

MINUTES

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

Alexandria, Virginia
July 26-28, 1976

Monday Morning - July 26

The meeting of the Boards of Directors and National Officers of the Future Farmers of America was called to order at 8:15 a.m. at the Old Town Holiday Inn, Alexandria, Virginia, 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;
- *R. A. Crawley, Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Little Rock, Arkansas;
- H. E. Edwards, Branch Chief, DVTE, U. S. Office of Education, Chicago, Illinois;
- **J. W. Lacey, Senior Program Officer, DVTE, U.S. Office of Education, Denver, Colorado;
- M. L. Mitchell, Consultant, Agricultural Education, Concord, New Hampshire;
- Art Nelson, Program Director, Vocational Agriculture and Renewable Natural Resources Education, Olympia, Washington;
- *Dean Prochaska, Director, Agricultural Education, Topeka, Kansas;
- **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, FFA, State Department of Education, Richmond, Virginia;

Alternate Member

- Herbert W. Mackey, Assistant Regional Commissioner, Occupational and Adult Education, U.S. Office of Education, Dallas, Texas;

Board of National Officers

- *Bobby Tucker, National President, Mineola, Texas;
- Mike Jackson, National Secretary, Secretary, Tipton, Indiana;
- Ronald Wilson, National Vice President, Manhattan, Kansas;
- Douglas Loudenslager, National Vice President, Morral, Ohio;
- Elton Bouldin, National Vice President, Boaz, Alabama;
- Leonard Anderson, National Vice President, Albin, Wyoming;

* Member of the FFA Finance Committee.

** Mr. J. W. Lacey and Mr. Byron F. Rawls, members of the Board of Directors, were unable to attend the meeting.

(OVER)

Consultants

Ralph E. Bender, Professor and Chairman, Department of Agricultural Education, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio;
 O. S. Gilbertson, Head, Agricultural Education, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, California;
 Jasper S. Lee, Associate Professor, Agricultural Education, Mississippi State University, State College, Mississippi;
 William Smith, Acting Chairman, Department of Education, Cook College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey;
 John Murray, President, NVATA, Inc., Jackson, Minnesota;
 Luther Lalum, Past President, NVATA, Inc., Kalispell, Montana;
 Richard Strangeway, Vice President, NVATA, Inc., Grahamsville, New York;
 Richard C. Weber, Vice President, NVATA, Inc., Larose, Louisiana;

Alumni Council Members

Richard C. Waybright, Chairman, Pennsylvania;
 James P. Clouse, Virginia;
 Millard Gundlach, Wisconsin;
 F. J. Doering, Wisconsin;
 Arthur R. Kurtz, Wisconsin;
 Terry Horn, Tennessee;
 Earl F. Kantner, Ohio;

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 Magazine, Alexandria, Virginia;
 R. W. Cox, Administrative Secretary, National FFA Alumni Association, Alexandria, Virginia;
 C. Coleman Harris, Associate Executive Secretary, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia;
 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;
 Gary Bye, Associate Editor, The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, Alexandria, Virginia;
 L. J. Emerson, Regional Advertising Manager, The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, Alexandria, Virginia;
 K. E. Nowles, Regional Advertising Manager, The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, Alexandria, Virginia;
 Robert A. Seefeldt, Program Specialist, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia;
 A. Daniel Reuwee, Director of Information, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia;
 Ted E. Amick, Program Specialist-Contests, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia;
 Lennie H. Gamage, Program Specialist-International Activities, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia;
 George Verzagt, Chief Accountant, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia;
 Bill Skinner, Supervisor, Order Department, National FFA Supply Service, Alexandria, Virginia;
 Donald N. McDowell, Executive Director, National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee, Madison, Wisconsin;
 Dennis Sargent, Assistant Executive Director, National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee, Madison, Wisconsin.

5.

INVOCATION -- Leo Anderson, National FFA Vice President, gave the invocation.

