

1944

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
President Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri

- Wednesday, October 4, 1944 -

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. in Room 441 of the President Hotel with Robert Bowman presiding. Those present included President Bowman, Vice Presidents Roller, Salzman, and Clifford, Student Secretary Freeman, Treasurer Howard, Adviser Spanton, and Executive Secretary Tenney. Secretary Freeman read the minutes of the National Board of Trustees meeting from July 11-13, 1944. The minutes were approved as read.

Mr. D. J. Howard explained the expenditures and other items of business of the budget before the group. It was suggested that Mr. Howard draw up a tentative budget for the year 1944-45, and it would be discussed later.

Dr. Spanton discussed the F.F.A. Foundation and possibilities offered by employment of a public relations man by the National Organization of Future Farmers of America.

Mr. W. A. Cochel, Editor of the Weekly Kansas City Star, visited with the Board.

It was moved by Vice President Salzman to recommend to the delegates the following: That the amount not to exceed \$10,000 be provided in the 1944-45 budget for the purpose of employing and providing the necessary expenses for the Director of Public Relations and Information who would work in the National Office in behalf of the F.F.A.; F.F.A. Foundation; and, the Vocational Agriculture program. The motion was seconded and passed.

It was moved by Vice President Clifford that a committee be appointed consisting of 3 members from the Board of Trustees, one from the Advisory Council, and one from the Office of Education, to be appointed by Dr. Spanton, to study and make a report at the next convention on the situation of the National Camp; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Secretary Freeman that the Board of Trustees go on record as recommending that the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. finance the National F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest from the treasury of the Foundation; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Vice President Roller that Mr. D. J. Howard, National Treasurer, be authorized to pay from the F.F.A. funds toward expenses of the F.F.A. Foundation the following accounts:

G. V. Arthur - Bond .....	\$ 25.00
Master Reporting Company for Proceedings of F.F.A. Foundation meeting in Chicago .....	77.62
Cornelius H. Doherty, Attorney .....	313.00
	<u>\$415.62</u>

The motion was seconded and carried.

Plans were made for the Officer-Delegate dinner. Vice Presidents Clifford and Roller are to sell tickets.

Suggested announcements were made:

1. Start all meetings on time.
2. Suggestions on conduct for Delegates.
3. All delegates present at each session.
4. All delegates register.
5. Good fellowship together.

It was moved by Vice President Clifford that W. W. Webb of Delaware, in the light of the application and correspondence sent in and after careful consideration by the Board of Trustees, be rejected from receiving the American Farmer Degree.

It was moved by Secretary Freeman to recommend that Mr. Edwin Sommers, President of the Mid-State Steel & Wire Company, receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree; motion seconded and carried.

The meeting closed at 5:30 p.m.

- October 5, 1944 -

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with President Bowman presiding.

Various discussions on the convention program were brought forward.

It was moved by Vice President Roller that in the future all awards to be presented at the National Convention be made by the F.F.A. or F.F.A. Foundation; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Secretary Freeman that the Executive Secretary be authorized to renew the contracts with commercial concerns until the Board of Trustees deem it advisable to open competitive bids; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Vice President Roller that the request of C. O. Ayers, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education in Minnesota, concerning the use of the F.F.A. name in connection with the Hybrid Seed Corn Association be approved; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Vice President Roller that Executive Secretary Tenney be authorized to wire Mr. J. B. Adams of Illinois, asking for a sample of the decal before action will be taken by the Board; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Secretary Freeman that the Board of Trustees go on record as favoring the manufacture of a smaller scrapbook with a small emblem on the front; motion seconded and carried.

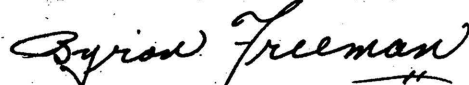
It was moved by Vice President Salzman that the Board of Trustees recommend to the delegates at the National Convention that a suitable T shirt and sport shirt be manufactured, and that the arrangements and details be left to the judgment of the National Adviser and Executive Secretary; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Vice President Salzman that the 12 major items of business be referred to a committee; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Vice President Roller that the request of the Staunton Novelty Company to increase their prices on various products be granted; motion seconded and carried.

