

Executive Session - 1929-30 National Board of Trustees  
Future Farmers of America  
2 P.M. November 16, 1930  
Baltimore Hotel, Kansas City, Mo.

The meeting was called to order by President, Wade Turner. Minutes of the previous meeting were not read. Those present besides the President were Vice President, Gray Miley; Adviser, C. H. Lane; Treasurer, Henry Groseclose and Acting Executive-Secretary, W. A. Ross. Student Secretary, Paul Zillman was present for the later session of this Board. Minutes for both sessions are included here.

The first item of business to be acted upon was the American Farmer (active) candidate list. The names of the following 49 persons were read and the candidates recommended as whose records properly submitted and reviewed gave evidence of the fact that they were entitled to election to this degree:

1 - Raymond Shores,	Rogers, Arkansas.
2 - Charles Hunt,	Dardanelle, "
3 - E. Solomon,	Uriah, Alabama
4 - Charles Bowman,	Modesta, California
5 - John Tate,	Ontario, "
6 - Lawrence Bixler,	Tulare, "
7 - Philip Gilbert,	Lamar, Colorado
8 - Woodrow Osteen,	Aucilla, Florida
9 - Billie Bowdoin,	Statham, Georgia
10 - Willard Henry,	Sale City, "
11 - Wilson Bryant,	Waverly, Illinois
12 - Elmer Searles,	Jerseyville, "
13 - Edward Dunphy,	Amboy, "
14 - Homer Edwards,	Antioch, "
15 - William C. Haase,	Martinsville, Indiana
16 - William Wright,	Stuart, Iowa
17 - Lewis Evans,	Washington, Kansas
18 - Leslie Fry,	Louisiana, Missouri
19 - Norman Jones,	Maryville, "
20 - Leonard Eliason,	Powell, Montana
21 - Waldo R. Penner,	Beatrice, Nebraska
22 - James Baldwin,	Churchill, Nevada
23 - David Johnson,	Lambertville, New Jersey
24 - William Rothfuss,	Webster, New York
25 - Olin Spencer,	Homer, New York
26 - Norman Corriher,	Rowan Co., No. Carolina
27 - Walter Davis,	Lattimore, " "

28 - Charlie Thomas,	Troy, No. Carolina
29 - Ralph Bender,	Waldo, Ohio
30 - Harold Meranda,	Georgetown, Ohio
31 - Elmo Spring,	Hilliards, "
32 - Herbert J. Gumper,	Guyman, Oklahoma
33 - Cloyce Oakley,	Helena, "
34 - James Neal,	Silvertown, Oregon
35 - Malcolm Wilkins,	Troy, Pennsylvania
36 - Burdette Sheldon,	Brookings, So. Dakota
37 - Frank Piper,	Collierville, Tennessee
38 - Everette Bates,	Polk Co., "
39 - Lawrence Miller,	Washington College, Tennessee
40 - William Newsom,	Bellevue, Tennessee
41 - Lacy Baker,	Dilley, Texas
42 - H. R. Wright,	" "
43 - Elmer Ward,	Willard, Utah
44 - Joe Henry Gardner,	Holland, Virginia
45 - Dorsey Carrier,	Strassburg, Virginia
46 - William Buchanan,	Chatham Hill, "
47 - Fred Ashburn,	Masontown, West Virginia
48 - Arthur Macy,	Pine Bluff, Wyoming
49 - Orin Tuntland,	Benson Co., No. Dakota.

It was moved seconded and carried that the 49 American Farmer candidates be submitted to the Third Annual Congress with recommendations that they receive the degree of "American Farmer".

The applications of Gordon Umstead, Maryland, (received Nov. 7th); Lewis Taylor, Michigan, (received Nov. 10th); H. C. Claunch Jr., Texas, (received Nov. 10th), were rejected due to being too late for consideration. The ex-secretary was directed by the Board to inform State advisers why these candidates failed to qualify.

