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JOINT MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AND

NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

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

Alexandria, Virginia
January 29 - February 1, 1979

Monday Morning, January 29, 1979

The meeting of the Boards of Directors and National Officers of the Future Farmers of America was called to order at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditorium of the National FFA Center, Alexandria, Virginia by H. N. Hunsicker, Chairman. Those present in addition to the Chairman included:

Board of Directors

- C. M. Brewer, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Jackson, Mississippi
- **John W. Buntin, Program Officer, Western Branch, DSVPO/BOAE, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.
- Paul M. Day, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, St. Paul, Minnesota
- *Roger Lawrence, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Hartford, Connecticut
- **Duane Nielsen, Chief, Vocational Education Personnel Development Branch, Div. of Research & Demonstrations/BOAE, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.
- **Byron F. Rawls, Chief of the Southern Branch, DSVPO/BOAE, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.
- *G. G. Scroggins, Assistant Director, Vocational Agricultural Education, Austin, Texas
- * **J. W. Warren, Education Program Specialist/DVTE, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

Officers

- C. Coleman Harris, Secretary, Board of Directors, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.
- J. M. Campbell, Treasurer, FFA, State Department of Education, Richmond, Virginia

Board of National Officers

- *Mark Sanborn, National President, East Orwell, Ohio
- Kelly Grant, National Secretary, Bolivar, Missouri
- Kevin Drane, National Vice President, Nineveh, Indiana
- Jeff Rudd, National Vice President, Yanceyville, North Carolina
- Dean Norton, National Vice President, Knoxville, Tennessee
- Elvin Caraway, National Vice President, Spur, Texas

Consultants

- James Guilinger, Past President, NVATA, Inc., Sycamore, Illinois
- Robert McBride, Vice President, Region IV, NVATA, Inc., Kenton, Ohio

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- * Member of FFA Finance Committee
 - ** Authorized by the Commissioner of Education on August 23, 1978 to devote services to agricultural education.

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John Mundt, President, NVATA, Inc., Meridian, Idaho
Albert Timmerman, Jr., Vice President, Region II, NVATA, Inc., Rockdale, Texas
Joe P. Bail, Professor, Agricultural Education, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
John Hillison, Associate Professor, Agricultural Education, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia
Vernon D. Luft, Associate Professor, Agricultural Education, North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota
Larry P. Rathbun, Head, Agricultural Education Department, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, California

Others Present for all or portions of the meeting

Edward J. Hawkins, Administrative Director, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia
Harry J. Andrews, Manager, National FFA Supply Service, Alexandria, Virginia
Wilson Carnes, Editor, The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, Alexandria, VA
Robert W. Cox, Executive Director, National FFA Alumni Assn., Alexandria, VA
Glenn D. Luedke, Advertising Manager, The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, Alexandria, Virginia
John M. Pitzer, Manager, Official FFA Calendar, The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, Alexandria, Virginia
Ted E. Amick, Program Specialist/Contests, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia
Tony Hoyt, Program Specialist/Leadership, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia
K. Elliott Nowels, Director of Information, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia
Lennie Gamage, Program Specialist/International Activities, FFA, Alexandria, VA
Robert A. Seefeldt, Program Specialist/Awards, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia
Donald N. McDowell, Executive Director, National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee, Madison, Wisconsin
Bernie Staller, Asst. Executive Director, National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee, Madison, Wisconsin
Richard E. Carlson, Director/DVTE, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.
Thaine McCormick, Chief, State Programs and Services Branch/DVTE, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.
Odell C. Miller, Asst. Professor, Agricultural Education, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio (President, National FFA Alumni Association)
Paul Stull, Principal, Frederick County Vocational-Technical Center, Frederick, Maryland
Richard A. Jensen, Asst. Professor, Agricultural Education, University of Wisconsin, River Falls, Wisconsin

1. INVOCATION -- The Invocation was given by Jeff Rudd, National FFA Vice President.
2. SEATING OF 1978-79 NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS & CONSULTANTS OF DIRECTORS -- The Chairman introduced the 1978-79 National FFA Officers and the new Consultants to the Board. They are:

National Officers

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| Mark Sanborn, National President | Kelly Grant, National Secretary |
| Kevin Drane, National Vice Pres. | Jeff Rudd, National Vice Pres. |
| Dean Norton, National Vice Pres. | Elvin Caraway, National Vice Pres. |

Consultants

Robert McBride, Vice President, Region IV, NVATA, Inc. (one-year term)
John Mundt, President, NVATA, Inc., (two-year term)
Albert Timmerman, Jr., Vice President, Region II, NVATA, Inc., (two-yr. term)
John Hillison, Associate Professor, Agricultural Education, VIP (two-year term)

3. BRIEFING ON PROCEDURES -- The Chairman then briefly explained the Board's function, purposes and operating procedures. He reviewed the role of the Members, Officers and Consultants and indicated that they represent all FFA chapters and members across the country and do not represent any particular organization or region.

Mark Sanborn, National President, speaking on behalf of the officers, indicated he thought they were prepared for the meeting since they had an opportunity earlier to review operations and help develop the National Program of Activities.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -- Before the approval of the Minutes, Mr. Scroggins asked that the Report of the Finance Committee from the last meeting be distributed to the members.

MOTION -- It was moved by Elvin Caraway (Mr. Bunten)* seconded by Kevin Drane (Mr. Rawls) and carried that the minutes of the November, 1978, meeting of the Board be approved, and that the Report of the Finance Committee be distributed to the members of the Boards.

5. NATIONAL FFA PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES, 1979-80 -- Mr. Harris reviewed the Proposed National FFA Program of Activities, September 1, 1979 - August 31, 1980, making several minor corrections or additions. He said that the Operating Policies spell out that the national organization will annually present to the Board a Proposed National Program of Activities. It is hoped at this meeting to get approval of this Program of Activities so that on this basis a detailed staff Program of Work can be submitted at the July meeting.
6. STANDING COMMITTEE STRUCTURE -- Mr. Harris reviewed the Standing Committee Structure which was approved by the Board for a one-year trial basis in November, outlining the responsibilities of the Chairmen, Key Consultants, Consultants and Secretaries.

The meeting recessed for Standing Committee work at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday Morning, January 30, 1979

Standing Committee meetings continued at 8:30 a.m.

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

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Tuesday Afternoon, January 30, 1979

The meeting was reconvened at 1:10 p.m. The minutes of the Monday a.m. meeting were distributed to the members for review.

