

**National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2004**

Larry D. Case, President, called the meeting of the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Edison North Room of the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana. The individual members introduced themselves.

Those members of the Board present were:

Larry Case, National FFA Advisor, Senior Program Specialist, Agriculture, Division of Vocational Technical Education, U.S. Department of Education, Washington D.C.

John Rakestraw, Board Chairman, 2004 Ex. Committee was present by conference call.

Dwight Armstrong, Ph.D., 2005 Sponsors' Board Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, North American Nutrition Companies, Inc., Lewisburg, Ohio

Dale Gruis, Agricultural Education Consultant, Iowa Dept. of Education, Des Moines, Iowa

Tyler Grandil, Executive Secretary Representative State FFA Executive Secretary, Arizona Association FFA, Phoenix, Arizona

Terry Hughes, NAAE Representative; Region VI Vice President, Instructor – SUNY Cobleskill, Cobleskill, New York

Jeff Maierhofer, NAAE Representative, Instructor – Agricultural Education, Seneca High School, Seneca, Illinois

Javier Moreno, National FFA President for Puerto Rico

Stacy A. Gartin, AAAE Representative Professor, Dept. Chair, Agricultural and Environmental Education, West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia

William (Buddy) Deimler, State Supervisor, Specialist, Ag. Ed. Utah State Office of Education, Salt Lake City, Utah

Nancy J. Trivette, State Supervisor, Program Leader, Ag Ed, NJ Department of Agriculture, Trenton, New Jersey

James Woodard, State Supervisor, State Director of Ag Education, State Department of Education, Atlanta, Georgia

Steven Harbstreit, USDE Representative, Associate Professor – Ag Education, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas

Linda A. Rist, Ag Ed Instructor/FFA Advisor, West Central High School, Hartford, South Dakota

David Lawver, AAAE Representative, Professor, Agricultural Education and Communications, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas

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, Arkansas

Unable to Attend:

Angela Collins, State FFA Executive Secretary, Arkansas FFA Association, Little Rock, Arkansas

Others Present:

Bernie Staller, Chief Operating Officer, National FFA Organization & National FFA Foundation, Indianapolis, Indiana

Doug Loudenslager, Chief Operating Officer as of July 17, 2004, National FFA Organization & National FFA Foundation, Indianapolis, Indiana

Kent Schescke, Director, Business and Partner Development Division, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, Indiana

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

Pam Holbert, Executive Assistant, National FFA Headquarters Operations, Alexandria, Virginia

Vicki Settle, Team Leader, Financial Services, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, Indiana

Tammy Meyer, Individual Giving Manager, National FFA Foundation, Indianapolis, Indiana

1. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Coleman Harris, seconded by Steve Harbstreit and carried to approve the FFA Foundation Board of Trustees minutes of January 26, 2004.

2. Seating of New Members

Larry Case declared Dale Gruis and Linda A. Rist duly seated on the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees.

3. Individual Giving

Marion Fletcher presented a check from the board, consultants, and national officers for \$640 to Tammy Meyer of the National FFA Foundation for money towards a \$1,000 75th Anniversary Brick.

4. Financial Report

Marion Fletcher reviewed the audited end-of-year financial report.

MOTION: Moved Tyler Grandil, seconded by Jeff Maierhofer and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

5. Program Development and Direction

MOTION: Moved by Steve Harbstreit, seconded by Javier Moreno, and carried to accept the Low-Income Jacket Program proposal as attached and allow the National FFA Foundation to procure funding. (*Attachment #1*)

MOTION: Moved by Terry Hughes, seconded by Tyler Grandil and carried to approve seeking funding from a sponsor for a 6 month internship with collegiate programs and the industry sponsor who funds the program. (*Attachment #2*)

MOTION: Moved by Dale Gruis, seconded by John Rakestraw and carried to approve a collegiate programs funding box for all programming opportunities that would be at or below \$70,000 and funding be sought as a special project of the FFA Foundation. (*Attachment #3*)

MOTION: Moved by Linda Rist, seconded by James Woodard and carried to approve new middle school initiatives up to \$75,000 and seek special project funding through the FFA Foundation as a special project. (*Attachment #4*)

MOTION: Moved by Buddy Deimler, seconded by Javier Moreno and carried to approve Foundation special project funding of up to \$50,000 for a two-year developmental process for career achievement events and SAE's for middle school level students.

6. Report of the Chairperson of the FFA Foundation Sponsors' Board

John Rakestraw reported that fund raising dollars were up from last year by 5-½ % and the goal is to reach 9.2% over the next six months.

John commended the board for getting involved at the collegiate level and educating colleges about opportunities available with Collegiate FFA.

Dr. Dwight Armstrong, next chairperson, thanked the board, consultants and national officers on their individual giving and said that he would encourage his constituents to give.

He encouraged board members to get involved in their respective states at the local level and to keep state staff aware of board activities.

Chairperson Case congratulated John Rakestraw for his service as Chairperson to the FFA Foundation Sponsors' Board.

Javier Moreno expressed his gratitude to John Rakestraw on behalf of the entire membership (475,000) and national officers.

7. Recommendations from Sponsors' Board and Foundation Office

MOTION: Moved by Jeff Maierhofer, seconded by Steve Harbstreit and carried to approve the attached resolutions authorizing the transfer of management responsibility to Chief Operating Officer Doug Loudenslager as required by law. (Attachment #5)

MOTION: Moved by Javier Moreno, seconded by Buddy Deimler and carried to approve the Minnesota Charitable Organization Registration Statement for signing by Dr. Case, as president and C. Coleman Harris, as secretary of the Foundation Board of Trustees. (Attachment #6)

MOTION: Moved by Marion Fletcher, seconded by Tyler Grandil and carried to approve 2005 preliminary budget for the National FFA Foundation including any changes mandated at this meeting. (Attachment #7)

8. Election of Treasurer

Chairperson Case opened the floor for nominations for Executive Treasurer. Nancy J. Trivette nominated Marion Fletcher. With no other nominations, Chairperson Case closed the nominations. All members voted to elect Marion Fletcher.

9. Funding Reports and Discussions with Related Groups

No funding requests from The Council, NAAE or PAS.

10. Retiring Trustees

- John Rakestraw said that it had definitely been a pleasure to serve.
- David Lawver thanked the board for the opportunity to serve.
- Terry Hughes felt it had been a valuable learning experience.
- Jeff Maierhofer thanked Dwight Armstrong and John Rakestraw for their service.
- Javier Moreno was glad he was able to attend the meeting.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees Executive Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 in Louisville, Kentucky.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.



