AGENDA FOR MEETING OF NATIONAL BOARDS OF STUDENT OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Washington, D. C.

January 29-30, 1959'

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#### M. Minutes of last meeting

- 2. Report of National Treasurer
- 3. Reports from four regional representatives

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Wyoming Proposal to give greater consideration to Public Relations on Honorary American Farmer Degree for Vo-Ag Instructors Scorecard (Also, Arizona, Page 2, October 1958)

Montana - Purchase Flags, poles, spears, etc. for convention Oregon - Lettering on State Officers Jackets (Page 12, Oct. 1958), Convention pre-registration, and Courtesy Corps and super-

vision assignments at national convention.



# National FFA Dues Increased

- A. Present Status 377,922 members \$37,792.20 dues collected
- B. Advantages
  - (1) Return of Grant to States
  - (2) National Budget
  - (3) Building Fund
- C. Service Staff recommendations

## National Future Farmer Magazine - Mr. Carnes

- A. Present Status
- (1) Advertising
  - (2) Subscription
- B. Financial Report
- C. New Personnel
- D. Service Staff recommendations

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- A. Present Status
- B. Financial Report
- C. 1960 Calendar
- D. Service Staff recommendations
- 7. Future Farmers Supply Service Mr. Hawkins
  - A. Present Status
  - B. Financial Report
  - C. Old Items to Drop
  - D. New Items
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  - E. Future Planning

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FFA Grounds and Building - Mr. Hawkins Financial Status B. Operation, Care and Maintenance C. Landscaping - Dr. Spanton Improvements - Dr. Spanton and Mr. Hawkins E. Dedication Honorary American Farmer Degree A. Who Should Receive Degree? (Judges of Public Speaking Contest Page 3, October 1958) 10. National FFA Week - Mr. Farrar Territorial Groups Status of Alaska, Virgin Islands, Guam New Amendment to National FFA Constitution Future plans (possibilities) for -(1) Association status (2) Chapters affiliated with present State Association National Band Director - CC = weller ushes = jourse [7] A. North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois B. Military Director from Washington, D. C. Theme for 1959 Convention A. The FFA, A Growing Youth Organization Exhibit Theme for 1959 Report in Time of the Nat Cow in K. C. 1959 National Leadership Training Conference & FFA Building Dedication A. Review (1) Objectives (2) Count on Attendance (3) Program Cost (1) Tours (2) Subsistance Public Address System (3) (4) Barbecue (5) Travel (6) Dedication National Officers' Good-Will Tour for 1959 - Mr. Gray Follow-up material on Safety (Letter from Harold Heldreth)

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JOINT MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BOARDS OF STUDENT OFFICERS
AND DIRECTORS OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

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January 29, 1959

The meeting of the Boards of Student Officers and Directors of the Future Farmers of America was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in Room G-747 A, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Building, by Dr. W. T. Spanton, Chairman. Those present included:

Board of Directors

Mr. George F. Sullards, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Little Rock, Arkansas;

Mr. Byron J. McMahon, Chief, Bureau of Agricultural Education, Sacramento, California;

Mr. Harold F. Duis, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Lincoln, Nebraska;

Mr. Walter Jacoby, Consultant, Agricultural Education, Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. E. J. Johnson; Mr. H. N. Hunsicker; and Mr. R. E. Naugher, all of the Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

Board of Student Officers

Adin Hester, National FFA President, Aurora, Oregon;
Bryan Hafen, National FFA Vice President, Mesquite, Nevada;
Lee Todd, National FFA Vice President, Bells, Tennessee;
Thomas E. Stine, National FFA Vice President, Ozark, Missouri;
Richard Van Auken, National FFA Vice President, Monroe, New Jersey, and
Norman Brown, National FFA Student Secretary, Temperance, Michigan.

Mr. Wm. Paul Gray, National FFA Executive Secretary, and Mr. R. E. Bass, National FFA Treasurer, were also present.

The first item of business concerned an error in the Minutes of the October, 1958, meeting of the Boards. Page 10, under report of the magazine reads as follows:

Correction -October Board Minutes "...The magazine staff is now putting out six issues per year, instead of four; printing costs have gone up 8% and salaries 20% since the magazine was started..."

This should be changed to read as follows:

"...The magazine staff is now putting out six issues a year, instead of four; printing costs are expected to go up 8% in the next two years, and salaries have gone up 20% since the magazine was started..."