7. INTRODUCTIONS -- Mr. Odell Miller, Assistant Professor, Agricultural Education, Ohio State University and President of the National FFA Alumni Association, and Mr. Allan S. Damann, of California Polytechnic State University, and now a graduate student at VPI were introduced.
8. SPACE UTILIZATION AT CENTER -- Mr. Hunsicker distributed a recommendation to be taken up later which stated that the Heads of the Divisions, the Executive Secretary and the Administrative Director, develop a plan on what they consider to be the most efficient, effective and attractive space utilization at the National FFA Center and that these plans be reviewed by a competent space utilization engineer to discuss and coordinate their plan, and that they report at the July meeting of the FFA Board of Directors. The cost of the engineer services to be paid from the capital reserve funds.
9. REMARKS--H. N. HUNSICKER -- Mr. Hunsicker complimented Mr. McCormick on his address to the Board during the lunch hour and for his personal interest in the Vocational Agriculture-FFA program. He said he was interested in hearing the results of the Standing Committees and in receiving the members personal opinions of this type of committee work. He then commented briefly on enrollment in vo-ag, FFA membership and post secondary. He said we should publicize the FFA, as well as the opportunities in agricultural occupations, take pride in our membership and be challenged to accomplish many more things in the future than we have in the past. He further stated that he hoped each Consultant, Board Member and Officer would make a full report on National FFA activities to their respective professional groups of the exciting developments at the national level that will enhance state and local programs.
10. INTRODUCTIONS -- Dr. Nielsen introduced Ms. Deborah C. Newkirk and Ms. Sarah Babson, Education Program Specialists, Vocational Education, U. S. Office of Education.
11. REPORT OF NVATA -- Mr. John Mundt, expressed NVATA's appreciation to the FFA for the opportunity to have vocational agriculture teachers as Consultants to the Board to offer comments as they see them. He said they were excited over the fact that their headquarters would be moved in the near future to Alexandria, Virginia, on property adjacent to the FFA Center, where they would work more closely with AVA, the FFA and the FFA Alumni Association. Four resolutions were passed at the NVATA Convention -- (1) Concern of the ag teachers over the cost of the Official FFA Jacket, (2) That the convention fee not be increased, (3) Contest rules, and (4) Record Book. Items three and four will be covered later in the meeting.

Mr. Day reported that he met briefly with the NVATA Board of Directors at their meeting in Dallas. There were three resolutions adopted by the AVA House of Delegates having impact upon agricultural education. These were (1) Employment needs data, (2) Encouraging support of the Post-Secondary Organization, and (3) Adult education. Mr. Day said this was a great group of people to work with and their leadership was exemplary.

12. NATIONAL OFFICER REPORTS -- Mark Sanborn, National President, called on his fellow officers to give brief reports on their experience visits and other activities since they were elected to national office. The officers thought that the orientation sessions held in December with the National FFA staff were a great educational and enjoyable experience.

MOTION -- It was moved by Dr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Day and carried to enthusiastically accept the report of the national officers.

13. AATEA REPORT -- Dr. Vernon Luft extended greetings on behalf of the AATEA. He said they were appreciative of the opportunity to have representatives serve as Consultants to the Board and that the work of the Board was not going unnoticed. One concern of the teacher educators was the implementation of projects and programs that would effect teacher education but did not stem from the teacher educators nor were they used as a sounding board before being implemented. He said possibly the new Standing Committee structure might be a step toward alleviating these problems.
14. REPORT OF ALUMNI COUNCIL -- Mr. Odell Miller, President of the National FFA Alumni Association said he was pleased to be present to represent the Alumni Association. He then briefly acquainted the Board with his involvement in the Alumni. He said they were pleased to work with the Foundation in promoting the Executive Sponsor Program. Regarding growth figures, membership in the Alumni is 14,700, with approximately 1,500 of these being life members. Wisconsin has the most active membership with 2,878--217 of these being life members. Oklahoma runs second in life members with a total of 215. Wisconsin has again this past year had the most increase in active members and the largest affiliate is Ozark, Missouri. Mr. Miller said that recently the Alumni had been invited to become a member of the Rural Caucus. Hopefully, an intern would be working one-half time for the Caucus and one-half time for the Alumni. He emphasized this would not be lobbying work. He then indicated that the Alumni was looking forward to a very strong year and if they could be of help to the officers in any way they would be glad to do so.

Mr. Cox, Alumni Executive Director, then reviewed the Alumni Program of Activities for 1979-80. This was followed by Mr. Miller reviewing the proposed Alumni budget for September 1, 1979 through August 31, 1980. It was brought out that the Alumni Executive Council approved this budget.

MOTION -- It was moved by Kelly Grant (Mr. Day), seconded by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Lawrence) and carried to accept the National FFA Alumni Association Program of Activities.

MOTION -- It was moved by Kevin Drane (Dr. Nielsen), seconded by Elvin Caraway (Mr. Buntin) and carried to accept the proposed budget of the FFA Alumni Association.

MOTION -- It was moved by Kelly Grant (Mr. Day), seconded by Dean Norton (Mr. Brewer) and carried that the Boards go on record as commending not only Mr. Miller and Mr. Cox, but the Alumni Council for its continued growth and expansion.

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15. REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE -- Mr. Bunten gave the report of the Nominating Committee. The committee recommended that Mr. Byron Rawls be nominated to serve on the FFA Governing Committee for a two-year term beginning July 1, 1979, replacing Mr. John Bunten.

MOTION -- Mr. Bunten (Kevin Drane) moved the acceptance of this report; motion seconded by Mr. Lawrence (Jeff Rudd) and carried.

16. REPORT OF NATIONAL FFA TREASURER -- Mr. J. M. Campbell, National FFA Treasurer, reported on the Statement of Income and Expenditures for the six-month period, July 1, 1978 through December 31, 1979. He then briefly reviewed short-term investments as of January 15, 1979.

Mr. Rawls stated that last January and again in July he had requested a list of equipment purchased by each Division, but this had never been received. He felt this request should be adhered to. Mr. Hawkins reported that equipment lists were attached to the 1979-80 proposed budget.

MOTION -- It was moved by Dean Norton (Mr. Scroggins), seconded by Elvin Caraway (Mr. Brewer) and carried to accept the interim report of the National FFA Treasurer.

MOTION -- It was moved by Kelly Grant (Mr. Day), seconded by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Lawrence) and carried to amend the motion to commend Mr. Campbell and the staff for a job well done in maintaining the financial stability of the organization.