SEATING OF NEW MEMBERS ON THE BOARD -- The new members of the Board were introduced and officially seated. They are Dean Prochaska, Director of Agricultural Education, Topeka, Kansas, and Martin L. Mitchell, Consultant of Agricultural Education, Concord, New Hampshire. The Chairman stated that they were duly elected for a two-year term ending June 30, 1978.

BRIEFING OF DUTIES -- The Chairman briefly explained the Boards' function, purpose, operation, and the rotating system. Also, he reviewed the role of the consultants, and how motions are made and approved by both Boards. He explained that the National Officers, Directors and Consultants serving on the Board are representing all chapters and members across the country and not a particular region or organization.

INTRODUCTION -- The Chairman introduced Herbert Mackey, of Dallas, Texas, stating that he is now eligible to become an official member of the Board. Mr. Mackey said that: "it is a pleasure to be here and was sure it would be productive meeting," He stated he wanted to do all he could to help.

It was stated that Mr. Mackey was formerly the State Supervisor of Agricultural Education in Oklahoma and that he is presently in charge of all of Vocational Education, including agriculture, in the Dallas, Texas Regional Office of Education office.

Mr. Homer Edwards suggested that Mr. Mackey could fill in on the Board for Mr. John Lacey. Without any objections, the Chairman appointed Mr. Mackey as an alternate member of the Board until Mr. Lacey arrives.

UPDATE ON MR. RAWLS -- The Chairman reported that Mr. Rawls has now left the hospital and is recuperating at home.

REPORT OF NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS -- The Chairman complimented this year's National Officers and stated they were an effective team and doing a good job. Bobby Tucker, National FFA President, introduced his five fellow officers and each reported on his activities throughout the country since January.

REPORT ON STATE PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE -- Bobby Tucker reported on the State Presidents' Conference held July 18-24, 1976, saying it had been a very effective conference and that they had visited with President Gerald R. Ford and Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz during the week; also, the attendance at the Congressional Breakfast was the

(OVER)

4.

best to date. Another highlight included a panel discussion on "Issue Facing the Industry of Agriculture," where the participants heard the views of people involved in Washington agricultural legislation. The group also received a telegram from former Governor Jimmy Carter wherein he stated that he was thinking about them during their week's meeting.

REMARKS BY CONSULTANTS TO THE BOARD -- NVATA President, John Murray, listed two reasons why he felt the consultants played an important role at the meetings:

1. They can clear up any misunderstandings relating to FFA and Board actions as they visit throughout the country, and
2. They personally are given a much better insight as to the rationale for decisions made at the meetings.

Mr. Murray further stated that he hoped their persuasion at these sessions is all for the good, and that he was looking forward to a productive meeting.

Dr. Wm. Smith, AATEA, echoed Mr. Murray's comments adding: "it was nice to have the whole agricultural education team working together for the good of the order."

INTRODUCTIONS -- The chairman introduced Mr. Carlos Moore, State Director of Agricultural Education in Arizona, who was vacationing in the area, and Mr. Gary Smith, President of Venard Films, Peoria, Illinois.

PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS -- Program adjustments were requested and made.

NVATA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT -- Mr. Robert Crawley gave a report on the meetings of the NVATA Executive Committee which he had attended in Lincoln, Nebraska, July 7-10, as a representative of the Board of Directors. He stated that due to the open discussions and team work which prevailed that agricultural education was much stronger.

Ron Wilson and Doug Loudenslager, National FFA Vice Presidents, who also attended the meeting expressed appreciation to NVATA for their letting them have an input.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES -- The Chairman announced that the members would go into committee session in the afternoon and appointed the committees designating their meeting place and their areas of responsibility.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES -- It was moved by Ron Wilson (Mr. Bunten),*

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

5.

seconded by Leo Anderson (Mr. Crawley) and carried that the Minutes of the January 26-29, 1976, meeting be approved as distributed.