Approval of previous minutes

It was moved by Norman Brown, seconded by Richard Van Auken and carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and that the minutes as corrected be accepted. It was moved by Mr. McMahon, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Dr. Spanton called for reports from the four regional representatives of the Board, concerning any matters, which they wished to present.

Mr. Duis reported that North Dakota had suggested that all orders for the Official FFA Jacket should be certified by the chapter advisor or State advisor, to eliminate the purchase of jackets by unauthorized persons; and that a policy be set concerning lettering on the back of the jacket. It was suggested that only authorized lettering should be done on the jacket at the Supply Service, and that probably this would eliminate the problem of having such things on the back of the jacket as "National Judging Contest". Mr. Hawkins stated that the Supply Service turns down orders for jackets with no lettering on the back, but it is always possible for boys to have additional lettering done locally. There is no way this can be controlled. Mr. McMahon reported that the Oregon Association did not want the word "Association" on the back of their State Officer jackets, since they believed the jacket looked much neater without this word.

Policy on FFA Jackets After some discussion, it was moved by Norman Brown, seconded by Lee Todd and carried that the policy set on the Official FFA Jacket at the October meeting of the Boards remain the same. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sullards and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained. This policy appears on Page 12 of the October minutes and reads as follows:

"After further discussion, it was moved by Jerry Cullison, seconded by Jerry Rulon and carried, that FFA jackets be sold only to members of the Future Farmers of America; that the wearing of jackets with the emblem only on the back be restricted to National FFA Officers; that jackets ordered by the State Associations for State Officers bear the name of the State above the emblem, with the word 'Association' below the emblem; that all other jackets ordered by the State Association bear the name of the State above the emblem, with optional wording below the emblem; and that jackets ordered on the local or chapter level show the name of the State above the emblem with the chapter name below the emblem. It was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hunsicker and carried that the Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers."

Mr. Duis also reported that North Dakota suggested that pictures should not be used on the Official FFA Calendar or in The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, which violate the policies regarding the Proper Use of the Official FFA Jacket as listed in the Manual.

Jacket photographs -- Magazine & Calendar

It was moved by Bryan Hafen, seconded by Lee Todd and carried that the calendar and magazine staff use their best judgment in following the policies pertaining to the proper use of the Official FFA Jacket in selecting pictures. It was moved by Mr. McMahon, seconded by Mr. Duis and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Shortening of National FFA Convention Mr. Duis further reported that Mr. H. E. Urton, of South Dakota had again suggested that the National FFA Convention close with the Wednesday evening session. This problem was discussed at the January, 1958, meeting, but no action was taken at that time. Mr. Gray stated that several plans were now being considered but they would have to be discussed with the Kansas City Advisory Committee when he and Dr. Spanton met with that group in March.

Criteria for Honorary American Farmer Degree for Vo-Ag Teachers

Mr. Jacoby read a letter from Mr. John A. Snell of Maine, regarding the criteria for recommending teachers for the Honorary American Farmer Degree. Mr. Snell felt that basically this criteria did not adequately weigh the qualities that should be recognized. He pointed out that a teacher of vocational agriculture could easily over-emphasize contest activities and perhaps play up a few boys, instead of being a good teacher of vocational agriculture. Mr. Snell did not have any specific suggestions, but thought that possibly some system could be devised whereby each State could nominate one or two candidates annually.

After considerable discussion Dr. Spanton suggested that the present criteria be sent to the States for their suggestions If the majority of States were satisfied with the criteria as it now stands, there would be no change. If, however, the majority of States were not satisfied, all of the suggestions received would be taken into consideration and changes made.

It was moved by Richard Van Auken, seconded by Norman Brown and carried that Dr. Spanton's suggestion be accepted. It was moved by Mr. Jacoby, seconded by Mr. Sullards and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

National Chapter Award Program form

Mr. McMahon reported that a suggestion had been made that the items in the National Chapter Award Program Form be broken down into definite point value. Mr. Farrar felt that by receiving the suggestions of the States on this, it might help in the final preparation of the new form which will combine the chapter form and the annual FFA report.

It was moved by Bryan Hafen, seconded by Norman Brown and carried that the National Chapter Award Program Form also be sent to the States for their suggestions. It was moved by Mr. Duis, seconded by Mr. McMahon and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Mr. McMahon said that Mr. A. W. Johnson of Montana, hoped the Boards would see fit to authorize the purchase of flag poles and metal spears to be used during the Massing of the Flag Ceremony at the national convention.