17. REPORT OF POST-SECONDARY AGRICULTURAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION -- Mr. Hunsicker reported that the First National Convention of the Post-Secondary Agricultural Student Organization would be held April 2-5, at the Continental Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. Hopefully Board Members and Consultants, or their representatives, would be in attendance and they would also encourage their post-secondary institutions to attend, since this is a historic occasion and very significant to vocational education in agriculture.
18. AVA RESOLUTION RE POST-SECONDARY -- Mr. Day read the following resolution adopted by the Agriculture Division of the AVA in Dallas:

RESOLUTION -- Support for Post-Secondary Vocational Student Organizations

WHEREAS, the final regulations to implement the Education Amendments of 1976 support the activities of vocational student organizations; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture/Agribusiness does not have a national post-secondary vocational student organization; and

WHEREAS, representatives from twenty-four(24) states assembled in Kansas City, Missouri, to develop guidelines for organizing a national post-secondary vocational student organization; and

WHEREAS, Twenty-four (24) states have associations of Agriculture/Agribusiness post-secondary vocational student organizations; and

WHEREAS, a National Constitution Committee will be convened in April, 1979.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vice-President of the Agricultural Education Division request the AVA Board of Directors to recognize the National post-secondary vocational student organization in agriculture;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that AVA support inclusion of this vocational student organization in program planning for vocational education.

19. OFFICIAL BUSINESS/DELEGATE COMMITTEE ACTION--51st NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION -- Business regarding the National FFA Constitution, Bylaws, Official FFA Manual and National FFA Dues, transacted at the 51st National Convention by the official voting delegates was briefly discussed. It was indicated that this information had been utilized in the revision of the 1979 Official FFA Manual. Delegate Committee reports were also briefly discussed. These reports were considered in the development of the 1979-80 National FFA Program of Activities and are being printed in the Proceedings of the 51st National FFA Convention.

A brief discussion was held regarding the delegates' action on the raising of the National FFA Dues. Mr. Hunsicker said he had written to the FFA Attorneys regarding the increase in FFA dues and the role of the Board of Directors. His answer was received on January 23. (See Appendix A)

MOTION -- It was moved by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Day), seconded by Dean Norton (Mr. Brewer) and carried that the Delegate Committee Reports and the Official Business of the voting delegates at the 51st National FFA Convention be accepted.

20. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS-CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS STANDING COMMITTEE -- Mr. Brewer, Chairman, reported that the committee had studied the Constitution in detail and with deliberate consideration, having three motions to offer, and one for consideration at the next meeting. He said he was pleased that the committee did not find any major concerns in the Constitution, but did have the following recommendations for consideration as we look to the future.

- A. Membership (Post-Secondary) - Article V, Section A, Paragraph 1
(Dashes-delete; Underscore-change)

Membership in this organization shall be of five kinds: (1) Active; (2) Alumni; (3) Post-Secondary (Affiliated); (4) Collegiate and (5) Honorary.

Article V, New Section D

"Post-Secondary (Affiliated)" - Post-Secondary (Affiliated) membership may include students enrolled in agricultural courses of less than a Bachelor Degree level who are members of local chapters of the Affiliated Post-Secondary Organization.

MOTION -- After some discussion, it was moved by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Rawls), seconded by Dean Norton (Mr. Scroggins) and carried that action on this proposed change in the National FFA Constitution be postponed until the July meeting of the Boards, and thus obtain the wishes of the delegates at the upcoming Post-Secondary Convention to be held in April.

21. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS-INTERNATIONAL STANDING COMMITTEE -- Mr. Paul Stull, Chairman, stated that it was a pleasure for him to report to the Board about a program in the FFA in which he has worked and has tried to enhance.

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- A. International Study Units -- The committee's first recommendation dealt with Study Units. The committee recommended that International Agriculture Study Units developed by the Vocational Agriculture Service, Ag-Ed Department, University of Illinois, be placed in the audio visual section of the Supply Service, and made available along with an appropriate audio visual to departments wishing to order them. This was briefly discussed with no action taken.
- B. World Conference on Agricultural Education -- The committee recommended that the Board approve and submit to the Foundation Board of Trustees a request for funds not to exceed \$7,500. to be provided from the General Fund of the National FFA Foundation, to assure a full delegation of five students and five adult leaders for representation of the FFA at the World Conference on Agricultural Education and Agri-Olympics in Paris in March.

MOTION -- It was moved by Kelly Grant (Mr. Lawrence), seconded by Dean Norton (Mr. Buntin) and carried to accept the International Standing Committee Report regarding the World Conference on Agricultural Education and Agri-Olympics.

Mr. Stull then commented briefly on the proposed study of competencies to be achieved by WEA participants and updated the group on the Panama AID Project.

MOTION -- It was moved by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Day), seconded by Dean Norton (Mr. Brewer) and carried to accept the report of the International Standing Committee.

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

Wednesday Morning, January 31, 1979

The meeting was reconvened at 8:35 a.m. at which time the FFA President called upon Vice President Elvin Caraway for the invocation.

20. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS-CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS STANDING COMMITTEE -- (cont) Mr. Brewer, Chairman, reported that the Committee recommended that Article III, Organization, Section C, be revised to read as follows:

- B. Organization (Collegiate Agricultural Education) - Article III, Section C (Underscoring denotes change)

Collegiate Chapters may be established in four year institutions where agriculture education is offered. Membership shall be open to students enrolled in agricultural education or who have been active members of chartered local chapters. Such chapters shall be primarily designated for training their members in the knowledge and skill of advising and maintaining local FFA chapters.

Each Collegiate Chapter shall be chartered by and maintained under the authority of the respective State Association.

All activities of the Collegiate Chapter shall be in harmony with the purposes, principles and ideals of the FFA organization.

Activities for Collegiate Chapter members shall be based upon the needs and interests of its members.

Collegiate Chapter members shall pay State and National FFA dues.

*** Paragraph deleted

MOTION -- It was moved by Kevin Drane (Mr. Day), seconded by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Scroggins) and carried that this matter be postponed until the July Board meeting in order to give the teacher educators a chance to respond to this.

- C. Meetings and Conventions - Article XII, Section B (Underscoring denotes change) -- The committee recommended this Section be revised to read as follows:

Each State Association is entitled to send two delegates from its active membership to the National Convention, plus one additional delegate for each 5,000 active members or major fraction thereof above the first 5,000, such delegates to be selected as provided in the State Constitution or Bylaws. Fifty-one percent of the delegate body from at least 26 States shall constitute a quorum.

MOTION -- It was moved by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Day), seconded by Elvin Caraway (Dr. Nielsen) and carried unanimously that the Board recommend this to the delegate body.

- D. Procedure for Choosing Candidates for the American Farmer Degree - Article VII, Section A, Paragraph 3 - Mr. Brewer read this Section regarding the Procedure for Choosing Candidates for the American Farmer Degree and stated that the committee recommended that additional study and consideration should be given to this matter. He next reviewed with the group a suggested questionnaire regarding these procedures for selecting candidates and recommended that it be discussed at the upcoming regional meetings.

MOTION -- It was moved by Kelly Grant (Mr. Day), seconded by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Scroggins) and carried that several suggested recommendations be presented concerning the American Farmer Degree to the Regional Agricultural Education Conferences, NVATA Leadership Conferences, State Associations and the FFA membership for their input for discussion at the July Board meeting.

President Sanborn then commended the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for their work.

22. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS-PUBLICATIONS, INFORMATION & SUPPLY SERVICE COMMITTEE -- Minutes of the Standing Committee for Publications, Information, and Supply Service were distributed to the group for review.

- A. Publications - The Chairman noted that with the dues increase the Magazine was able to submit a balanced budget for the year 1979-80.

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He then stated that the committee had no recommendations for Board action relating to the area of Publications.

B. Information

- (1) Assistant Director of Information - The chairman stated that the committee recommends to the Board of Directors the employment of an Assistant Director of Information when feasible.

MOTION -- It was moved by Kelly Grant, seconded by Dean Norton that the Board of Directors employ an Assistant Director of Information to assume the duties as outlined in the job description. However, after much discussion regarding the need and the pros and cons for this position the following action was taken:

MOTION -- It was moved by Kevin Drane (Mr. Day), seconded by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Brewer) and carried that this motion be tabled.

- (2) Revision of Advisor's Handbook - The chairman stated that the committee considered the revision of the Advisor's Handbook, in a fashion that would correlate it to the new Student Handbook, and that it be funded as a Special Project by the National FFA Foundation. After discussion, the committee recommended that this matter be postponed until July, pending increased input from NVATA, Regional Agricultural Education Conference participants and others that would be involved.
- (3) Brochure on Teaching Vo-Ag -- The chairman then reported that the committee recommended to the Board to support the development of the brochure on teaching vocational agriculture.

MOTION -- It was moved by Dean Norton to accept this recommendation; however, the motion died for lack of a second.

C. Supply Service -- The chairman stated that they had reviewed the delegate committee report, as well as the National Program of Activities.

- (1) Jacket Price - Pricing and quality of the Official FFA Jacket was discussed, and the NVATA resolution relative to keeping jacket sale price as close to cost as possible. He then stated that the committee recommended to the Board to raise the price of the Official FFA Jacket by \$1.00, to \$20.50. After discussing the need for this increase and whether or not it might be an item that the Organization should subsidize, the following action was taken:

MOTION -- It was moved by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Day), seconded by Dean Norton (Mr. Lawrence) and carried to raise the price of the Official FFA Jacket by \$1.00, to \$20.50.

- (2) Flyer on Discontinued Goods -- The committee then recommended to the Board the development of a flyer to assist in the marketing of old and discontinued Supply Service merchandise.

MOTION -- It was moved by Kevin Drane (Mr. Day), seconded by Kelly Grant (Mr. Brewer) and carried to adopt this recommendation.

- (3) New Items in Catalogue -- The committee then recommended the following items be included as sale items:

Publications and Audio-Visuals

Extra Teacher Slide Show (audio visual)
Community Development-FFA Style (BOAC) Brochure
Career Brochures (Taxonomy Areas)

Other Merchandise

Electric Clock
Transparent overlay with emblem parts
Paper folders (for applications)
Balloons (w/FFA emblem)

MOTION -- It was moved by Elvin Caraway (Mr. Brewer), seconded by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Scroggins) and carried to accept this recommendation.

MOTION -- It was then moved by Mr. Rawls (Kevin Drane), seconded by Mr. Day (Dean Norton) and carried that the Program Managers be commended for their work, presentations and information provided to the committee.

23. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS-STANDING COMMITTEE ON POLICIES -- Mr. Bunten, Chairman, stated the purpose of the Policy Committee is to improve the effectiveness of the National FFA Organization, recommending to the Board specific additions, deletions or modifications in policy.

- A. Page 4, Item D-1 - National Board of Directors - The term shall be for a two-year period beginning on July 1, following election. No person who has served a full term shall be eligible for re-election until other State Supervisors in the region have had an opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors. Each person elected shall first be nominated by a nominating committee composed of individuals from their respective regions. Notification of election results shall be submitted to the National Advisor in writing by the chairman of the nominating committee immediately after the election.

MOTION -- It was moved by Elvin Caraway (Dr. Nielsen), seconded by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Day) and carried to accept this recommendation from the Policy Committee.

24. INTRODUCTIONS -- Mr. Hunsicker then introduced to the Boards, Dr. Richard Carlson and Mr. Jim Wykle from the U. S. Office of Education

23. B. Recommendation Re Executive Secretaries to Serve on Foundation Board of Trustees - Executive Secretaries elected to serve on the Board of Trustees of the FFA Foundation shall be elected for a two-year term at the Regional Conference before their term of office begins on January 1. There shall be one vote per state.
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Executive Secretaries elected to serve on the Board of Trustees of the FFA Foundation shall alternate; eastern with central, and

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southern with western. They shall be nominated by a nominating committee composed of individuals from that region. Notification of election results shall be submitted to the National Advisor by the vice president of NASAE in writing immediately after the election.

MOTION -- It was moved by Kevin Drane (Mr. Rawls), seconded by Dean Norton (Mr. Scroggins) and carried to adopt this policy for recommendation to the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees.

- C. Recommendation Re Teacher Educators to Serve on Foundation Board of Trustees - Teacher Educators elected to serve on the Board of Trustees of the FFA Foundation shall be elected by the AATEA organization in their regional conferences on a rotating basis with terms beginning January 1. Other teacher educators shall be elected as consultants to the FFA Board of Directors in like manner. Their election shall be for a two-year term on an alternating basis; eastern alternating with central and southern alternating with western. They are to be elected by their respective regions and will report back to them at least annually. Notification of election results shall be submitted to the National Advisor in writing immediately after the election by the Regional Vice President of AATEA. No person shall be eligible for re-election until other states in the region have had an opportunity to serve.

MOTION -- It was moved by Dean Norton (Mr. Day), seconded by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Brewer) and carried to adopt this policy recommendation to the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees.

- D. Page 8, Item 16 - National Board of Directors - All FFA projects/activities approved by the Board of Directors and recommended to the Board of Trustees of the FFA Foundation for funding should require re-approval/study if not funded within 24 months.

MOTION -- It was moved by Kevin Drane (Mr. Rawls), seconded by Elvin Caraway (Mr. Day) and carried to accept this recommendation.

- E. Page 17, Item 7 and Page 18, Item 6 - Recognition of Adults -- (Page 17-Item 7) All candidates for the Honorary American Farmer Degree should be present at the national convention to receive their degree unless their reason for not attending is acceptable to the Board of Directors and the National Officers. In this case, presentation will be made at a time and place determined by the National Advisor.

(Page 18, Item 6) Appropriate plaques shall be awarded to 25-Year Sponsors to the National FFA Foundation. Recipients should be present at the National FFA Convention to receive their award unless their reason for not attending is agreeable to the Board of Directors and National Officers. In this case, presentation will be made at a time and place determined by the National Advisor.

MOTION -- It was moved by Kelly Grant (Mr. Day), seconded by Dean Norton (Mr. Brewer) and carried to accept these as policies.