APPROVAL OF GOVERNING COMMITTEE MINUTES - Mike Jackson, National Secretary, read the Minutes of the Governing Committee meetings of February 25, April 26, and June 4, 1976. (See Appendix A) It was then moved by Mike Jackson (Mr. Warren), seconded by Ron Wilson (Mr. Nelson) and carried that the Minutes of the Governing Committee's meetings be approved as read.

REPORT OF NATIONAL TREASURER - Copies of the Financial Report and Budget Analysis for the fiscal year July, 1975 - June, 1976, and Projections for fiscal year 1976-1977 were distributed to the members and reviewed in detail by Mr. Campbell. He stated that it was a pleasure to present a report on such a "healthy operation".

The Board members posed different questions regarding certain line items which were responded to by Messrs. Campbell, Hawkins, and Verzagt. One member of the Board questioned where the Washington Summer Conferences and the International accounts were located? It was explained that these were separate accounts and were not included in this report. One Board member suggested that these accounts should be made available for their review at which time Mr. Hawkins stated that they would be made available to the Board members in the future.

Mr. Campbell then reviewed the investments of the National Organization.

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORT -- It was moved by Mike Jackson (Mr. Warren), seconded by Doug Loudenslager (Mr. Edwards), and carried to accept the report of the National Treasurer.

The Chairman expressed thanks to Messrs. Campbell and Hawkins for their report.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FFA FINANCE COMMITTEE -- Mr. Robert Crawley, Chairman of the FFA Finance Committee, gave the following report on the Committee's meeting of July 25: (See Appendix B.)

It was moved by Leo Anderson (Mr. Crawley), seconded by Mike Jackson (Mr. Mitchell) and carried to accept and implement the Finance Committee's report.

The Chairman complimented Mr. Crawley and the committee for their progressive report.

CONSTRUCTION REPORT UPDATE -- Mr. E. J. Hawkins, Administrative Director, stated that the new warehouse addition, as authorized by the Board at the July, 1975, meeting is approximately 60% finished and that the

(OVER)

"all-purpose" room has been completed. He explained that in the course of constructing the "all-purpose" room, which is set on columns 12 feet above the ground, that approximately 1,700 square feet of space will be unused. The Finance Committee recommended that this space be enclosed now since the cost of doing this work would be minimized because the three walls and a ceiling are already in place and workmen are on the grounds.

Mr. Hawkins further stated that he had presented to the Finance Committee the need and desire for a more attractive fence and sign at the FFA Center entrance. He displayed sketches of a colonial type fence and gate. He stated that many FFA advisors and members visiting the Center this summer had urged that these improvements be made.

PROTECTION OF THE FFA EMBLEM -- Mr. Hawkins gave the following report relating to the protection of the FFA emblem:

"As authorized by the Board, at the November 1975 meeting, Mr. Hunsicker, Mr. Gray and myself have been consulting with the attorneys regarding protection of the FFA emblem and to prevent its misuse. The FFA attorneys have prepared, signed and sent by certified mail, a letter to each State Advisor asking if his state association had ever given authority to the Fab-Knit Manufacturing Company, Waco, Texas to circulate catalogues, advertise, and solicit orders for 'official' FFA jackets and other items. All state advisors, excepting one, responded, stating that they had never given this authorization. The attorneys then wrote the Fab-Knit Company asking for a copy of their authorization to solicit or sell goods bearing the official emblem of the FFA. The Fab-Knit Company's attorney responded that he would discuss the matter with the Senior Executive Officer of the company. No further response has been received."

He then stated that each advisor is requested to forward us any literature which may once again be circulated to his chapter and that an up-to-date report on this matter will be given at the November Board meeting.

MOTION RE: OPERATING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES -- Copies of the FFA's operating policies and procedures were distributed for their review prior to the January meeting.

MOTION -- It was moved by Doug Loudenslager (Mr. Warren), seconded by Ron Wilson (Mr. Prochaska) and carried that a committee be appointed to review all the policies and procedures dealing with the FFA Board of Directors and Administration and report back to the January, 1977, Board meeting.

