

**Meeting Minutes of
National Board of Directors and National Officers
of the National FFA Organization**

Alexandria, Virginia

January 22-26, 2004

Thursday, January 22, 2004

From 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. a USDE Board Member (Garza, Boggs, Lewis, Harbstreit)/National FFA Officer orientation was held at the U. S. Department of Education in the Switzer Building, Room 4409 with Dr. Richard LaPointe, Deputy Assistant Secretary speaking.

Thursday evening, the remaining National FFA board of Directors including past national officer consultant, arrived in Washington for the meeting.

Friday, January 23, 2004

The a.m. portion of the Board of Directors and National FFA Officers Retreat on the topic of the National FFA Officer Nominating Process was held at the U. S. Department of Education, Room 5026, Switzer Building, Washington, D. C. Dr. Susan Sclafani, Assistant Secretary, OVAE spoke briefly and responded to questions, Lunch was held in Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman's Dining Room. The Secretary introduced several top USDA officials from her staff, related to the broad USDA responsibilities and focused on selected major issues facing the Department. USDA officials at the luncheon included:

- Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture
- James Moseley, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture
- Joseph Jen, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education and Economics
- Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment
- Gilbert Gonzalez, Acting Under Secretary, Rural Development
- James Little, Administrator, Farm Services Agency
- Colien Hefferan, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service
- Debbie Cavett, Director, Interagency Initiatives

After lunch the Retreat continued and subject was Merchandising Royalty and Licensing Issues. During this session, Jim Moseley, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture spoke briefly on his perspective of leadership. He also saluted FFA for its strong leadership development efforts.

Saturday, January 24, 2004

Thadius Chintaw in Salcon C of the Hilton Old Town where meeting participants were staying conducted Diversity Training sponsored by Monsanto a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

A catered lunch was served to meeting participants at Ag Ed Headquarters at 1410 King Street in Alexandria, Virginia. During lunchtime, Jan Bray, Executive Director of ACTE spoke to the group concerning ACTE's financial crisis. After lunch, three separate committees, 1) Finance, 2) Policy, Constitution and Bylaws, and 3) Special Committee on the delegate process met to deliberate on agenda items important to the Board.

Board of Directors:

Larry D. Case, Chairperson of the Board and Coordinator, Agricultural & Rural Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.

Kent Boggs, U.S. Department of Education Representative; State FFA Executive Secretary, Oklahoma Department of Career & Technical Education, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Steven R. Habstreit, U.S. Department of Education Representative; Associate Professor, Agricultural Education, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Oklahoma.

Horacio Garza, Jr., U.S. Department of Education Representative; Instructor – Agricultural Education, Sharyland High School, Mission, Texas

Nancy J. Trivette, State Supervisor, Program Leader, Agricultural Education, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Trenton, New Jersey.

Elaine Lewis, U.S. Department of Education Representative; Instructor – Agricultural Education, Yelm High School, Yelm, Washington.

William Deimler, State Supervisor; Specialist, Agricultural Education, Utah State Office of Education, Salt Lake City, Utah.

James Woodard, State Supervisor, State Director of Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Atlanta, Georgia.

Steve Zimmerman, State Supervisor, State FFA Advisor, North Dakota FFA Association, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Officers of the Board of Directors:

Larry D. Case, National FFA Advisor and CEO; Coordinator, Agricultural & Rural Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.

C. Coleman Harris, National FFA Executive Secretary; Education Program Specialist, Agriculture, Division of Vocational-Technical Education, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.

