

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

Kansas City, Missouri
November 9 - 10, 1975

Sunday Morning - November 9, 1975

The meeting of the Boards of Directors and National Officers of the Future Farmers of America was called to order at 8:00 a.m. at the Radisson Muehlebach Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, by H. N. Hunsicker, Chairman. Those present in addition to the Chairman, included:

Board of Directors

J. W. Bunten, Senior Program Officer/DVTE, U. S. Office of Education, San Francisco, California;
Robert Crawley, Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Little Rock, Arkansas;
Don Erickson, State Supervisor, Vocational Agriculture, Bismarck, North Dakota;
John W. Lacey, Senior Program Officer/DVTE, U. S. Office of Education, Denver, Colorado;
Glenn W. Lewis, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Baltimore, Maryland;
Art Nelson, Program Director, Vocational Agriculture and Renewable Natural Resources Education, Olympia, Washington;
Byron F. Rawls, Regional Director/DVTE, U. S. Office of Education, Kansas City, Missouri;
J. W. Warren, Senior Program Officer/DVTE, U. S. Office of Education, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;

Officers

Wm. Paul Gray, Secretary, Board of Directors, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.;
J. M. Campbell, Treasurer, State Department of Education, Richmond, Virginia;

Board of National Officers

Alpha Trivette, National President, Ladysmith, Virginia;
D. Scott McKain, National Secretary, Crothersville, Indiana;
Bart Brashears, National Vice President, Alex, Oklahoma;
Peter Giacomini, National Vice President, Ferndale, California;
Gerrit DeBruin, National Vice President, Monroe, Wisconsin;
Gary W. Kelley, National Vice President, Ripley, West Virginia;

Consultants

William Harrison, Past President, NVATA, Inc., Leedey, Oklahoma;
Osmund Gilbertson, Head, Agricultural Education, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, California;
Luther Lalum, President, NVATA, Inc., Kalispell, Montana;
John Murray, Vice President, NVATA, Inc., Jackson, Minnesota;
Marvin Thompson, Professor and Chairman, Department of Agricultural Education, University of Wisconsin, River Falls, Wisconsin;

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Others present for all or portions of the meeting:

Edward J. Hawkins, Administrative Director, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia;
 Wilson W. Carnes, Editor, The National FUTURE FARMER, Alexandria, Virginia;
 Harry J. Andrews, Manager, National FFA Supply Service, Alexandria, Virginia;
 Jay Benham, Administrative Secretary, National FFA Alumni Association, Alexandria, Virginia;
 James P. Clouse, Chairman, National FFA Alumni Association, Blacksburg, Virginia;
 C. Coleman Harris, Associate Executive Secretary, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia;
 Donald N. McDowell, Executive Director, National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee, Madison, Wisconsin;
 John Pitzer, Manager, Official FFA Calendar, The National FUTURE FARMER, Alexandria, Virginia;
 Dennis Sargent, Assistant Executive Director, National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee, Madison, Wisconsin;
 Robert A. Seefeldt, Program Specialist - Awards, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia;
 Ted E. Amick, Program Specialist - Contests, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia;
 Lennie H. Gamage, Program Specialist - International Activities, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia;
 A. Dan Reuwee, Director of Information, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia.

INVOCATION -- Scott McKain, National FFA Secretary, gave the invocation.

SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS -- The National Officers requested that the Report by the National FFA Officers be postponed until Monday.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES -- Mr. Harrison stated that a correction should be made in Appendix L "Recommendation for the Honorary American Farmer Degree (Teachers of Vocational Agriculture" Nos. 30 and 31. These corrections will be made as approved.

The minutes of the previous meeting, as corrected, were approved.

APPROVAL OF GOVERNING COMMITTEE MINUTES -- Minutes of the Governing Committee were read by Scott McKain and discussed in some detail. It was moved by Gary Kelley, (Mr. Erickson) seconded by Bart Brashears (Mr. Lewis) and carried that the Minutes of the Governing Committee be accepted. (See Appendix A)

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL FFA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS -- The National FFA Officers voted to recommend to the convention delegates to approve Proposals A through E to the National FFA Constitution and to reject the two items relating to the FFA Bylaws. (See Appendix B)

ADDITIONAL AWARDS -- It was moved by Bart Brashears (Mr. Crawley), seconded by Gary Kelley (Mr. Warren) and carried that the Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller, Vice President of the United States, and the Honorable Jimmy Carter, former Governor of Georgia, receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree at the 48th National FFA Convention.