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Authorization to purchase flag belts After some discussion, it was moved by Norman Brown, seconded by Richard Van Auken and carried that Mr. Hawkins be authorized to purchase flag belts for use at the national convention. It was moved by Mr. Jacoby, seconded by Mr. McMahon and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Report of National Treasurer Copies of the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures of the Future Farmers of America for the six-month period from July 1, 1958 through December 31, 1958, were distributed by Mr. R. E. Bass, National FFA Treasurer. This statement was reviewed in detail.

It was moved by Richard Van Auken, seconded by Thomas
Stine and carried that the report of the National Treasurer be
accepted. It was moved by Mr. Sullards, seconded by Mr. McMahon
and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers
be sustained.

Report on National Magazine

Mr. Wilson Carnes, Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, made a mid-year report on the magazine. Copies of the Balance Sheet, Statement of Income and Expense, and the Budget Analysis for a six-month period from July 1, 1958 to December 31, 1958, were distributed and reviewed.

Mr. Carnes reported that the magazine had closed out the calendar year with a decrease of about 5.84% in advertising. He stated they had been more fortunate than some farm publications, who had dropped 19% and 22%. The April-May issue, however, will carry a greater number of pages than the April-May issue last year, and Mr. Carnes felt that on a whole the advertising situation is improving.

Report on Official Calendar He then made a report on the Official FFA Calendar program, reviewing calendar sales by States and a breakdown of sales by months.

Recommendation to raise dues from 10¢ to 25¢ Mr. Carnes requested that the Boards give some thought to the possibility of increasing subscription rates to the magazine. He stated that costs are much higher now than they were when the magazine first went into operation, and that as long as the subscription rates remain at 25 cents per year they will just about break even and never be able to build up an operation reserve. After considerable discussion on the need for increased revenue for the magazine, Mr. Gray suggested the possibility of recommending to the delegates at the National FFA Convention that the national dues be raised from 10 cents to 25 cents. The national organization would then be in a position to help the magazine financially.

It was moved by Bryan Hafen, seconded by Lee Todd and carried that the Boards recommend to the delegates at the National FFA Convention that the national dues be raised from 10 cents to 25 cents. It was moved by Mr. McMahon, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

State inserts in National Magazine

Mr. Carnes said that a few of the States would like to have a "State insert" in copies of the magazine going to their States. This would be a 4 to 8-page insert slipped into the magazine or stapled into the center of the magazine. Post Office regulations state that if an insert is put in a magazine and not bound into the book it must carry three cents postage and should be called third class mail. There would also be increased cost in printing and handling, which would mean that a 4-page insert would cost approximately \$400. per issue for a State with a 10,000 circulation. If the insert is stapled into the magazine it would then become a part of it. Post Office regulations require that the pages of such an insert be numbered as a part of the book. Stapled inserts would, however, interfere with a center spread which is a desired spot for the advertiser. Mr. Carnes recommended that if inserts were used, they be inserted loosely and that the State bear all costs in connection with the insert, and that the material for the insert be prepared in the State.

It was moved by Lee Todd, seconded by Tom Stine and carried that Mr. Carnes' recommendation concerning the magazine inserts be accepted. It was moved by Mr. Sullards, seconded by Mr. Jacoby and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Salary increase --Boyd

It was moved by Norman Brown, seconded by Lee Todd and carried that the salary of Joe Dan Boyd, Associate Editor of the Magazine, be raised from the first step of a Grade 9, to the first step of a Grade 10, retroactive to January 1, 1959. It was moved by Mr. Jacoby, seconded by Mr. Sullards and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Salary increase --Allen It was moved by Thomas Stine, seconded by Norman Brown and carried that the salary of Stanley Allen, Business Manager of the Magazine, be raised from the sixth step of a Grade 10, to the fourth step of a Grade 11, retroactive to January 1, 1959. It was moved by Mr. McMahon, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Salary increase --Andrews It was moved by Norman Brown, seconded by Richard Van Auken and carried that the salary of Harry Andrews, Assistant Manager of the Supply Service, be raised from the seventh step of a Grade 9, to the third step of a Grade 11, retroactive to January 1, 1959. It was moved by Mr. Duis, seconded by Mr. McMahon and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Report on Future Farmers Supply Service

Mr. Edward J. Hawkins, Manager of the Future Farmers Supply Service, appeared before the Boards and reviewed the Operating Statement and Balance Sheet of the Supply Service for the six-month period from July 1, 1958 through December 31, 1958. The Maintenance on the FFA Building and Grounds for the same period was also reviewed.