Marion Fletcher, National FFA Treasurer; Supervisor for Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Little Rock, AR

Board of National FFA Officers:

Javier Moreno, National FFA President (unable to attend)
Christy Windham, National FFA Vice President, Southern Region, Laurel, Mississippi
Stacia Christine Berry, National FFA Secretary, Cheyenne, Wyoming
Amy Rasmussen, National FFA Vice President, Central Region, Mead, Nebraska
Anne Knapke, National FFA Vice President, Eastern Region, Oxford, Ohio
Casey Hogan, National FFA Vice President, Western Region, Stephenville, Texas

Consultants to the Board:

Steven Fraze, Consultant (AAAE), Texas Tech University, Agricultural Education & Communications, Lubbock, Texas
David Lawver, Consultant (AAAE), Texas Tech University, Agricultural Education & Communications, Lubbock, Texas
Jeff Maierhofer, Consultant (NAAE), Seneca High School, Seneca, Illinois
Allan Sulser, Consultant (NAAE), Wasatch High School, Heber City, Utah
Terry Hughes, Consultant (NAAE), Cobleskill, New York
Pam Jumper, Consultant (Past President, Nat'l. FFA Alumni Council), Paragould, Arkansas
Dale Beaty, Consultant (President, Nat'l. FFA Alumni Council), Milton, Wisconsin
Sonny Deke, Consultant (Vice President, Nat'l. FFA Alumni Council), Molalla, Oregon
Joel McKie, Consultant (Past National Officer), Abbeville, Georgia

Others present for all or portions of the meeting:

Tyler Grandil, Member, National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees, State FFA Executive Secretary, Arizona FFA Association, Phoenix, Arizona
Angela Collins, Member, National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees, State FFA Executive Secretary, Little Rock, Arkansas
Bernie Staller, Chief Operating Officer, National FFA Organization and National FFA Foundation, Indianapolis, Indiana
Tom Kapostasy, Director, Business Services Division, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, Indiana
Anna Melodia, Director, Education Division, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, Indiana
Kent Schescke, Director, Development and Partnerships Division, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, Indiana
Frank Saldana, Executive Director, National FFA Alumni Association, Indianapolis, Indiana
Pam Holbert, Executive Assistant, National FFA Headquarters Operations, Alexandria, Virginia
Wm. Jay Jackman, Executive Director, National Association of Agricultural Education (NAAE), Lexington, Kentucky
Jan Bray, Executive Director, Association of Career and Technical Education (ACTE), Alexandria, Virginia
Erich Gaukel, Editor, FFA New Horizons

Opening Session

1. Call to Order

Christy Windham, Vice President, filling in for Javier Moreno, National FFA President, called the First Session to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Reflections

Stacia Berry led reflections

Chairperson Case had the National Officers join him at the front of the room to be introduced and presented with National Officer Rings.

3. Seating of New National FFA Officers, Consultants and Trustees

Chairperson Case welcomed the National Officers Christy Windham, Anne Knapke, Amy Rasmussen, Stacia Berry and Casey Hogan. New Consultants, Steven Frazee, Sonny Deke, Alan Sulser, Terry Hughes and Joel McKie (Past National Officer Consultant) were welcomed as was New Trustee, Tyler Grandl.

4. Review of Board Operations

Chairman Case mentioned that board operations could be reviewed in the Policy Tab (6). The life of a board motion could also be found here for review.

5. Adjustments to Agenda

The 2003/2004 National Officer Report was moved to Tab (7a) to be given immediately after the 2002/2003 National Officer Report.

6. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Casey Hogan (Elanie Lewis), **seconded by**, Stacia Berry (Lacho Garza) **and carried** to approve the October 27, 2003 minutes.

7. a) 2002/2003 National Officer Report

Joel McKie gave a brief report summarizing the officers report presented in October.

MOTION: Moved by, Stacia Berry (Kent Boggs), **seconded by** Amy Rasmussen (Steven Harbstreit) **and carried** to accept the 2002/2003 report presented by Joel Mckie.

b) 2003/2004 National Officer Report

National Officer Team reported on activities to this date.

MOTION: Moved by Steven Harbstreit, **seconded by** James Woodard **and carried to** accept the report and wish the National Officers a successful year.

8. Report of Nominating Committee Process

Steve Zimmerman expressed his pleasure for the opportunity to serve on this committee. He indicated that the nominating committee process utilized by the National FFA Organization to select a slate of officers to represent the organization on both a national and global level placed a great deal of trust and responsibility on the Nominating Committee Members. With the assistance of adult consultants, expert trainers and organization staff this responsibility was unanimously accepted by the committee members and carried out in a very thoughtful and professional fashion.