It was moved by Scott McKain (Mr. Bunten), seconded by Gerrit DeBruin (Mr. Crawley) and carried that Mrs. Grace Myers receive the Distinguished Service Award at the 48th National

FFA Convention.

FINANCE COMMITTEE -- Mr. Lewis gave the report of the Finance Committee. After some discussion, it was moved by Scott McKain (Mr. Rawls), seconded by Peter Giacomini (Mr. Erickson), and carried to accept and implement effective January 1, 1976 the suggestion of the Finance Committee to grant FFA Employees the recent cost of living increase granted to Federal Employees if such increase can be accomplished without increasing the overall budget.

The meeting was recessed at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Afternoon, November 9

The meeting was reconvened at 1:30 p.m. by the Chairman. All members of the Board were present.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE (Continued) -- Discussion continued concerning increased costs in connection with the production of FFA jackets. Mr. Lewis presented the following recommendations made by the Finance Committee:

1. After consideration of quotations and abilities of the bidders to perform, the Finance Committee recommends to the Board that Universal Uniform Company, Van Wert, Ohio be awarded a three-year contract, effective January 1, 1976.
2. In order to absorb increased costs of materials, postage, and labor, the price of the FFA jacket be increased to \$15.00, effective March 1, 1976.

Mr. Hawkins presented some of the problems encountered in production of the jackets. It was pointed out that suppliers no longer will guarantee prices of materials beyond six months. Also, postage rates and labor continue to increase. He supplied information concerning differences in quality and color of the corduroy used in the jackets. The pros and cons of raising the price of the jacket were discussed at some length.

MOTION -- It was moved by Gerrit DeBruin (Mr. Nelson), seconded by Peter Giacomini (Mr. Bunten) and carried, that the above recommendations of the Finance Committee be accepted and implemented.

NEEDED MODIFICATIONS IN FFA APPLICATION FORMS -- Mr. Robert Seefeldt, Program Specialist, Awards, presented recommendations for modifications in the 1976 application forms for Agricultural Proficiency Awards and American Farmer Degree Applications. The first recommendation concerned compliance with "The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974" (P.L. 93-380). The FFA attorneys have recommended that all application forms for individual member awards and the American Farmer Degree include a statement by the candidate, and if under 18 years of age, cosigned by the candidate's parental guardian, giving consent for the FFA to use the information supplied in the application for publicity purposes except as specifically restricted in a space to be provided.

MOTION -- It was moved by Bart Brashears (Mr. Warren), seconded by Peter Giacomini (Mr. Buntin) and carried, that some type of written permission by the applicant, acceptable to the Office of Education, which will conform to "The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974" be included on the 1976 application forms for Agricultural Proficiency and the American Farmer Degree.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE -- Mr. Seefeldt presented Qualifications for the American Farmer Degree in the Agribusiness Category. He stated that there has been considerable confusion as to exactly which Supervised Occupational Experience Programs are Production and which are Agribusiness. He presented a recommendation made by a committee comprised of Arnold Cordes, Wisconsin; John Parmley, Colorado; Robert Bell, South Dakota; and Ron Seibel, Maryland, assigned to assist in writing the American Farmer Instructional Book, as follows:

"That the National FFA Board of Directors and Board of National FFA Officers rescind their action of October 14, 1973, and establish the policy that Supervised Occupational Experience Programs pertaining to the production of a raw agricultural product be considered Agriculture, when applying for the American Farmer Degree, regardless of whether the student has ownership or is involved in a placement or laboratory situation."

This matter was discussed at some length, but no action to rescind and adopt was taken at this time.

PAYMENT OF INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL FFA FOUNDATION AWARD WINNERS -- Mr. Seefeldt next asked members of the Boards to consider the procedures now being followed in the payment of National FFA Foundation Awards. Presently, each State Association has two options as to how they will receive the National FFA Foundation funds for individual member and chapter recognition in Agricultural Proficiency, Star State Farmers, Star Agribusinessmen, and Public Speaking.

They are:

1. Direct Payment -- Checks are written to each award recipient by the National Treasurer and mailed to the State Association for presentation to the award winner.
2. Reimbursement -- State FFA Associations make payment to each award winner from State funds, and at a later date request reimbursement from the National FFA Foundation Treasurer. Using this method, the award recipient generally is not aware of the source of the funds or sponsor of the award.