Award certificates were signed and the meeting closed at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Byron Freeman  
National Student Secretary

MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL F.F.A. BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Kansas City, Missouri

October 4-5, 1944

- Wednesday, October 4, 1944 -

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. in the President Hotel by President Bowman. Those present were O. Beverley Roller, 1st Vice President, Ralph H. Salzman, 2nd Vice President, Arthur E. Clifford, 3rd Vice President, Byron Freeman, Student Secretary, Dowell J. Howard, Treasurer, W. T. Spanton, Adviser, and A. W. Tenney, Acting Executive Secretary.

Mr. Howard presented a summary of the income and expenditures of the F.F.A. for the first eleven months of the year.

Dr. Spanton presented a progress report on the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated.

A discussion was held concerning the employment of a public relations man by the Future Farmers of America. Vice President Salzman moved that the National Board of Trustees recommend to the delegates that an amount not to exceed \$10,000 be provided in the budget for 1944-45 for the purpose of employing and providing the necessary expenses for a Director of Public Relations and Information who would work in the national office in behalf of the F.F.A., the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, and the vocational agriculture program; motion seconded and carried.

Mr. Tenney presented a report on the National F.F.A. Camp.

It was moved by Vice President Clifford that a committee consisting of three boy national officers, one member from the National Advisory Council, and one member from the staff in agricultural education of the U. S. Office of Education be appointed by the National F.F.A. Adviser to study and investigate the National Camp and make recommendations at the next National Convention; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Student Secretary Freeman, seconded and carried, that the Board of Trustees of the F.F.A. recommend to the Board of Trustees of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc. that the expenses of the National Public Speaking Contest be financed from the treasury of the Foundation.

It was moved by Vice President Roller, seconded and carried, that Mr. Dowell J. Howard, National Treasurer, be authorized to pay from F.F.A. funds the following expenses incurred during the planning and incorporation of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated:

To J. V. Arthur for a bond for the Treasurer .....	\$ 25.00
To the Master Reporting Company for Proceedings of Chicago meeting concerning Foundation .....	77.62
To Cornelius H. Dougherty, Attorney, for services	313.00

Plans were made for the Officer-Delegate Get-together Dinner. Vice Presidents Roller and Clifford would sell tickets. The following delegate suggestions were made:

1. Start convention at 9 a.m.
2. Suggestions on maintaining high standard of conduct.
3. All delegates present for each session.
4. Register at registration booth.
5. Fellowship together.

A discussion was held concerning the American Farmer application from Delaware. It was moved by Vice President Clifford, seconded and carried, that in light of the application and correspondence concerning Wilson W. Webb of the State of Delaware and after reconsidering all problems involved, the former action taken by the Board of Trustees be sustained.

It was moved by Student Secretary Freeman, seconded and carried, that the Board of Trustees recommend that the Honorary American Farmer Degree be conferred upon Edwin J. Sommer, President of the Mid-State Steel & Wire Company.

- Thursday, October 5, 1944 -

✓ It was moved by Vice President Roller that in the future all awards made at the National Convention be made by the Future Farmers of America or the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Student Secretary Freeman that the Executive Secretary be authorized to renew contracts with official manufacturers until the Board deems it advisable to open them to competitive bidding; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Vice President Roller that the request from Mr. C. O. Ayers, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education in Minnesota, concerning use of the name "Future Farmers of America" in connection with a Hybrid Seed Corn Association be approved; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Vice President Roller to authorize the Executive Secretary to wire Mr. J. B. Adams of Illinois for a sample of the F.F.A. emblem decal; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Student Secretary Freeman that the Board go on record as being in favor of the manufacture of a small F.F.A. scrapbook with the F.F.A. emblem on the front; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Vice President Salzman that the Board recommend to the delegates that a sport shirt and a "T" shirt be manufactured, placed and sale, and that the national office be responsible for making such arrangements; motion seconded and carried.

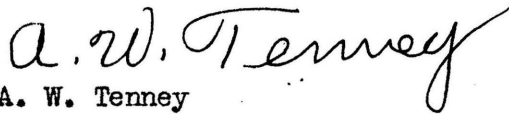
It was moved by Vice President Salzman that the twelve major items of business to come before the convention be referred to a committee; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Vice President Roller that the Board accept the request of the Staunton Novelty Company to increase their prices on various products; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Vice President Salzman that the Board of Trustees recommend to the delegates at the convention that the amendment to the constitution relative to Article IV, Sections C and D submitted by the Alabama Association be approved; motion seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. W. Tenney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

A. W. Tenney  
Acting National Executive Secretary