MOTION: Moved by Casey Hogan (Nancy J. Trivette), seconded by Anne Knapke (Lacho Garza) and carried to accept Mr. Zimmerman's report and commend the committee for a job well done.

Chairperson Case explained that accepting a report is documentation in the minutes that the report has been received by the board not adoption by the board.

9. Awards and CDE Committee Report

Buddy Deimler, National FFA Board Chair of the Awards and CDE Advisory Committee, presented the report. (Attachment 1)

MOTION: Moved by Amy Rasmussen (Steve Zimmerman), seconded by Anne Knapke (Lacho Garza) and carried to accept the report of the advisory committee.

MOTION: Moved by Anne Knapke (Nancy J. Trivette), seconded by Stacia Berry (Steven Harbstreit) and carried that there is not enough integration between classroom instruction, SAE and FFA as evidenced by decreased participation in SAE, therefore the National FFA Board of Directors should look at the following recommendations:

1. Encourage that SAE application be integrated in all materials generated by FFA.
2. Encourage publishers and curriculum services developing materials in Ag.Education include SAE application in all lessons, units, etc.
3. Encourage states that have free SAE record books to submit them to National Organization to be placed on the web for teacher use.
4. Work with AAAE to make sure that SAE and record keeping are integral in teacher preparation.

MOTION: Moved by Amy Rasmussen (Buddy Deimler), seconded by Nancy J. Trivette) and carried that the National FFA Board of Directors explore creating documentation that assures technical, core academic and personal growth/premier leadership relate to CDE areas by cross walking CDEs to National Core Academic Standards, develop competencies in CDEs based on precepts of

leadership and personal growth, and generate authentic assessments such as a “certificate of mastery” in CDEs.

MOTION: **Moved by** Stacia Berry (Steven Harbstreet), **seconded by** Anne Knapke (Buddy Deimler) **and carried** that the National FFA Board of Directors establish a plan to effectively increase diversity in CDEs and report back to the Advisory Committee by the January 2005 board meeting.

Proposed Motion: To move that the H.O. Sergeant Award Program needs to be expanded beyond the current level to promote participation and impact the National FFA Board of Directors should expand the award to include chapter participation, teacher recognition, etc.

MOTION: **Moved by** Stacia Berry, **seconded by** Amy Rasmussen **and carried** to refer this motion back to staff for rewrite and bring back later.

Proposed Motion: Whereas the National Chapter Award Application does not reflect the entire quality of the program the National FFA Board of Directors should look at the minimum qualifications for the award such as creating criteria for rewarding membership, SAE participation, diversity, etc. as a part of the award application.

MOTION: **Moved by** Casey Hogan, **seconded by** Amy Rasmussen **and carried** to refer this motion back to staff for rewrite.

Proposed Motion: To move that all of the recommendations and their verbiage from the status report be approved.

MOTION: **Moved by** Casey Hogan, **seconded by** Stacia Berry **and carried** to refer this motion back to staff for rewrite.

MOTION: **Moved by** Stacia Berry (Buddy Deimler), **seconded by** Casey Hogan (Steve Zimmerman) that all scores for all participants count towards team and individual awards in CDE’s **Motion did not pass.**

MOTION: **Moved by** Anne Knapke (Kent Boggs), **seconded by** Amy Rasmussen (Steven Harbstreet) **and carried that** the National FFA Board of Directors develop a proficiency award or separate award category for students conducting SAE’s or service in the Agricultural Education career area.

MOTION: **Moved by** Casey Hogan (Steve Zimmerman), **seconded by** Stacia Berry (Nancy J. Trivette) **and carried** to add a 5th team member for Web page development to Communications Team.

Proposed Motion: To change the CDE Revision Cycle to operate on a three-year cycle vs. a five-year cycle.

MOTION: **Moved by** Anne Knapke (Buddy Deimler), **seconded by** Amy Rasmussen (Kent Boggs) **Motion failed.**

Proposed Motion: Move to increase the number honorary awards for Louisville partners who have been helpful with the CDE's before the convention move.