In order to insure greater visibility of the National FFA Foundation at the State level, it was recommended that, in the future, Foundation checks for FFA Agricultural Proficiency, Star State Farmers, Star Agribusinessmen, and Public Speaking winners, be made payable to the individual award recipient, and mailed to the State FFA Advisor, in a special envelope (a sample of which was distributed), for presentation at the State Convention or other public meeting, along with a suggested news story. In the discussion which followed, it was pointed out by those who favored the Reimbursement system that in some States the award winners are not chosen until the time of the State Convention; therefore, the change to Direct Payment

may pose a problem. It, however, was stressed that State Associations should inform its recipients of awards that the awards are made possible through contributions from Sponsors to the National FFA Foundation. It was suggested that possibly checks could be written in advance, with all necessary information, except the name of the recipient, and mailed to the State FFA Advisor prior to the State Convention. He, in turn, could fill in the proper name, and then notify the National Foundation Treasurer following the State Convention, or other meeting, where the checks were presented, as to the names of the winners of each award.

MOTION -- It was moved by Gary Kelley (Mr. Bunten), seconded by Scott McKain (Mr. Erickson) and carried, that the Direct Payment system be followed in the future, in preparing Foundation checks for all award winners; that the individual checks be placed in an appropriate folder, and mailed to the State FFA Advisor for presentation to the recipients, along with a suggested news story.

It was suggested that the details for implementing this procedure be worked out by the National FFA Staff.

COST OF SPONSORING AN AGRICULTURAL PROFICIENCY AWARD PROGRAM AS A SPECIAL PROJECT -- This topic was presented and discussed by Mr. Seefeldt, who stated that in order to continue to meet the rising cost and services of implementing the Agricultural Proficiency Award Programs, the amount of funds made available by each Special Project Sponsor needs to be increased. He recommended the following action:

"That the Foundation Executive Director, his staff, and the FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee be authorized to work with individual sponsors in raising the present price tag of the sponsored project to cover the increased cost, as follows:

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| \$14,000 | projects | be | increased | to | \$17,000 |
| \$12,000 | projects | be | increased | to | \$13,620 |
| \$11,000 | projects | be | increased | to | \$13,550 |
| \$ 9,000 | projects | be | increased | to | \$11,250 |
| \$ 7,000 | projects | be | increased | to | \$ 8,950 |

Mr. McDowell joined Mr. Seefeldt in pointing out that such increases would improve the quality of the projects and provide broader publicity.

MOTION -- It was moved by Peter Giacomini (Mr. Warren), seconded by Gerrit DeBruin (Mr. Lewis) and carried, that approval be given for the implementation of an increase in the price of Sponsored Projects for Proficiency Awards in the amounts shown above, and that the Sponsors be contacted by the Sponsoring Committee's Staff concerning this action.

PROGRESS REPORT ON DEVELOPING AMERICAN FARMER HANDBOOK -- Mr. Seefeldt distributed "marked copies" of the Application for the American Farmer Degree, showing recommendations made by a committee which met at the National FFA Center on October 27 and 28 to assist in developing an American Farmer Instructional Handbook. This committee

was comprised of Arnold Cordes, Wisconsin; John Parmley, Colorado; Robert Bell, South Dakota; and Ronald Seibel, Maryland. Mr. Seefeldt explained the suggested changes, and Board members discussed them at some length. It was the consensus of opinion that some of the suggested changes should be made, while others should not. Members of the Board thanked Mr. Seefeldt for his report, and asked him to follow through on the agreed changes.

It was moved by Bart Brashears (Mr. Rawls) seconded by Gary Kelley (Mr. Lewis) that the report be accepted and implemented.

REPORT ON NATIONAL FFA CONTESTS -- Mr. Ted Amick, Program Specialist, Contests, gave an optimistic report on participation in the National Judging Contests this year. He stated that 273 teams participated in 1975 as compared to 262 in 1974, an increase of 4%. He also gave a progress report on the Farm Business Management Contest, which is being sponsored by John Deere & Company. The contest rules and regulations have been developed and are being reviewed. The material should be ready for mailing to the States by the end of December. A sub-committee of the contest committee will meet in the summer of 1976 to make final arrangements for the contest, and the first contest will be held in November, 1976 at the National FFA Convention.