- F. Page 8, Item 14 - National Board of Directors The Committee recommended recinding this item: "Board minutes will be mailed immediately after the Board meeting to all members of the Board and that from the postmark date of mailing from the National FFA Center, every member of the Board and the Consultants will have 25 days to respond to the National Advisor, and if no response is received within 25 days, the Minutes shall be considered correct and shall be sent to all persons who regularly receive them."

The Policy Committee recommended the adoption of the following as a new Item 14 on Page 8 - National Board of Directors: "Minutes of each previous session should be approved at the Board of Directors meeti:

MOTION -- It was moved by Elvin Caraway (Dr. Nielsen), seconded by Kevin Drane (Mr. Brewer) and carried to accept this recommendation.

- G. National Officer Reports-Minutes -- A short discussion ensued regarding whether or not the National Officer reports should be sent out with the Minutes. It was stated that the Committee recommended that they should be sent out with the Minutes.

MOTION -- It was moved by Kelly Grant (Mr. Day), seconded by Kevin Drane (Dr. Nielsen) and carried to concur with this recommendation. (It was stated that this matter was brought up by the staff as a concern. It was pointed out that the minutes are needed in the states as soon as possible after the Board Meeting.)

- H. Page 5, Item 7 - National Board of Directors -- "The National Board of Directors authorize the NVATA and AATEA to select four consultants to the Board of Directors. These consultants serve as resource persons to the Board and not as representatives of their respective organizations, without pay, except for reimbursement for travel and per diem expenses."

MOTION -- It was moved by Dean Norton (Mr. Brewer), seconded by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Day) and carried to accept this recommendation.

- I. Page 16, Item 1 - Recognition of Adults -- The Committee recommends that the words "above the state level" be removed and this statement read: "Any person who has made a contribution of national significance."

MOTION -- It was moved by Kelly Grant (Mr. Day), seconded by Kevin Drane (Mr. Brewer) and carried to accept this recommendation.

- J. Page 16, Item 2 - Recognition of Adults -- The Committee recommends that the presentation of recognition plaques to the chapters of National Officers be left up to the National Officers and that their report be given at the July meeting.

MOTION -- It was moved by Elvin Caraway (Mr. Rawls), seconded by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Lawrence) and carried to accept this recommendation.

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- K. Page 34, Item 11 - Administration and Fiscal Division -- It shall be the responsibility of the Division Director to identify a source of funds to cover new requests for expenditures in already approved Divisional budgets.

MOTION -- It was moved by Dean Norton (Mr. Day), seconded by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Brewer) and carried to accept this recommendation.

- L. Page 17, Item 3 - Recognition of Adults -- "Present to the chapters of each of the eight Regional Stars a plaque, including the names of all vocational agriculture instructors (FFA Advisor) who have worked with the Star named on the plaque. Present a Recognition Certificate to each teacher present in Kansas City."

MOTION -- It was moved by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Day), seconded by Dean Norton (Dr. Nielsen) and carried to accept this recommendation.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

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The meeting was reconvened at 1:30 p.m., with all members of the Boards present.

25. REQUEST FOR USE OF OFFICIAL JACKET BY MARATHON WALKER -- A request had been submitted by Bernie Nash, Washington, who plans to walk across country, to wear an official jacket to publicize the FFA and agriculture. Mr. Nash asked that the back of the jacket be lettered with "Agriculture" above the emblem and "USA" below it. After some discussion, it was stated that the Official Policies of the organization were specific on the use of the Official FFA Jacket and that no action on this was recommended.

26. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS-CONTESTS & AWARDS STANDING COMMITTEE -- Mr. Day, Chairman, said the committee had reviewed the appropriate section of the Proposed National Program of Activities, together with the Report of the Delegate Committees at the 51st National FFA Convention. Following are the recommendations of the Committee, together with appropriate action:

- A. National Creed Contest Study - That a National Creed Speaking Contest be reviewed and studied at the July meeting of the Boards.

MOTION -- It was moved by Elvin Caraway (Dr. Nielsen), seconded by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Buntin) and carried to accept this recommendation.

- B. AMPI Retiring Officer Endowment - That the John Butterbrodt Endowment be renamed to the AMPI Retiring Officer Endowment and that the cash grant be provided to the chapter of the National Winning Dairy Judging Team for use locally to enhance dairy projects and encouraging dairy projects among local FFA members. It is not to be used to defray the cost of the team to the national convention in Kansas City. If the team does not come from one school, then the grant is to be prorated to the chapter/s of the membership of that team. A letter from the advisor/s would be needed indicating that he would comply with these simple restrictions. The money is to be used for such items as dairy project chains, breeding equipment, purchase of semen, etc.

MOTION -- It was moved by Kevin Drane (Mr. Lawrence), seconded by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Brewer) and carried to accept this recommendation.

- C. Contest Study Committees - That the Board of Directors approve the development of study committees to evaluate and study the following contest areas: (1) Milk Quality and Dairy Foods, (2) Dairy Cattle, (3) Horse Judging and (4) Forestry.

MOTION -- It was moved by Dean Norton (Mr. Brewer), seconded by Kevin Drane (Dr. Nielsen) and carried to accept this recommendation.

- D. Rules Committee On National Contests -- That a Rules Committee on National Contests be established. The committee would meet each year at the National FFA Convention and would make all final decisions on interpretation of the rules and regulations of the National Contests. The committee would be composed of a USOE Program Specialist, serving on the National Board of Directors, a State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, Teacher Educator of Agricultural Education, one Teacher of Vocational Agriculture and the Superintendent of National Contests who will serve as the Chairman of the committee. The committee, beginning in 1979, will be appointed by the National FFA Advisor.

MOTION -- It was moved by Elvin Caraway (Mr. Scroggins), seconded by Kelly Grant (Mr. Brewer) and carried to accept this recommendation.

- E. Distribution of National Contest Test - That the National Contest Study Committee's proposal for distribution of Contest tests be discussed with each of the contest committees at the 1979 convention and their recommendations submitted for discussion with the National Study Committee on Contests.

MOTION -- It was moved by Kelly Grant (Mr. Bunten), seconded by Elvin Caraway (Mr. Brewer) and carried to accept this recommendation.

- F. Calculators for Agricultural Mechanics Contest - That silent, unprogramable electronic calculators be permitted for use in the 1979 National Agricultural Mechanics Contest.

MOTION -- It was moved by Jeff Rudd (Dr. Nielsen), seconded by Elvin Caraway (Mr. Bunten) and carried to accept this recommendation.

- G. Eligibility for National Contests - That beginning in 1979, under emergency conditions a state team participating in a National Contest may be made up of less than three members. States must still certify three-member teams and alternates prior to the National FFA Convention, but fewer than three members could compete if an emergency condition such as illness, death in the family or act of God would occur. These individuals competing would still be eligible to qualify for individual awards.

