost of \$8,400 with the money to come from the 5% setaside.

2. It was moved by Les Thompson, seconded by Jim Warren and carried to move Michael Wilson, Managing Editor of the National FUTURE FARMER, to Grade 12, Step 1, effective immediately.

This move was based on the quality of work performed with the editorial content of the magazine and continued professional growth. The pay scale is within the job range established by the Board of Directors for this position and is reflected in the current budget.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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C. Coleman Harris, Secretary

NATIONAL FFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
GOVERNING COMMITTEE MINUTES  
August 9, 1984

A special meeting of the Governing Committee of the National FFA Board of Directors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 9, 1984 at the U. S. Department of Education. Committee members present: Larry Case, Jim Warren and Les Thompson.

The purpose of the special meeting was to review and approve the letter of agreement, as directed by Board action at the January 1984 Board meeting, between AgriData Resources, Inc. (ADI), the FFA Foundation and the National FFA Organization.

Cameron Dubes and Dwight Horkheimer were present to answer committee questions.

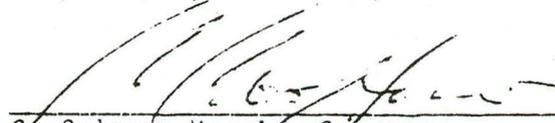
After discussion of the agreement, Jim Warren moved and Les Thompson seconded to approve the proposed letter of agreement between ADI, FFA and the FFA Foundation with these amendments:

1. Item #12, 4th Paragraph - delete: "on a paid basis".
2. Item #12, 8th Paragraph - delete entire paragraph.
3. Add: Item #17 - FFA agrees to provide to ADI a computer tape of the 8,350 vocational agriculture departments in the nation. In return, ADI agrees not to use the list for any other purposes other than promotion of the Ag Ed Network. The list will not be sold or made available to anyone else outside of ADI.
4. Add: Item #18 - Any promotional materials prepared by ADI which includes any mention of the FFA must be approved by FFA's Director of Information before publication.

Furthermore, that any language in the Standard Information Provider Agreement which has any mention of exclusivity of provided information, be deleted. The motion passed unanimously by committee members.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
C. Coleman Harris, Secretary

## MINUTES

### Governing Committee National FFA Organization

September 19, 1984

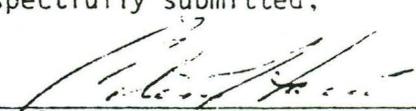
A meeting was held of the Governing Committee on September 19, 1984, at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the Senior Program Officer, U.S. Department of Education. Present were: Larry Case, Jim Warren and Les Thompson, members of the committee.

1. It was moved by Jim Warren, seconded by Les Thompson and carried to recommend the following persons for the American Farmer Degree:

Brad McFerrin, Mississippi  
Michael Rehfeldt, Florida  
Teresa Lott, Florida  
Nancy Gindl, Florida  
Jude Sittig, Louisiana  
Richard Wright, Arkansas  
John Edge, Georgia  
George Denison, Jr., Georgia  
John Harper, Jr., Georgia  
Bryan O'Neal, Georgia  
Bryan Delozier, Arkansas

2. It was moved by Jim Warren, seconded by Les Thompson and carried to allow Paul Hasselbach, the Eastern Regional Agricultural Processing winner, to receive the cash award in accordance with Board Policy since he is participating in the WEA Program and will not be in attendance at the National FFA Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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C. Coleman Harris, Secretary

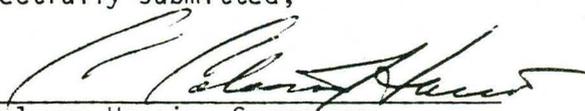
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Governing Committee  
National FFA Organization  
October 17, 1984

On October 17, 1984, the Governing Committee met in the office of the National Advisor at the U.S. Department of Education. Present were: Larry Case, Jim Warren and Les Thompson, members of the Committee.

After careful consideration of all the facts and circumstances, it was moved by Les Thompson, seconded by Jim Warren, to recommend Ray Brands of Vermont for the American Farmer Degree. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
C. Coleman Harris, Secretary

## MINUTES

### Governing Committee National FFA Organization

October 30, 1984

The Governing Committee was called to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Department of Education. Present were: Dr. Larry Case, Chairman, Mr. Les Thompson and Mr. J. W. Warren, all members of the committee. Also present was Mr. Wilson Carnes, Administrative Director, FFA.

1. After a detailed discussion, it was moved by Les Thompson, seconded by Jim Warren, and carried that Mr. Dennis C. Shafer be employed as Director of the National FFA Supply Service at Grade 13, Step 3, effective December 1, 1984, and that FFA pay up to \$1,000 of the necessary moving expense.

In arriving at the above recommendation, the Selection Committee reviewed 37 applications and conducted seven interviews. Two applicants were interviewed a second time. In addition several reference checks were made. Mr. Carnes advised the Governing Committee that FFA policies had been followed as well as the equal opportunity employer requirements. The Committee also considered filling the job from "within" and eliminate a top level position but did not feel they could recommend this action. Members of the Selection Committee were: Wilson Carnes, Chairman, C. Coleman Harris, Robert W. Cox and Larry D. Case.

2. After some discussion, it was moved by Jim Warren, seconded by Les Thompson, and carried that the printing contract with W. R. Bean & Son, Inc. for printing The National FUTURE FARMER magazine be extended for three years beginning with the December-January, 1984-85 issue.

Five bidders were considered by Wilson Carnes, Editor-in-Chief, arriving at the above recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

  
C. Coleman Harris, Secretary

1983-84 National Officer RecommendationsAdministration/Finance

1. Reduce the number of full Board of Directors and Consultants meetings to one per year.
2. Continue to closely scrutinize the economic benefits of an in-house print shop, Supply Service, etc. Explore new options for utilizing FFA resources (land, buildings, etc.).
3. Continue to review FFA operations. An outside team should be used for this purpose.
4. Guard time and resources of National FFA Foundation for secondary vo-ag/FFA only.
5. Change structure of Board of Directors to include at least one teacher and one student with complete voting privileges.
6. The National Officers for 1983-84 extend a sincere welcome to Mr. Dennis Shafer, Supply Service Director, and wish him the best in pursuing aggressive marketing and tight inventory control procedures and practices.

Program

1. Information efforts and campaigns should significantly increase. Much has been done but communication with the federal government, state governments, local governments, business and industry, and the general public is the key to future success.
2. Continue to utilize graduate students to do FFA research so sound decisions can be made.
3. FFA's role in curriculum development needs to be further and more clearly defined. Are we in the curriculum business? Is the Student Handbook curriculum? What is being taught in the classroom? Is it up-to-date? Can FFA take a lead in bringing it up-to-date?
4. More direction needs to be provided to Board committees selecting award recipients (scholarships, VIP, Honorary American Farmer, American Farmer, etc.). What are the criteria?

National Officer/Board of Directors Relationship

1. Increase the national officer scholarship. Elected officers are more than willing to give up financial assistance for the experience gained. However, the Board of Directors should never ask officers to make monetary sacrifices to serve. Loss due to disruption of an officer's academic career and opportunity costs for that year should be considered.
2. Give full support to the committee studying national officer activities and to their recommendations.
3. A realistic explanation of the role of officers at a Board of Directors meeting is very necessary. Officers need to know why their presence is vital.