COST OF SPONSORING A CONTEST PROGRAM AS A SPECIAL PROJECT -- This topic was presented by Mr. Amick. He stated that with the increasing cost of operating National FFA Contests, it becomes necessary that more funds be made available by each Special Project Sponsor for each contest. In 1974, the budget was overspent for this purpose. Mr. Reuwee's department has absorbed some of the cost on Public Relations, but it does not seem wise in the interest of good management practices to continue this practice. The benefit and importance of providing more publicity to the States and local communities having winning teams and individuals was pointed out. This could be done through the use of more radio and TV tapes and a series of slides (maximum of 60) for each team in each contest, for use back home. He also proposed that a plaque from the National FFA Foundation, showing the name of the Sponsor of the contest, be presented to State Associations having first place teams, in each contest. In order to do this, Mr. Amick proposed that the Foundation Executive Director, his staff, and the FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee be authorized to work with individual sponsors in raising the present cost of the Special Projects for Contests, as follows:

| <u>Contest</u> | <u>Current</u> | <u>For 1976</u> |
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| Livestock | \$ 8,000 | \$10,330 |
| Meats | \$ 8,000 | \$10,000 |
| Poultry | \$ 8,000 | \$ 9,970 |
| Agricultural Mechanics | \$ 8,000 | \$10,090 |
| Dairy Cattle | \$ 6,650 | \$10,270 |
| Milk Quality | \$ 6,650 | \$ 9,880 |
| Horticulture | \$ 8,000 | \$10,120 |

Mr. Amick stated that he feels every member participating in the National Judging Contests should receive a certificate or a medal. He also stated that, in conducting the National Judging Contests, he has received invaluable assistance from John Lacey, Les Thompson, Leon Wagley, and Peter Johnson.

MOTION -- It was moved by Gerrit DeBruin (Mr. Erickson), seconded by Scott McKain (Mr. Rawls) and carried, that approval be given for the implementation of an increase in the price of the seven Sponsored Projects for Contests, in the amounts shown above, and that the Sponsors be contacted concerning this action.

STATUS REPORT ON 50th ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES -- Mr. Dan Reuwee, Director of Information, stated that he had little to report at this time on plans for the 50th Anniversary activities over and above that presented at previous Board meetings. Work is progressing on the "50 Year History of FFA", which is being written by Dr. A. W. Tenney. Mr. Reuwee stated that this will be included in the budget at the January Board meeting. As requested, the Staff has prepared a brochure, entitled "Celebrate '76" outlining Bicentennial Activities for Chapters. Copies of the brochure were distributed. It contains 8 programs, namely: (1) Food for America; (2) FFA Washington Conference Program; (3) Building Our American Communities; (4) FFA International - WEA; (5) FFA Week; (6) FFA Calendar; (7) Farm-fest '76; and, (8) Alumni '76 - A Year of Commitment. Chapters that participate in the program will receive an appropriate Certificate. Those chapters participating in more than four of the eight activities will receive additional recognition at next year's convention. Mr. Reuwee announced that the Bicentennial material would be on display at the Career Show during the convention.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FFA PROJECT FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS -- In compliance with action taken at the July Board Meeting, authorizing the Program Division to proceed with plans to develop and design programs for "Students of Vocational Agriculture with Special Needs", a committee was appointed by the Chairman to assist in this work. The committee was comprised of: Messrs. Brashears, Harris, Gray, Reuwee, Lalum, Sargent, Rawls, and Nelson, with Mr. Nelson serving as Chairman. He presented the report of the Committee. Several members of the Board expressed the need for emphasis by teachers in these programs in many States and felt that the Program Division be authorized to accumulate information on these Special Programs. A final report and proposal to be presented at the January Board Meeting.

MOTION -- It was moved by Bart Brashears (Mr. Lewis), seconded by Gerrit DeBruin (Mr. Nelson) and carried, that the report of the Committee on an FFA Project for Students with Special Needs be accepted, and the committee be commended for an indepth "exploration" on the subject.

REPORT OF NATIONAL OFFICERS TASK FORCE -- Scott McKain distributed copies of a document entitled "National Officer Study Committee Report" which was prepared by a committee which met at the National FFA Center September 4-5, 1975, in compliance with action taken by the Board of Directors and National Officers at their meeting last July. Due to the length of the report, and the time element involved, it was suggested that the Board members review the report and take action later. The members of the Committee were commended for their painstaking work in preparing this report.