MOTION -- It was moved by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Lawrence), seconded by Dean Norton (Mr. Bunten) and carried to accept this recommendation.

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- H. Study Regional Elimination Contests - That appropriate National FFA staff update and study further regional elimination contests for the Public Speaking and Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contests, with a followup report consisting of a revised budget and opinions of the state supervisors and executive secretaries to be presented at the 1979 July National FFA Board of Directors' meeting.

MOTION -- It was moved by Kelly Grant (Dr. Nielsen), seconded by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Brewer) and carried to accept this recommendation.

- I. National Study Committee on Proficiency Awards - That the proposal for a National Study Committee on Proficiency Awards not be adopted.
- J. Importance of Validity of Applications Stressed - That the Board of Directors emphasize the importance of the validity of all applications submitted, and that the applications be screened carefully for realism and accuracy at all levels of evaluation.
- K. Regional Proficiency Winners known as Finalists - That the four Regional Proficiency Award winners be called National Finalists and from that group a National winner would be selected in the Proficiency Award Program.

MOTION -- It was moved by Elvin Caraway (Mr. Scroggins), seconded by Kevin Drane (Mr. Rawls) and carried that Items I, J and K be accepted.

- L. Supervised Occupational Experience Programs - That the staff continue its efforts in developing the following items to be considered and discussed by the Board of Directors at a future date:
- (1) Develop a promotional booklet on SOE to be used with agricultural education majors, teachers of vocational agriculture/agribusiness and other people associated with developing a complete agricultural education instructional program.
 - (2) Inform individuals concerned through the development of a short, colorful and comprehensive brochure on SOE to be used with parents, school administrators, school boards and others involved in making decisions affecting the total vocational agriculture/agribusiness program.

MOTION -- It was moved by Kelly Grant (Mr. Rawls), seconded by Dean Norton (Mr. Brewer) and carried to accept this recommendation.

- M. Record Books for Judges in Kansas City -- That the Regional Proficiency finalists, Star Farmer finalists and Star Agribusinessmen finalists be required to bring their supportive record books to Kansas City to be used at the discretion of the judging committee at the National FFA Convention.

MOTION -- It was moved by Dean Norton (Mr. Bunten), seconded by Elvin Caraway (Mr. Scroggins) and carried to accept this recommendation.

- N. NVATA Resolution on SOEP - That the Chairman of the Board of Directors bring attention to the resolution of the NVATA in regard to the SOEP Record Book which is now being field tested. (Major changes have been made in this book since reviewed at the Emphasis '78 Workshops.)

MOTION -- It was moved by Kelly Grant (Mr. Rawls), seconded by Elvin Caraway (Mr. Brewer) and carried to accept this recommendation.

0. Proficiency State Awards - Increase the number of State Proficiency Awards to \$400.00 by membership category, 2,501 - 5,000 members.

MOTION - It was moved by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Lawrence), seconded by Kelly Grant (Mr. Bunten) and carried to postpone action of this recommendation until Thursday.

APPRECIATION - Mr. Day expressed appreciation to the members of the Contests and Awards Committee, the consultants, secretary and others for their contributions to the work of the committee.

27. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS-LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE -- Dr. Nielsen, Chairman, expressed appreciation and commended the members of the committee and consultants for their work. He indicated that the committee reviewed the appropriate sections of the Proposed Program of Activities and also studied the recommendations of the Delegate Committees at the National FFA Convention.

- A. Regional Leadership Conference Committee - It was recommended by the Leadership Development Committee that the Board approve the appointment of a five-member special committee to be appointed by the National Advisor to evaluate and make recommendations for the future of Regional Leadership Conferences. Funds for this study committee to come from Special Travel and Regional Leadership Conference budgets. The committee to meet and report back at the July Board meeting.

MOTION -- It was moved by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Day), seconded by Dean Norton (Mr. Bunten) and carried to accept this recommendation.

- B. National Officer Participation in Regional Conferences - It was further recommended that in the future, when at all possible, more than one national officer be scheduled for each Regional Leadership Conference.

MOTION -- It was moved by Dean Norton (Mr. Rawls), seconded by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Bunten) and carried to accept this recommendation.

- C. Collegiate Agricultural Education - The Standing Committee recommended that in the Program of Activities under Collegiate Agricultural Education Programs (Description/Procedure), (1) Item A remain the same--Cooperate with a university to prepare, publish and distribute a National Directory of Collegiate Agricultural Education groups. (2) Item B, the word "Cooperate" be changed to "Advise"--Advise with selected universities to conduct four Regional Workshops for students and advisors of Collegiate Agricultural Education Organizations. Workshops to be held in the spring of 1980. (3) That an Item C be added to read--Cooperate with professional organizations (NATA, AATEA and NASAE) as they inspire, encourage and prepare teachers of agriculture. (4) That an Item D be added to read--Cooperation in the above activities will be limited to the extent those activities may be provided through the use of dues collected from Collegiate membership. National FFA Foundation funds are not to be utilized.

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MOTION -- It was moved by Dean Norton (Mr. Day), seconded by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Brewer) and carried to accept Items 1, 2 and 3 of this recommendation.

- D. National Agricultural Career Show -- It was recommended that the Board approve the admission of publishers and manufacturers or distributors of audio visual material suitable for teaching vocational agriculture as exhibitors in the National Agricultural Career Show on the condition that they meet the qualifications of being a National FFA Foundation, Star, Gold or Silver Sponsor or an advertiser in The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine who has purchased an equivalent of one full page or more of advertising in the past or current fiscal year, and that they exhibit educational materials for use in agricultural education.

MOTION -- It was moved by Elvin Caraway (Mr. Scroggins), seconded by Kevin Drane (Mr. Brewer) and carried to accept this recommendation.

- E. American Royal Queen - It was recommended that the American Royal Queen Selection procedure continue as outlined in the Board Policies. No action necessary.
- F. Meeting with Secondary School Principals - It was recommended that the National Advisor or his representative, including a member of the Leadership Committee and a national officer meet with the Secondary School Principals' Committee in April, 1979, to work out details for moving the National FFA Convention meeting dates to Thursday, Friday and Saturday as soon as possible.

MOTION -- It was moved by Kevin Drane (Mr. Day), seconded by Dean Norton (Mr. Scroggins) and carried that this recommendation be accepted.

- G. National Convention Service Corps - It was recommended that a tenth National FFA Convention Manager be added for the area of Service Corps.

MOTION - It was moved by Kevin Drane (Mr. Lawrence), seconded by Dean Norton (Mr. Brewer) and carried to accept this recommendation.

- H. National Officer Clothing Budget - It was recommended to the Budget Committee that National Officer Clothing be raised from \$3,150.00 to \$3,450.00, effective with the 1978-79 year, for expendable items.