Alternate Christmas Card

Mr. Hawkins passed out copies of the Supply Service catalogue asking for recommendations from the Board on anything that should be deleted or added. Mr. Jacoby asked if a new Christmas Card would be added for the coming year. Mr. Hawkins was asked to look into the possibility of an alternate card.

Landscaping bids reviewed and accepted

Bids for the landscaping of the FFA Building grounds were reviewed by the Boards. It was moved by Norman Brown, seconded by Thomas Stine and carried that the bids from Campbell & Ferrara Nurseries of Alexandria, Virginia, be accepted and that they be authorized to do the landscaping at the building. It was moved by Mr. Jacoby, seconded by Mr. McMahon and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

#### January 30, 1959

The meeting was called to order in Room G-747 A, by the Chairman at 9:30 a.m., all members of the Boards being present.

Discontinue blue poplin shirt

Mr. Hawkins recommended that the Supply Service discontinue stocking the blue poplin shirt which appears on Page 3 of the Supply Service Catalogue, since they were moving very slowly. It was the general feeling of the two Boards that stocking this blue poplin shirt be discontinued.

Star State. Area, and District Farmer pins approved

The Florida Association requested that the Supply Service stock pins similar to the past State officer pins, which could be presented to the "Star State Farmer", "Area Star Farmer", and "Star District Farmers". After a short discussion, it was moved by Norman Brown, seconded by Richard Van Auken and carried that the Supply Service be authorized to stock these pins. It was moved by Mr. McMahon, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Grain display containers not approved

Mr. Percy Kirk, State Supervisor in Wyoming, wrote the Supply Service suggesting that they stock official FFA containers to display grain at State Fairs, etc. It was the general feeling of both the Boards that these containers not be stocked as an official item, but suggested that FFA stickers could be used on other containers.

Scotchlight FFA emb1em approved

Mr. Hawkins then presented to the Boards a scotchlight. FFA emblem with the words "drive carefully" at the bottom, to be displayed on cars, trucks, etc. It was moved by Thomas Stine, seconded by Norman Brown and carried that the Supply Service be authorized to carry these scotchlight emblems. - ? It was moved by Mr. Sullards, seconded by Mr. Jacoby and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Bolo ties approved

Mr. Hawkins displayed several bolo ties, or western style ties, that could be worn with sport shirts. After a short discussion, it was moved by Thomas Stine, seconded by Bryan Hafen and carried that the Supply Service be authorized to stock bolo ties with the emblem on them in two colors--blue and yellow. It was moved by Mr. McMahon, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Key tag not approved A key tag was then presented to the group for approval.

After discussing the key tag, it was moved by Lee Todd, seconded by Thomas Stine and carried that the key tag not be authorized as an official item to be carried by the Supply Service. It was moved by Mr. Hunsicker, seconded by Mr. Sullards and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Identification card case not approved An identification card case was then presented to the group. After a short discussion, it was moved by Bryan Hafen, that the Supply Service be authorized to carry the identification card case, but the motion died for lack of a second.

Plastic name plates approved Mr. Hawkins then presented a plastic name plate to be used on desks, which would sell for around \$2.50. He suggested that it would be something nice to present to the advisor, principal or superintendent of the school, etc. It was moved by Thomas Stine, seconded by Norman Brown and carried that the Supply Service be authorized to stock plastic name plates. It was moved by Mr. McMahon, seconded by Mr. Jacoby and carried to sustain the action of the Board of Student Officers.

Zipper
pocket in
jacket
not approved

The addition of an inside zipper pocket to FFA jackets was discussed, but it was moved by Bryan Hafen, seconded by Norman Brown and carried that an inside zipper pocket not be added to the jacket. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. McMahon and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Action delayed on Star Green Hand award medal A short discussion was held concerning the Supply Service carrying a Star Green Hand award medal. Mr. Duis stated that before too long the FFA Foundation might provide an award in this category. In view of this fact, it was moved by Mr. Sullards, seconded by Mr. Hunsicker and carried that the idea for a Star Green Hand award medal be laid on the table at the present time. This was done with the approval of the National Board of Student Officers.