PROGRESS REPORT ON DEVELOPING AN FFA STUDENT HANDBOOK -- Mr. Coleman Harris, FFA Associate Executive Secretary, reported that in accordance with instructions by the FFA Board of Directors and National Officers at their meeting in July, 1975, a committee was appointed to start initial work on an "FFA Student Handbook". The committee

was composed of: Messrs. Erickson, Gilbertson, Gray, Sargent, Reuwee and Harris. The first step was to prepare a proposal which could be submitted to the Foundation Sponsoring Committee for use in exploring possibilities of securing funding, either from the General Fund or as a Special Project. Mr. Harris reported that the proposal has been put in final form and has been presented for Special Project Funding. Mr. McDowell was present and stated that efforts are being made to secure a sponsor for this project. It is estimated that it will require approximately \$22,500 for development, printing and initial distribution.

MOTION -- It was moved by Peter Giacomini (Mr. Nelson), seconded by Scott McKain (Mr. Crawley) and carried, that the Boards accept the report of the Committee on Developing an FFA Student Handbook, and the committee be commended for its work and that if possible a sponsor to finance it be secured.

REPORT ON FFA INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES -- Mr. Lennie Gamage, Program Specialist, International, FFA, brought members of the Boards up-to-date on progress which has been made in connection with the First World Conference of Youth and Adult Leaders in Agricultural Education, including an "International Ag. Olympics", to be held November 9 - 12, 1976, in Kansas City, Missouri. He announced that Massey-Ferguson Inc., of Des Moines, Iowa, has agreed to sponsor the Conference as a Special Project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc. The idea of such a meeting would be to establish dialog between Future Farmers of America and agriculturists (including youth and adult leaders) from other countries. In preparation for the conference, there will be a Planning Committee coming to Kansas City. They will meet this year during and after the National FFA Convention, in the Phillips Hotel. This Committee will have representatives from South America, Asia, and Europe. Assisting the Committee will be members of the National FFA Staff and the Advisory Committee on International Programs. The Planning Committee will develop an outline of conference sessions, arrange for speakers, interpreters, conference facilities, and plan the Ag Olympics events. Mr. Gamage invited the Board members to attend these meetings as their time permits. The National FFA President, Alpha Trivette, directed that the Minutes show a special commendation to Mr. Gamage for his efforts.

REPORT ON VSO FUNDING -- The Chairman called upon Mr. Gray who gave a brief status report on Vocational Student Organizations and their relationship to the U. S. Office of Education, particularly with reference to the use of Federal funds for activities not related to or as an integral instruction program. This matter is under study by the legal counsel in the Office of Education at the present time, and a legal position is expected as soon as the results of a meeting held October 14 with top USOE Administrators is announced.

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

Monday Morning, November 10 -- The meeting was reconvened at 8:00 a.m. by the Chairman. All members of the Boards were present.

RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS -- The Chairman called attention to the fact that the terms of two members of the Board of Directors, Mr. Glenn Lewis and Mr. Don Erickson, will expire as of June 30, 1976, and replacements will need to be selected by NASAE. Also, terms of the following Consultants expire as of December 31, 1975: NVATA: Bill Harrison and John Murray; AATEA: Bill Smith and Marvin Thompson.

REPORT ON FFA ALUMNI ACTIVITIES -- Dr. James P. Clouse, Chairman of the FFA Alumni Council, and Jay Benham, Administrative Secretary of the National FFA Alumni Association, were present and reported on Alumni activities. Dr. Clouse stated that membership continues to grow - up over 18,000. Thirteen applications were received for the position of Administrative Secretary being vacated by Jay Benham. A committee met recently and screened this group, and interviews of final applicants will be conducted in Kansas City. Plans for the Fourth Annual Meeting, to be held on Thursday and Friday during the FFA Convention, were briefly reviewed. Legion of Merit Citations will be presented during this meeting. The Chairman thanked Dr. Clouse for his report.

REPORT OF THE FFA FOUNDATION SPONSORING COMMITTEE -- Mr. Donald McDowell and Mr. Dennis Sargent were present and brought the Board members up-to-date on Foundation activities by distributing copies of a Progress Report. Topics discussed were:

(a) Accomplishments -- The goal for 1975 is \$625,000.00. Cash on hand, November 1 is \$650,384.61. Pledges to come in, \$17,812.00. Estimated additional, \$10,000.00. Anticipated 1975 total, \$678,000.00+. As of November 1, there are 1,497 sponsors. At present there are 28 Special Projects. Mr. McDowell stated that the Sponsoring Committee has chosen as its theme for 1976: "A Heritage of Helping America", and plans are well underway for the 1976 fund raising campaign.