MOTION - It was moved by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Scroggins and carried to accept this recommendation.

- I. National Officer Tour-1980 - It was recommended that the Center staff, in working with the National Foundation, in planning for the 1980 National Officers' Tour give careful consideration to geographical continental distribution and include the Pacific Basin in the Tour.

MOTION -- It was moved by Kelly Grant (Mr. Day), seconded by Dean Norton (Mr. Scroggins) and carried to accept this recommendation.

- J. National Officer Tour-Study - MOTION - It was moved by Elvin Caraway (Mr. Rawls), seconded by Dean Norton (Mr. Day) and carried to conduct a study of the efficiency of the overall National Officers' Good-Will Tour.

- K. Cost Effectiveness Study - It was recommended that a comprehensive cost effectiveness study be made of the efficiency of the programs and allocation of resources of the National FFA Organization by an outside source.

MOTION -- It was moved by Jeff Rudd, seconded by Dean Norton and carried to accept this recommendation. It was moved by Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Scroggins to sustain the action of the national officers. Motion failed.

The meeting was recessed at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday Morning - February 1, 1979

The meeting was reconvened at 1:30 p.m., with all members of the Boards present.

28. REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS -- Mr. Hawkins briefly reported that two law suits are still pending. One with the contractor who built the new building (the legal counsel feels it will die before anything is done). In the other case a vo-ag student from Missouri who lost an eye is suing the local chapter, the State FFA Association and the National FFA. Mr. Hawkins reported that our membership now is a bout 424,604, much in line with last year.

29. IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR ISSUES -- Mr. Harris requested that the Board recommend major issues for discussion and reaction back from the four Regional Ag Ed Conferences and the NVATA Leadership Conferences. Issues identified include:

- A. Procedures for apportioning American Farmer Degrees.
- B. Priorities in Collegiate Agricultural Education Activities.
- C. The improvement and expansion of Supervised Occupational Experience Programs.
- D. Contests Programs (revise, expand, consolidate) - Keeping pace with instruction in the 80's.
- E. The Vocational Agriculture Teacher shortage (who is involved and how do we get at it).
- F. The Advisor's Handbook - its use and future design.
- G. High School enrollment in the 80's and 90's, and its affect on the FFA.
- H. Post-Secondary (1) Affiliated, (2) Separate, (3) Part of the FFA

30. OE's FULFILLMENT OF THE NATIONAL FFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS -- This was delayed until the July Board meeting.

The meeting recessed for Executive Session at 9:30 a.m.

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The meeting was reconvened at 1:30 p.m., with all members of the Boards present.

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31. FFA FOUNDATION SPONSORING COMMITTEE -- No report, since Mr. McDowell and Mr. Staller were meeting with the Executive Committee of the Foundation to prepare for the Board of Trustees meeting.
32. REPORT ON FFA HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT -- Mr. Harris reported that the report would be given at the dinner that evening by Mr. R. M. Hendrickson, President, Agricultural Division, Pfizer, Inc., and 1980 National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee Chairman, who is heading up the fund raising drive for the Hall of Achievement.
33. INTRODUCTION -- Mr. R. D. Hagan, State FFA Executive Secretary, Missouri, and Mr. Kenneth Mitchell, State FFA Advisor/Executive Secretary, Tennessee, were introduced, as they had just joined the meeting.
34. APPRECIATION -- The Boards expressed appreciation and thanks to Mr. Paul Kidd and Mrs. Anna Hitchcock for their work in providing meals during the week.
35. TRANSFER OF OFFICE OF NATIONAL TREASURER -- MOTION -- It was moved by Elvin Caraway (Mr. Brewer), seconded by Dean Norton (Dr. Nielsen) and carried that the Board recommend to the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees that the Office of the National Treasurer (Mrs. Coiner), presently in Woodstock, Virginia, be transferred to the National FFA Center, Alexandria, Virginia. Office space to be provided without cost to the FFA Foundation. A Memorandum of Agreement acceptable to the Foundation Operational Procedures and Review Committee to be developed prior to the move. (Mrs. Coiner is retiring after serving the FFA for over 35 years.)
36. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT -- MOTION -- It was moved by Kelly Grant (Mr. Lawrence), seconded by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Day) and carried that the Board of Directors authorize the extension of the 1978-79 budget at its current rate of operation for the months of July and August, 1978, prior to the implementation of the new fiscal year starting September 1, 1979. (The FFA fiscal year starting in 1979 will be September 1 - August 31.)

MOTION -- It was moved by Kevin Drane (Mr. Day), seconded by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Brewer) and carried that funds for the developemnt of the Counselor's Guide to Agricultural Careers and the Special Career Brochure on Agricultural Teaching be deleted from the Program Division Budget and that alternative means of funding be pursued.

MOTION -- It was moved by Kelly Grant (Mr. Day), seconded by Dean Norton (Mr. Bunten) and carried that an overhead cost for administration, accounting and other services at the Center, be projected into the 1979-80 Washington Conferences and International Special Program Budgets to offset those costs presently paid by the organization.

MOTION -- It was moved by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Rawls), seconded by Dean Norton (Mr. Lawrence) and carried that the Board recommend to the Trustees the expenditure of an additional \$2,500.00 to be equally matched by NVATA for the purpose of roadway improvement on the site of the NVATA headquarters located adjacent to the FFA Center.

MOTION -- It was moved by Kevin Drane (Mr. Brewer) seconded by Dean Norton (Mr. Lawrence) and carried that in light of existing economic uncertainty and the implementation of necessary priority expenditures that 5% of projected gross income be set aside in the budget to be transferred to Capital Reserves annually.