MOTION: **Moved by** Stacia Berry (Kent Boggs), **seconded by** Amy Rasmussen (James Woodard) **and carried** to increase the number of VIP, D.S. and Honoraries for Louisville partners who have been helpful with CDEs before the convention moves.

10. Comments from Consultants

NAAE – Jeff Maierhofer commented that NAAE had a good year in 2003 and the move to Lexington, Kentucky had been completed. The annual convention in Orlando was very successful.

AAAE – David Lawver reported that their annual meeting is May 26-29 in St. Louis.

FFA Alumni – Dale Beaty reported an increase in membership. FFA Alumni is in the process of rewriting their constitution and bylaws. He also reported that FFA Alumni is realigning their membership roster process to match FFA's and they have established a list serve.

11. Appointment of Selection Committee to Nominate Board Members:

Governing Committee Members to replace Steve Zimmerman and Lacho Garza starting (7/1/04) and a Board Member to serve as the Board Representative to the National FFA Officer Nominating Committee Process.

Chairperson Case explained that outgoing members would select new ones and report later in the meeting.

12. Report of Treasurer

Marion Fletcher reviewed the current financial status.

MOTION: **Moved by** Anne Knapke (James Woodard), **seconded by** Stacia Berry (Steven Harbstreet) **and carried** to approve the report of the National FFA Treasurer.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. to be continued at the Ag Ed Headquarters office at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 25, 2004.

From 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. the Research Standing Committee met at the AgEd Headquarters.

Sunday, January 25, 2004

The meeting of the Board of Directors and National Officers of the National FFA Organization was reconvened at 1:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Ag Ed Headquarters.

Second Session

13. Program Development and Direction - Bernie Staller

A. Administration

Bernie Staller reported on communications for Agricultural Education, provided Alumni Resources Update and a brief review of a set of suggestions regarding religious expression to be made available to the states. No action necessary.

B. Information Services

Tom Kapostasy reviewed Information Technology (IT) and Marketing and Communication Services (MCS)
No action necessary.

C. Business Services

Tom Kapostasy reviewed Customer and Distribution Service (CDS), Financial Services, and Merchandising and Admin. Services. No action necessary.

D. Education Programs

Anna Melodia dealt with Program Development and Design Program Delivery, Local Program Success, Collegiate and PAS and provided for a New Horizon Presentation by Erich Gaukel, Editor.

MOTION: Moved by Casey Hogan (Buddy Deimler), seconded by Stacia Berry (Lacho Garza) and carried that the National FFA Board of Directors request that the FFA Staff develop a report and recommendations to increase diversity in CDE's for the January 2005 Board Meeting.

Proposed Motion: To expand the number of awards under the H.O. Sergeant Award Program to include chapter and teacher recognition at the national level for implementation 2006.

MOTION: Moved by Casey Hogan (Kent Boggs), seconded by Amy Rasmussen (James Woodard) and carried to refer motion back to staff to develop a report to be presented at next board meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Stacia Berry (Steve Zimmerman), seconded by Anne Knapke (Budy Deimler) and carried that the National Chapter Award application should reflect the requirements of the "essentials of a successful chapter" as outlined in the Official FFA Manual and FFA key strategic priority areas for implementation in 2006, and in particular:

- FFA membership
- SAE participation
- Diversity of membership/participation in relationship to the overall student body.

MOTION: **Moved by** Stacia Berry (Buddy Deimler), **seconded by** Anne Knapke (Steven Harbstreit) **and carried** to accept strategic recommendations for all CDE and awards revision process for 2006-2010 to include:

- The emphasis should be on the expansion of awareness and opportunities at the local level in order to attract and retain more young people in agricultural education programs. This should include the development of marketing materials to promote FFA and student participation in FFA to increase awareness and understanding at the local and state level.
- Awareness of current training as well as additional training at the national, state and local level for teachers needs to be provided. The intent of these trainings needs to be at multiple levels: to enhance teacher understanding of these activities; how to select the “right” ones and not everything; and how to integrate these activities into the classroom.
- Instructional resources and tools need to be developed to make it easier for teachers to integrate into their curriculum. For example, how to integrate CDEs or SAEs into the curriculum. However, training and awareness must be included in order for teachers to understand the value of the resources as well as how to use it.
- All of the activities should be aligned to the mission, precepts, career clusters and national standards where appropriate. This will also allow for FFA to promote the importance of student development and academics as well as the role of seamless education and the growing careers in agriculture.
- Find ways for state staff, teachers and others to share promising practices in agricultural education as well as understand critical need areas through the use of surveys, web-based information, etc.
- Align to business and industry standards as a way to explore certification in specific areas. This may also include development of authentic assessments that could be used at the local and state levels

MOTION: **Moved by** Amy Rasmussen (Nancy J. Trivette), **seconded by** Casey Hogan (Steve Zimmerman) **and carried** to increase the number of honorary awards for Louisville partners who have been helpful with the CDEs prior to the convention move to Indianapolis: Distinguished Service: maximum of 3 citations to clubs, agencies and organizations awarded annually to: 6 per 2004 and 2005 convention: VIP Citation: awarded to, but not limited to those individuals holding the honorary American Degree to: rescind honorary degree requirement.

D. Education Programs (continued)

New Horizon Presentation – Erich Gaukel, Editor

Erich shared the new focus and design of the New Horizon Magazine which is to occur over the next six months.

MOTION: **Moved by** Amy Rasmussen (Steven Harbstreet), **seconded by** Stacia Berry (Lacho Garza) **and carried** to approve seeking funding for the third thrust of diversity proposals as approved by the Board in July 2003 –recruitment and retention. (Attachment 2)

MOTION: **Moved by** Anne Knapke (Kent Boggs), **seconded by** Amy Rasmussen (Steve Zimmerman), **and carried** that the board endorse moving forward with the New Horizons revisions proposed in the attached report with one page per issued dedicated to the National Officers. (Attachment 3)

MOTION: **Moved by** Anne Knapke (Buddy Deimler), **seconded by** Stacia Berry (Elaine Lewis), **and carried** to appoint Robert Roberson from Georgia as a Nominating Committee Representative for a three-year term.

MOTION: **Moved by** Amy Rasmussen (Elaine Lewis), **seconded by** Anne Knapke (Steven Harbstreet), **and carried** to accept the following nominees to serve as coordinators for the national FFA Delegate process for years 2004-06: Dr. David Doerfert, Associate Professor, Texas Tech University, Jeff Papke, agricultural education instructor, Crook County, Oregon, Robin McClean, State FFA Specialist, New Jersey.

E. Development and Partnership – Kent Schescke

MOTION: **Moved by** Stacia Berry (Buddy Deimler), **seconded by** Amy Rasmussen (Nancy J. Trivette), **and carried** to approve FFA’s no cost participation in the National Pork Board’s Swine Management Distance Learning Program and request the National FFA Foundation to secure special project funding. (Attachment 4)

14. Report of Board Committee on National Officer Nominating Process – Steve Zimmerman (Attachment 5)

MOTION: **Moved by** Amy Rasmussen (Steven Harbstreet), **seconded by** Anne Knapke (Buddy Deimler) **and carried** to move the review of the nominating committee process to follow the established FFA CDEs and Awards five year revision process for implementation 2006.

MOTION: **Moved by** Casey Hogan (Buddy Deimler), **seconded by** Anne Knapke (Nancy J. Trivette) **and carried** to broaden the potential pool of nominees by changing the categories of nominees to “agricultural education professionals” who are not directly involved with the national officer candidates.

15. Reports from Standing and Special Committees

A. Policy, Constitution and Bylaws Standing Committee – Lacho Garza

MOTION: Moved by Casey Hogan (Steven Harbstreet), seconded by Amy Rasmussen (Lacho Garza), and carried that after an in-depth review of the Illinois FFA Association letter of protest concerning the consideration of the proposed amendment to the Bylaws (Article III, Section B, Regional Alignment) on the basis of requirements contained in Article XII, Section B of the Constitution (*Business items shall only be considered when approved by a delegate committee, or by a two-thirds vote of the delegate body.*) move to communicate to the Illinois FFA Association that the National FFA Board of Directors has determined that the consideration of the amendment by the delegates at the 76th National FFA Convention was in order.