(b) Identification on Sponsor Developed Publication Sold by FFA -- Mr. McDowell discussed a problem which needs possible clarification. He stated that the Merck Company Foundation, of Rahway, New Jersey, furnished the funds for the initial development, printing and distribution to all Vocational Agriculture Departments of the "FFA Advisor's Handbook". This represented an investment of \$10,000 the first year, and \$8,000 the next year. Sponsor identification was shown at that time on both the front and inside cover page of the initial printing which was distributed, free, as part of the "Thrust '75" program. Later, when the publication was reprinted and offered for sale through the FFA Supply Service, the name "Merck Company Foundation" was removed from the front cover, only. Mr. McDowell stated over though credit is given on the inside front cover that companies do not like to lose their identity on the front cover when a publication is being sold by FFA, and it seems they should continue to receive recognition for their original sponsorship of the project on both the front and back cover. Mr. McDowell suggested that perhaps some guidelines should be developed for such situations. One suggestion offered was that possibly a statement could be included, such as: "This publication was made possible by _____".

MOTION -- After considerable discussion, it was moved by Gerrit DeBruin (Mr. Crawley), seconded by Scott McKain (Mr. Buntin) and carried that this matter be referred to a Special Committee appointed by the Chairman for consideration, and that a report be made at the January Board Meeting.

(c) Authorization of FFA Movies -- Mr. Sargent presented an indepth report on the need for producing two new FFA Movies; one to be a Bicentennial Movie depicting the progress of 4 to 6 Past Outstanding FFA Star Farmers and possibly one Star Agribusinessman. The other film to be a Golden Anniversary Film of FFA. He distributed copies of a Rationale for both proposed films, giving background information and costs. The Bicentennial film

could be completed by mid-summer 1976 in time for a possible premiere showing at the 1976 President's Conference. It would be ready for the 1976 National FFA Convention. The Golden Anniversary Movie would be completed by mid-summer 1977 for premiere release at the FFA Convention. He suggested that these proposed movies be approved for funding as Special Projects.

MOTION -- It was moved by Bart Brashears (Mr. Rawls), seconded by Gary Kelley (Mr. Lewis) and carried, that the Board of Directors and Board of National Officers approve the production of two movies: One a Bicentennial Movie Depicting Past Outstanding FFA Star Farmers/Agribusinessmen of America; and an FFA Golden Anniversary Movie - and recommend to the Foundation Board of Trustees that they be approved as Special Projects for funding.

REPORT OF PUBLICATIONS DIVISION INCLUDING SUGGESTIONS FOR NATIONAL FFA WEEK THEME FOR 1977 -- Mr. Wilson Carnes and Mr. Jack Pitzer gave brief reports on the Magazine and Calendar. Mr. Pitzer distributed, among the Board members, materials for their use in suggesting a "Theme for FFA Week in 1977". He asked that their suggestions be returned as soon as possible. Mr. Carnes spoke of difficulties being encountered in "putting the next issue of the Magazine together" because the deadline date coincides with the Convention dates in November. The National Officers questioned Mr. Carnes about a picture which appeared in a recent issue of The National FUTURE FARMER showing Congressmen wearing FFA jackets. They objected to this, as they felt it was a violation of policy concerning proper use of the official FFA jacket. Mr. Carnes replied that misuse of the FFA jacket certainly could not be condoned, and this would be carefully checked in the future.

REPORT ON FFA SUPPLY SERVICE -- Mr. Harry J. Andrews, Manager of the FFA Supply Service, presented a brief report on the National FFA Supply Service. He stated that jacket sales are up approximately 5,000 over last year at this time. He gave an optimistic report, for the coming year. Mr. Andrews stated that he is aware of a few inquiries which have been received regarding the color and quality of certain jackets and emblems, and everything possible is being done to correct this situation. Corduroy is not in a big demand as it was a short period back. Suppliers hesitate to dye small amounts of materials, and some problems are encountered in securing uniform quality and color. Mr. Andrews reported that it was decided to drop the sale of Western Style Hats during the convention, but that the Denim Caps would be sold.