- MOTION -- It was moved by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Rawls), seconded by Dean Norton (Mr. Day) and carried that the \$2.00 national dues be allocated equally (\$1.00 to each) between the Program and Publication Divisions for internal budgeting.
37. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION -- MOTION -- It was moved by Kelly Grant (Mr. Day), seconded by Kevin Drane (Dr. Nielsen) and carried that the motion tabled earlier in the meeting, regarding the employment of an Assistant Director of Information be taken off the table. The original motion (Moved by Kevin Drane ((Mr. Day)), seconded by Jeff Rudd ((Mr. Brewer)) to employ an Assistant Director of Information was voted on and the motion failed.
38. REACTIONS OF CONSULTANTS -- Mr. John Mundt presented the reactions of the consultants (NVATA and AATEA).
- MOTION -- It was moved by Elvin Caraway (Dr. Nielsen), seconded by Dean Norton (Mr. Brewer) and carried to accept the Report of the consultants. (See Appendix B)
39. INTRODUCTION -- Mr. Dave Thomas, past president of the Alumni Council, was introduced to the group.
40. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - MOTION -- It was moved by Jeff Rudd (Mr. Day), seconded by Kevin Drane (Mr. Scroggins) and carried that a cost effective-ness study of the National FFA Organization be conducted by persons other than the National Advisor, Executive Secretary or persons employed by the National FFA Organization. The purposes of this committee shall be to carry out a comprehensive study of the following Divisions (1) Program and (2) Administration. Preference should be given to the utilization of the following persons on this committee: USOE personnel, State Super- visors of Vocational Education in Agriculture, Teacher Educators, Voca- tional Agriculture Instructors and present and past Student Officers. Members of this committee shall be appointed by the National Advisor. Budgeting shall be determined by the Finance Committee. This committee shall report to the Board of the Directors at the January, 1980 meeting.
41. ANNOUNCEMENTS -- Mr. Hunsicker announced that the next Board meeting would be held July 23 - 26, 1979; FFA Foundation Board of Trustees meeting on Friday, July 27, 7:30 - 11:50 a.m., with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at the Old Town Holiday Inn, Alexandria, Virginia.
42. APPRECIATION -- Mark Sanborn thanked Mr. Brewer and Mr. Scroggins for their support and help in serving on the Board as their tenure will end on June 30, 1979. Mr. Rawls also thanked the National FFA Officers for their dedication to the FFA.
43. ADJOURNMENT -- There being no further business to come before the Boards, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Kevin Drane at 3:15 p.m.

H. N. Hunsicker

H. N. Hunsicker, Chairman

C. Coleman Harris

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(APPENDIX A)

January 23, 1979

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Re: Increase in FFA Dues
Role of Board of Directors

Dear Neville:

This will respond to your letter of January 18, 1979, asking (1) whether the FFA Board of Directors has the legal power to override the vote of the delegate body to increase the annual membership dues, (2) whether the Board has the general power to review and ratify membership actions; and (3) whether there is any legal obstacle to moving the office of the National FFA Treasurer from Woodstock Virginia to the Mount Vernon headquarters.

1. Review of dues increase.

In my judgment, the Board of Directors does not have the authority to override the membership vote to increase the national dues from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per year.

As you know, Article XV of the FFA Constitution provides as follows:

SECTION A. Annual membership dues in the National Organization shall be fixed by a majority vote of the delegates present at a national convention of the Future Farmers of America

This provision is explicit, and I find no provision in PL 740, the Constitution or by the bylaws giving the Board of Directors authority to override actions of the membership, either in dues matters or other matters.

It is true that Section 8(a) of PL 740 provides that the Board of Directors "shall exercise the powers herein granted to the corporation." Consistent with this provision, nothing in PL 740 gives the membership any powers or responsibilities at all.

In view of this provision and pursuant to the power provided in Section 4(4) to "adopt and alter bylaws ... for ... the regulation of its affairs," the adoption of Article XV of the Constitution should be treated as a delegation to the membership of a power which would otherwise reside in the Board of Directors. As such, it would require an amendment of the Constitution to return this power to the Board of Directors.

2. Review of all membership actions.

It has been suggested, in the policy statement which you forwarded, that it is a general policy of the National Board of Directors to review all actions of the membership "for ratification." However, it seems to me that this is an unduly broad interpretation of the Constitution and PL 740.

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If it has been intended to require board ratification of membership actions, this would have been spelled out. Just as Section 7(b) of PL 740 specifies that actions of the board of student officers are advisory to the Board of Directors, the constitution could have provided specifically for board ratification of membership action fixing dues, if this had been intended.

It may also be noted that four other powers otherwise belonging to the Board of Directors are delegated to the membership under the Constitution. These are the withdrawal of State Association charters (Article IV(A) (4)), the approval of American Farmer Degree awards (Article VII (D)), the election of national student officers (Article XIX(D)), and the amendment of the Constitution and Bylaws (Article VII). Since none of these provisions mentions Board of Directors ratification, we conclude that the Board's general policy statement providing for Board of Directors ratification of membership actions should be construed as limited to actions other than those listed above, i.e. the ratification of actions not specifically delegated to the membership under the Constitution.

Of course, the Board would normally be expected to monitor and review all membership actions, to be sure that they do in fact comply with PL 740, the Constitution and the Bylaws. If they actually violate these documents, the Board would have a duty to modify or override such actions. If they do not violate them, but are in areas not delegated to the membership, the Board would have a duty either to ratify the membership's action or to substitute its own judgment.

3. Move of Treasurer's office.

We see no legal obstacle to moving the office of the National FFA Treasurer from Woodstock, Virginia (the residence of Mrs. Pauline Coiner, who is retiring) to the National FFA Center at Mount Vernon. Neither PL 740 nor the Constitution and Bylaws specifies where the Treasurer's office shall be located. It is merely provided that "the headquarters and principal offices" shall be located in the District of Columbia, but it is also spelled out that "the activities of the corporation shall not be confined to that place but may be conducted throughout the various States ..." (Sec. 5). Pursuant to this provision, the National FFA Center has been located at Mount Vernon, and we see no restriction on the location of the National Treasurer's office. Of course, the person who holds the office of National FFA Treasurer, though he normally resides elsewhere, remains legally responsible under Section V(B) of the Bylaws, for the "custody of all funds and other assets," and for seeing that "correct and accurate books and records" are kept, even though the day-to-day work is handled in the headquarters office.

Please let me know if further guidance would be helpful.

Sincerely,

/s/

John P. Manwell

REACTIONS OF CONSULTANTS

February 1, 1979

1. The Board is to be commended for their dedication, sincerity and concern for the FFA.
2. The committee structure has many advantages. It permits both comments and votes on the part of consultants. Disadvantages of the structure is that we do not hear from staff in full board meeting.
3. There is a general expression of appreciation on behalf of the consultants for having the opportunity to be in attendance at Board meetings and participate in committees.
4. Participation from the consultants would be enhanced if consultants were seated around the main board meeting table.
5. There was an observation of general openness at Board meetings and among Board members. Even more openness will be accomplished when the Board members hold staff members to higher degree of accountability.
6. Concern is expressed over the number of items postponed for further study.
7. It would be helpful at the beginning of Board meetings to present an overview of the total organization which (1) identifies sources of cash and explains how various funds work and (2) includes an organizational flow chart.
8. It is recommended that new budget items should be identified in a unique way, such as different color ink or different style type in the total proposed budget.
9. There is a need for the staff to identify FFA research priorities that can be conducted by people in the field. (i.e., Ag Ed. Staffs, Grad. Students)
10. There was an observation of a concern on the part of student officers when negatively connotated issues were discussed.
11. There is a need to develop a systematic plan which starts to evaluate specific divisions on an annual basis. This evaluation should include program activities, staff time allocated, budget, etc. and should be reported annually to the Board.
12. When special projects are available that involve teacher education programs, a form call for proposals needs to be made. This call for proposals should be sent to each Agricultural Education Department in the country.

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