The next item for official action was that of selecting Honorary American Farmer candidates. At this time the names of 5 persons who had done outstanding work for the advancement of vocational agriculture and the F.F.A. were submitted; they were as follows:

1. Honorable Arthur M. Hyde, Secretary of Agriculture for the United States, Washington, D. C.
2. W. J. Schilling, Member of the Federal Farm Board, Washington, D.C.
3. U. S. Senator Arthur Capper, Topeka, Kansas.
4. Capt. W. J. Stannard, Leader of the U. S. Army Band, Washington, D.C.
5. W. A. Cochel, Editor, Weekly Kansas City Star, Kansas City, Mo.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the five men whose names had been submitted be recommended to the delegates of the Congress to receive

the degree of "Honorary American Farmer".

The applications for State charter from the States of Minnesota, Washington and Louisiana were then presented by the Executive-Secretary and were reviewed by the Board members present. Since only minor changes were suggested, it was unanimously agreed that the charters be granted and the Executive-Secretary was directed to call the attention of State Advisers to irregularities which existed in these constitutions and ask that changes be inserted to make them regular.

The attention of the Board members was called to the fact that the supply of State charters was exhausted. It was pointed out that before ordering new charters, there should be some revisions made especially in the seal which lacked the American Eagle upon it. Accordingly the Executive-Secretary was directed to revise the State charter set-up and have enough charters printed to supply all States with up-to-date charters. States holding old charters were to have them reissued (carrying original dates and signatures) upon surrender of the old charter if so desired.

In view of the fact that the success of National F.F.A. Congresses depends upon the presence of all National officers, it was moved seconded and carried that the travel and subsistence expenses of all national officers except the National Adviser and the Executive Secretary be paid to the Fourth Annual Congress from the National treasury. It was further agreed that each national officer should keep an itemized record of his official expenditures during his term of office and that receipts be submitted to the Board of Trustees at the Annual Congress for reimbursement. It was also suggested that each national officer make an brief annual report of his work as an officer of the F.F.A. to the national executive-secretary.

The next problem for discussion was amendments to the constitution. Several suggested changes submitted from States and by national officers were read and discussed. In view of the fact that all States were not yet chartered it was thought best not to recommend to the Congress any changes except those clearly necessary at this time. The following amendments were agreed upon by the Board of Trustees as those to be recommended to the Congress:

Article III, Section B, Active membership, be amended to read as follows:

"Any male student who is regularly enrolled in an all-day, day-unit or part-time vocational agriculture class is entitled to active membership in the Future Farmers of America organization upon receiving a majority vote of the members present at any chapter meeting. A member may retain his active membership for three years after completing his systematic instruction in vocational agriculture."

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Article III, Section C, Associate membership, be amended to read as follows:

"After three years active membership following the completion of his systematic instruction in vocational agriculture a boy automatically

becomes an associate member of the Future Farmers of America. Any former male student of vocational agriculture may be elected to associate membership upon receiving a majority vote of the members present at any chapter meeting."

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Article III, Section D, Honorary membership, be amended to read as follows:

"Instructors, school principals, superintendents, business men, farmers and other men who are helping to advance vocational agriculture may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting."

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Article IV, Membership Grades and Privileges, Section E, Number 1, be amended to read as follows:

"Hold the degree of "State Farmer" in the school year previous to the National Congress at which nominated for the degree of American Farmer."

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Article V, Officers, Section A, to be amended to read as follows:

"The officers of the National organization shall be a president, four vice-presidents (one from each administrative region of the United States), secretary, executive-secretary, treasurer, and an adviser. These officers shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices and shall constitute the Board of Trustees of the National organization. They shall have full authority and control over the organization, subject only to such regulations and by-laws as may be adopted by the National organization of Future Farmers of America. The officers of the National organization shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at the National Congress of Future Farmers of America, except that the National adviser shall be the Chief of the Agricultural Education Service of the Federal Board for Vocational Education and the executive-secretary shall be a member of that service. Each State is entitled to two delegates to the National Congress."

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By-Law I, Section D to be amended to read as follows:

"D. The Executive Secretary.