Extension Board for National Chapter Plague approved

An extension board which could be hooked on to the National Chapter Award plaque was presented to the group for their approval. It was moved by Lee Todd, seconded by Richard Van Auken and carried that an extension board for the National Chapter Award Plague be carried at the Supply Service. It was moved by Mr. Jacoby, seconded by Mr. Naugher and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Plaques for finalists in National Public Speaking Contest approved

A discussion was held concerning the awarding of plaques to the finalists in the national public speaking contest. It was moved by Lee Todd, seconded by Thomas Stine and carried that in the future, plaques be provided to the finalists in the national FFA public speaking contest rather than the medals previously given. It was moved by Mr. Sullards, seconded by Mr. Hunsicker and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

States allowed purchase of extra Judging Team plagues

The question arose that if the members of a State team participating in a National FFA Judging Contest came from more than one school and rated sufficiently high to earn a plaque, which school should retain the plaque, and could the States purchase extra plaques? After a short discussion it was the general agreement of the two Boards that a State be privileged to purchase extra plaques so that all schools represented on the team could have one. The cost of a plaque with essential plates will be about \$9.00, plus shipping costs.

Committee appointed to sible modifications in Farm Safety Award

A discussion was held regarding the establishment of a committee which would work with the Nationwide Insurance Company, develop pos- National Safety Council and others in developing possible modifications of our Farm Safety Award Program, which would make it more effective throughout the country. It was moved by Norman Brown, seconded by Richard Van Auken and carried that Dr. Spanton be given authorization to appoint such a committee to look into this matter and this committee report back to the Boards at the July meeting. It was moved by Mr. Jacoby, seconded by Mr. Naugher and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

> Dr. Spanton then appointed Mr. Johnson, Mr. Hunsicker and Mr. Gray as members of this committee.

Status of Alaska. Virgin Islands & Guam

The Boards then discussed the status of Alaska, the Virgin Islands, and Guam in regard to their relationship to the national organization of FFA. After considerable discussion, it was felt that a committee should work on this problem, with Mr. E. J. Johnson as Chairman, and report back to the Boards at their next meeting in July; and if necessary have a tentative amendment to the Constitution prepared. Without objection it was so ordered.

Director for

Due to Dr. Henry Brunner's new position with the U. S. National FFA Office of Education, he has informed the national organization that he will be unable to serve as director of the National FFA Band after this year's convention. Several suggestions were made, but after a short discussion, it was moved by Thomas Stine, seconded by Richard Van Auken and carried that a list of people, who would be willing to serve as band director, be submitted at the July meeting, and that a new director be chosen from this Mist. It was moved by Mr. McMahon, seconded by Mr. Hunsicker and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Plans for National Leadership Training Conference

Mr. Gray then discussed plans for the first National Leadership Training Conference which will be held in Washington, D. C. in July. A budget of \$15,000 was proposed for this activity, with the major portion being used to reimburse the States for the travel of four boys and one adult to the conference. Five travel zones will be set up ranging in amounts of \$25. to \$125. per person, depending upon the distance travelled. After further discussion, it was moved by Richard Van Auken, seconded by Thomas Stine and carried that Dr. Spanton be given full authorization to complete the plans for the National Leadership Training Conference--setting up a definite budget and allocation of travel funds to the States by zones, and that he notify the States as soon as possible regarding the plans. It was moved by Mr. Duis, seconded by Mr. McMahon and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Convention ID cards

Identification cards use at the national convention were discussed, and it was the general agreement of the two Boards that the cards remain the same as last year.

Special Study Committee

Mr. Johnson then discussed the membership on the Special Study Committee for National FFA Judging Contests. He stated that the present Study Committee will end their term of office December 31, 1959, but that Bulletin No. 4, "National Contests 1958, '59, and '60", will expire December 31, 1960. It was his feeling that the Study Committee and the Bulletin should correspond in regards to their expiration dates. Therefore, Mr. Johnson recommended that the present Study committee continue their term of office until December 31, 1960, instead of December 31, 1959. It was moved by Thomas Stine, seconded by Norman Brown and carried that the present Special Study Committee for National FFA Judging Contests serve one additional year-carrying through December 31, 1960 -- in order to continue through the period covered by Bulletin No. 4, revised June 1957. It was moved by Mr. McMahon, seconded by Mr. Duis and carried that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

There being no further business to come before the two Boards, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Wm. Paul Gray, Secretary

W. T. Spanton, Chairman