MOTION: Moved by Anne Knapke, seconded by Casey Hogan to ratify the actions of the Delegates to the 76 National FFA Convention related to the passage of the amendment to Article III, Section B of the National FFA Organization By laws which revised the four regions of the National FFA Organization as follows: **Motion fails.** (Attachment 6)

MOTION: Moved by Nancy J. Trivette to sustain the action of the National Officers.

Motion died for a lack of second.

MOTION: Moved by Kent Boggs, seconded by Buddy Deimler, and carried to ratify actions of the Delegates to the 76th National FFA Convention related to the passage of the amendment to Article III, Section B of the National FFA Organization Bylaws which revised the four regions of the National FFA Organization. (Attachment 6)

MOTION: Moved by Anne Knapke (Buddy Deimler), seconded by Amy Rasmussen (Elaine Lewis) and carried that the Illinois Association amendment #1 be submitted to the delegates of the 77th National FFA Convention as follows: **divide article XVII into three Sections, with Section A defining the submission of amendments; Section B defining the adoption of amendments; and Section C the precedence of the Bylaws and Constitution. (Note this is a technical amendment that makes no change in the operations of the FFA)**

MOTION: Moved by Amy Rasmussen (Steven Harbstreet), seconded by Stacia Berry (Lacho Garza), and carried that the Illinois Association amendment #2 be submitted to the delegates of the 77th National FFA Convention as follows: **strike the word “shall require a” and insert the words “may be adopted by a two-thirds” prior to the words “majority vote of the official delegates at the national FFA convention” in sentence six of Article XVII, of the National FFA Constitution.**

MOTION: Moved by Casey Hogan (James Woodard), seconded by Stacia Berry (Buddy Deimler), and carried that the Illinois Association Amendment #3 be submitted to the delegates of the 77th National FFA Convention as follows: **amend the vote by which amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by inserting “and ratification by a majority of the state associations with official delegates” prior to the words “at the National FFA Convention” in sentences five and six of Article XVII of the National FFA Constitution.**

The new Section B of Article XVII would then read as follows:

An amendment to the National FFA Constitution may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the official delegates and ratification by a majority vote of the state associations with official delegates at the National FFA Convention. An amendment to Bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of the official delegates and ratification by a majority vote of the state associations with official delegates at the National FFA Convention. (Attachment 7)

MOTION: Moved by Stacia Berry (Steven Harbstreit), seconded by Anne Knapke (Buddy Deimler), and carried to amend Article V, Section D – Collegiate Membership by inserting, **or have an interest in the future welfare of the agriculture industry**, following the word agriculture in the fifth line. Section D would then read as follows:

Collegiate Membership – Collegiate Membership shall be open to students who are enrolled in agricultural courses or who are pursuing career objectives in the industry of agriculture or have an interest in the future welfare of the agriculture industry at a two – or, four – year postsecondary institution having a Collegiate FFA Chapter. (Attachment 8)

MOTION: Moved by Amy Rasmussen (James Woodard), seconded by Casey Hogan (Lacho Garza), and carried that the Florida Association amendment be submitted to the delegates of the 77th National FFA Convention as follows: **move to amend Article V, Section B by substituting 6 for 7.** (Refer to attached letter from the Florida Association.) (Attachment 9)

MOTION: Moved by Stacia Berry (Steve Zimmerman), seconded by Anne Knapke (Buddy Deimler) and carried to submit the proposed amendment to Article XII, Section B which would change the last sentence by adding the words, *except for proposed amendments to the Constitution and/or Bylaws meeting the requirements outlined in Article XVI, so the last sentence would read “ Business items, except for proposed amendments to the Constitution and/or Bylaws meeting the requirements outlined in Article XVI, shall only be considered when approved by a delegate committee, or by a two-thirds vote of the delegate body.”*

MOTION: Moved by Amy Rasmussen (Elaine Lewis), **seconded by** Stacia Berry (Buddy Deimler) **and carried** to ratify the actions of the Delegates to the 76th National FFA Convention related to the passage of the amendment to Article VIII (Emblems), Section C “Discover FFA Degree Recipients shall be entitled to wear the official FFA Discovery Degree emblem pin.”