The Executive Secretary shall act as agent of the National Board of Trustees. He shall issue charters to States when ordered to do so by the Board and shall act as publicity agent for the organization. He shall keep the permanent records of the organization and have records of the membership and progress of the organization. He shall receive all reports from the State organizations and inform the National Board of Trustees of any proceedings which appear to be in conflict with the



provisions of the National Constitution. He shall submit a budget of proposed expenditures to the Board of Trustees annually. He shall be in charge of arrangements for the annual meeting of the Congress and may perform such other duties as may pertain to the furtherance of the organization."

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Section G, to be added to read as follows:

"G. The Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall act as custodian of the funds of the organization, collect State dues, keep an accurate record of all receipts, bank deposits and disbursements, making an annual report on such matters to the National Congress and such other supplementary reports as may be directed by the Board of Trustees. He shall pay out of the Treasury such funds as are ordered paid by the Board of Trustees on checks countersigned by the President. He shall furnish the auditing committee with an annual bank statement signed by an officer of the bank in which the funds are kept. He shall furnish a suitable bond, the amount to be fixed by the Board of Trustees."

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By-Law VI to be added to read as follows:

"VI. National Advisory Council

"There shall be a National Advisory Council of the Future Farmers of America composed of four State Supervisors of Agricultural Education from the four administrative regions (elected annually at the Regional Conferences) and the National Adviser who shall act as Chairman of the Council.

"This Advisory Council shall cooperate with and serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Trustees of the Future Farmers of America on the administrative direction and leadership of the organization.

"The Advisory Council shall possess the power of approval at all times of the actions of the Board of Trustees and delegates to the National Congress."

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The attention of Board members was called to the fact that the first edition of the F.F.A. Manual was exhausted and that slight revisions were needed. Accordingly, the ex-secretary was directed to revise the manual and have a new edition printed immediately following the Congress.

After a discussion of collegiate chapters of F.F.A., it was moved, seconded and carried that the establishment of these associate chapters at vocational agricultural teacher-training institutions for the purpose of training prospective teachers as advisers of F.F.A. be recommended to the delegates.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the conflict in F.F.A. creeds be explained to the delegates and that they vote on the creed which they desired to use. It was understood that the creed adopted would be official for the F.F.A. organization.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the F.F.A. uniforms offered by the Pool Manufacturing Company of Sherman, Texas be recommended for adoption to the delegates present and that matters of official caps and uniforms, as well as the use of the insignia be referred to committees of delegates of the Congress for further recommendations and final action.

It was the unanimous opinion of the Board members present that the F.F.A. insignia be confined to use on pins, fobs, keys, medals, rings, belt buckles, uniforms, caps, sweater emblems, pennants, banners and arm bands.

Since no F.F.A. song prepared, thus far, had been adopted as official, it was suggested that a song writing contest open to the world be recommended to the Congress this year with aggregated prizes offered to the amount of \$150.00. These prizes to be awarded to the winners at the time of the Fourth Annual Congress if songs were accepted by the organization.

It was moved seconded and carried that national dues remain at 10 cents for 1930-31 and that they be based upon the membership as of June 30th, the end of the fiscal year.

It was moved, seconded and carried that contract with L. G. Balfour and Co., for jewelry be renewed for a two year period and that if advisable the price of Green Hand pins be raised to 20 cents and the Future Farmer pin to 25 cents; the profit to accrue to the national treasury in addition to the 5 per cent already provided.

The President appointed the following committees:

1. Program of Work -

(c) Raymond Shores (Ark.)  
Frank Fox (Tenn.)  
Howard Lydie (Ariz.)  
Fred Ashburn (W. Va.)  
H. C. Groseclose  
C. H. Lane

2. Auditing -

(c) Paul Zillman (Mo.)  
Leslie Fay (Mo.)  
A. Bathurst (Calif.)  
Randall Hart (Ill.)  
H. O. Sampson (N. J.)

3. Credentials -

Wm. Showalter (Ind.)  
(c) W. A. Ross

3. Insignia -

(c) Lowell Slagle (Ohio)  
James Jensen (Nev.)  
Wm. Buchanan (Va.)  
Malcolm Wilkins (Pa.)  
C. H. Lane

5. Nominations -

(c) Gray Miley (Fla.)  
Wm. Showalter (Ind.)  
Ed Shaulis (Wyo.)  
Ralph Bender (Ohio)  
C. H. Lane