Recommendations of FFA Attorneys in Protecting Use of FFA Emblem on Items Sold in Interstate Commerce -- The Chairman called upon Edward J. Hawkins, Administrative Director for a report on recent violations concerning the use of the FFA Emblem. He stated that many letters have been received at the National FFA Center recently from State Supervisors, Teachers, and others, reporting that they have been contacted concerning various fund raising projects, as well as the sale of materials and supplies bearing the FFA Emblem. The Fab-Knit Manufacturing Company, of Waco, Texas, has published and circulated in many states an "FFA Catalog" advertising "official" FFA jackets and other items for sale. As a result, Mr. Hunsicker, Mr. Gray, and Mr. Hawkins met with the FFA Attorneys concerning these violations of the copyrighted Emblem. After careful consideration of the evidence presented to them, the Attorneys suggested that letters be sent to each State FFA Association, and also to the Fab-Knit Manufacturing Company. Samples of suggested letters, prepared by the Attorneys, were distributed to the Board members for their information and consideration.

MOTION -- After considerable discussion it was moved by Mr. Rawls (Bart Brashears), seconded by Mr. Erickson (Scott McKain) and carried, unanimously that the Board of Directors authorize Mr. Hunsicker and Mr. Hawkins to work with the Attorneys and take the necessary action to protect the use of the FFA Emblem and to prevent its misuse.

APPEAL FOR RECONSIDERATION OF TWO REJECTED AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

CANDIDATES -- At the request of the Wisconsin State FFA Association, Mr. Arnold Cordes appeared before the Boards to appeal the cases of two American Farmer Degree candidates from Wisconsin whose applications had been rejected. The application of one candidate, who applied for the American Agribusinessman's Degree, was rejected due to lack of an outstanding supervised farming and/or other agricultural occupational experience program. His record was again reviewed by members of the Boards. He, however, would be eligible to apply for the degree again next year. The application of the other candidate, who applied for the American Farmer Degree, was rejected on the basis of ineligibility because of age. Mr. Cordes based his appeal on the policy, passed by the FFA Board of Directors and National Officers in January, 1975, relating to the one-month extension of time for eligibility for this year's American Farmer candidates. After careful consideration of the matter, it was determined that the candidate's eligibility for active membership and the degree actually expired on November 14, 1974.

MOTION -- After a careful review of the two appeals, it was moved by Bart Brashears (Mr. Lacey), seconded by Gary Kelley (Mr. Crawley) and carried that since no new evidence had been presented which would change the original action taken on the two applications in question the prior action remain.

ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATE FOR NATIONAL OFFICE -- The next item of business was the clarification of the eligibility of a National Officer candidate who had submitted an application based upon the policy passed by the FFA Board of Directors and National Officers in January, 1975, relating to the one-month extension of time for eligibility for this year's American Farmer candidates. The premise was that this policy would also apply to a candidate for National Office.

MOTION -- After considerable discussion, it was moved by Bart Brashears (Mr. Lacey), seconded by Peter Giacomini (Mr. Crawley) and carried, that the candidate be declared ineligible because of becoming 21 years of age on November 11, 1975, and already having attended four National Conventions following graduation from high school. Thus he would not be an active FFA member if elected to office.

REPORT OF NATIONAL OFFICERS -- Because of lack of time, it was impossible to present a full report which had been prepared by the National FFA Officers.

MOTION -- It was moved by Scott McKain (Mr. Warren), seconded by Gary Kelley (Mr. Lewis) and carried, that the National Officers' Report be accepted,

NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED -- Names were submitted for service on the Nominating Committee of eligible delegates, as jointly determined by Board of National Officers and Board of Directors.

MOTION -- It was moved by Bart Brashears (Mr. Lacey), seconded by Scott McKain (Mr. Lewis) and carried, that the names submitted for service on the Nominating Committee be accepted.

MOTION TO ADJOURN -- It was moved by Bart Brashears (Mr. Bunten), seconded by Gary Kelley (Mr. Warren) and carried, that the Board adjourn at 10:45 a.m. in order to meet with the Kansas City FFA Advisory Council at the Hotel Continental.



H. N. Hunsicker, Chairman



Wm. Paul Gray, Secretary

MINUTES
FFA GOVERNING COMMITTEE

Burlington Hotel, Washington, D. C.
August 19, 1975

The meeting of the FFA Governing Committee was called to order by H. N. Hunsicker, Chairman. Persons participating included H. E. Edwards, Byron F. Rawls, Wm. Paul Gray and other U. S. Office of Education Program Officers.

Letters from two States were presented to the Committee for reconsideration on "turn downs" for the American Farmer Degree.

It was moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Rawls and carried that the American Farmer candidate's appeal from California not be approved because the program submitted on the application was not outstanding as specified by the National FFA Constitution.