The meeting adjourned to be continued at the Hilton Old Town Alexandria on Monday, January 26, 2004.

Monday, January 26, 2004

The meeting of the Board of Directors and National Officers of the National FFA Organization was reconvened at 8:00 a.m. in Salon C of the Hilton Old Town Alexandria.

Third Session

15. B. Finance Standing Committee – James Woodard

MOTION: Moved by Amy Rasmussen (Nancy J. Trivette), **seconded by** Stacia Berry (Steven Harbseit), **and carried** to approve the 2002-2003 National FFA Organization audited financial statement as completed by BKD, LLP. (Attachment 10)

MOTION: Moved by Casey Hogan (Lacho Garza), **seconded by** (Elaine Lewis), **and carried** to request special funding from the National FFA Foundation for sponsorship for six one-hour televised programs and a live broadcast of the 77th National FFA Convention. (Attachment 11)

MOTION: Moved by Amy Rasmussen (Kent Boggs), **seconded by** Stacia Berry (Steve Zimmerman), **and carried** to provide \$78,100 from capital reserves to purchase the attached schedule of equipment related requests as recommended by staff and approved by the Finance Committee. (Attachment 12)

15. C. Committee – Elaine Lewis

MOTION: Moved by Anne Knapke (James Woodard), **seconded by** Amy Rasmussen (Elaine Lewis) **and carried** to accept the reports of all delegate committees at the 2003 National FFA Convention and commend the delegates for their outstanding work. (Attachment 13)

15. D. Research Standing Committee – David Lawver

MOTION: **Moved by** Stacia Berry (Steven Harbstreit), **seconded by** Amy Rasmussen (James Woodard) **and carried** that the National FFA Organization will fund university graduate student research (Masters and Ph.D. levels) related to FFA issues/topics to be determined by FFA staff and communicated through an annual Request for Proposals (RFP).

16. Report on Administrative Items – Bernie Staller

No further legal matters at this time.

Supplier Contracting Calendar (Attachment 14)

17. Report of Board Member Nomination Committee

MOTION: **Moved by** Casey Hogan (Lacho Garza), **seconded by** Stacia Berry (Steve Zimmerman) **and carried** to appoint Elaine Lewis and Kent Boggs to replace Governing Committee Members Steve Zimmerman and Lacho Garza starting 7/1/04

MOTION: **Moved by** Amy Rasmussen (Kent Boggs), **seconded by** Stacia Berry (Buddy Deimler) **and carried** to appoint James Woodard to serve as the Board Representative to the National FFA Officer Nominating Committee Process.

18. Unfinished Business

A reminder was given to board members to fill out the meeting evaluation form.

19. Comments from retiring board members.

- Steve Zimmerman expressed thanks for the opportunity to have served on the board. He commented that the National Officers are top notch as well as all other members of the board. He encouraged consultants to contribute more because their input is valuable. He also thanked the past National Officers for their willingness to work with the board.
- Lacho Garza agreed with Steve's comments and added that he is pleased that ag teachers and students are well represented and their concerns are listened to by the board.
- Joel McKie was pleased to represent his team and enjoyed working with consultants. He expressed that FFA has had no better friend than Bernie Staller.

The current National Officers and Chairperson Case offered thanks to retiring members and all were recognized with a standing ovation.

20. The next Board Meeting will be held July 8-13, 2004; the Trustees Meeting will be held July 13, 2004 (1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.) at Crowne Plaza in Indianapolis, Indiana.

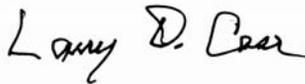
Board members expressed interest in trying to take part in some inauguration events at the January 2005 meeting.

21. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

22. Executive Session with Senior Management

There were no motions in the Executive Session of the Board.



Larry D. Case



C. Coleman Harris