It was moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried to not reconsider the application of the candidate from Oregon, for the American Farmer Degree, for lack of evidence necessary to meet standards of quality and outstanding accomplishments as specified in the National FFA Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,



Wm. Paul Gray, Secretary

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

FOR CONSIDERATION BY DELEGATE BODY

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TO THE CONSTITUTION

Proposal A -- Submitted by request of National Officers and Board of Directors at July, 1975 Meeting.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP -- Delete present Section C, substitute Section C "Alumni Membership" -- *Membership shall be open to former active FFA and NFA members, collegiate or honorary FFA and NFA members, present and former professional vocational agricultural educators, parents of FFA members, and others interested in and supporting the FFA.

Proposal B -- Submitted by the Georgia Association, FFA, to amend ARTICLE IV, Section A, Paragraph 1, to read as follows:

"...or show by postmark or other reliable evidence to have been mailed to the National FFA Treasurer on or before May 15."

Proposal C -- Submitted by the Wyoming Association, FFA, to amend ARTICLE V, Section B, to read as follows:

"To retain membership during high school, the member must be enrolled in at least one vocational agriculture/agribusiness course during the school year and/or follow a planned course of study for an agricultural occupation, which would include a supervised occupational experience program, the objective of which is establishment in an agricultural occupation. Members may retain their active membership for three years after the first National Convention following graduation from high school or leaving high school, or until becoming 21 years of age, whichever length of time is greater."

Proposal D -- Approved by Board action in January, 1975, to amend ARTICLE XII, Section B, to read as follows:

"...plus one additional delegate for each 2,500 active members or major fraction thereof above the first 2,500."

Proposal E -- Submitted by the Oklahoma Association, FFA, to amend ARTICLE XVI, by combining Sections A & B, to read as follows:

"Section A. Proposed amendments to the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws may be submitted by the governing body of a State association, by the Board of National Officers or National Board of Directors. Proposed amendments to the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws from the States must be submitted in writing to the National Organization by July 15 for review by the Board of

*Underscored portion indicates the proposed modifications.

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National Officers and the National Board of Directors. All proposed amendments to the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws must be submitted by the National Advisor to the State Associations at least 45 days prior to the next succeeding National Convention. The Board of National Officers shall present their recommendations on each amendment to the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws to the delegates at the National Convention. An amendment to the National FFA Constitution may be adopted at any National Convention by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present, and Bylaws will require a majority vote of the official delegates provided they represent a quorum. Amendments to the Bylaws must be in harmony with the National FFA Constitution and Public Law 740."

TO THE BYLAWS

ARTICLE V, Section A. The Executive Secretary - To read as follows:

"The Executive Secretary shall be responsible for carrying out all approved duties as Head of the Program Development and Operations Division. He shall be responsible for seeing that assistance is given to the National FFA Officers in conducting meetings and carrying out programs and shall be in charge of arrangements for the National FFA Convention.

The Executive Secretary shall issue charters to State Associations, keep official records of the Organization and certify voting delegates for the National Convention. He shall receive all reports from State Associations, review them and inform the National Board of Directors of any proceedings which appear to be in conflict with the provisions of the National FFA Constitution or Public Law 740. He shall serve as secretary and be responsible for keeping correct and complete minutes of all proceedings of the meetings of the Board of National Officers, the National Board of Directors, the Governing Committee, the FFA Foundation Board of Trustees, and of any other committee or officially convened meeting of members or officers charged with the transaction of any business affecting the Organization. Copies of all such minutes shall be furnished to members of the National Board of Directors. He shall perform such other duties as directed by the National Board of Directors and/or National Advisor in harmony with P. L. 81-740."

ARTICLE V, Section C. The National Advisor - To read as follows:

"The National Advisor shall be Chairman of the National FFA Board of Directors, serve as its executive officer, and serve as an ex officio member of all committees. He shall be solely responsible to the Board of Directors for the administrative and fiscal affairs of the Organization. The National Advisor shall be President of the Future Farmers of America Foundation Board of Trustees, and shall serve as liaison between the Board of Directors and the Executive Council of the National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee. It is his duty to advise the Board of Directors, Board of National Officers, delegates and committees on matters of policy. He shall advise the National Officers in regard to fulfilling their duties and responsibilities and shall assist the National Officers in conducting meetings. The National Advisor shall be responsible for the proper review of all applications for the American Farmer Degree and other FFA Awards and Programs as submitted by the States, submitting them in turn to the Board of Directors and National Officers for approval."