(OVER)

USE OF EMBLEM IN COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING DISCUSSED

SITUATION: In the past the use of the Foundation emblem was permitted in commercial advertising in the National Future Farmer magazine when used in relation to FFA activities.

The use of the Foundation emblem has been discontinued for a number of years and the FFA emblem used instead.

A request has been received from one Company requesting the use of the FFA emblem in its advertisement, not only in the FFA magazine but in other magazines as well, in which they wish to stress that they are a special project sponsor.

ACTION

DESIRED: That the Board determine a policy with respect to use of the emblem in commercial advertisements in magazines other than the National Future Farmer and only when making reference to the advertiser's sponsorship of an FFA project or activity which does not imply endorsement of an advertiser's product.

MOTION -- It was moved by Mike Jackson (Mr. Prochaska), seconded by Elton Bouldin (Mr. Edwards) and carried that with respect to the usage of the FFA emblem in commercial advertisements in magazines other than the National Future Farmer, the policies regarding the usage of the FFA emblem as listed on page 110 in the Official FFA Manual be followed and that the National Organization give approval on each proposed advertisement before its actual printing.

UPDATING OF EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PROGRAM -- Next Mr. Hawkins reviewed the items that have been implemented as of May, 1976, in the employee's benefit program as required by the "Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974".

INTRODUCTION -- The Chairman introduced Mr. E. J. Johnson, former U.S. Office of Education program specialist for the Pacific Region.

REGIONAL STAR AMERICAN FARMERS AND REGIONAL STAR AGRIBUSINESSMEN NAMED -- Prior to the announcement of regional winners, Mr. Edwards stated the importance of the notification to the supervisor of each candidate

(OVER)

8.

before the names of the regional winners be submitted to Gary Smith for the purpose of filming.

SOUTHERN REGION -- It was moved by Elton Bouldin (Mr. Crawley), seconded by Doug Loudenslager (Mr. Nelson) and carried that Roger Alan Meadows of Halls, Tennessee, be named Southern Regional Star American Farmer, and Tony V. Pollard of Hartford, Alabama, be named Southern Regional Star Agribusinessman and that they also be recommended for the American Farmer Degree.

EASTERN REGION -- It was moved by Doug Loudenslager (Mr. Nelson), seconded by Mike Jackson (Mr. Prochaska), and carried that Dwight Steven Williams of Prospect, Ohio, be named Eastern Regional Star American Farmer, and Lynn Ray Groff of Ephrata, Pennsylvania, be named Eastern Regional Star Agribusinessman and that they also be recommended for the American Farmer Degree.

CENTRAL REGION -- It was moved by Ron Wilson (Mr. Prochaska), seconded by Leo Anderson (Mr. Crawley) and carried that Timothy Henning Amdahl of Flandreau, South Dakota, be named Central Regional Star American Farmer, and Dennis W. Weis of Green Bay, Wisconsin, be named Central Regional Star Agribusinessman and that they also be recommended for the American Farmer Degree.

WESTERN REGION -- It was moved by Leo Anderson (Mr. Bunten), seconded by Ron Wilson (Mr. Crawley) and carried that Douglas J. Bromiley of East Wenatchee, Washington, be named Western Regional Star American Farmer, and Wade Christensen of Thomas, Oklahoma, be named Western Regional Star Agribusinessman and that they also be recommended for the American Farmer Degree.

AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE CANDIDATES--WESTERN REGION -- It was moved by Leo Anderson (Mr. Bunten), seconded by Doug Loudenslager (Mr. Nelson) and carried that 200 candidates from the Western Region be recommended to receive the American Farmer Degree.

AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE CANDIDATES--EASTERN REGION -- It was moved by Doug Loudenslager (Mr. Mitchell), seconded by Ron Wilson (Mr. Edwards) and carried that 156 candidates from the Eastern Region be recommended to receive the American Farmer Degree and that three applicants from this region be rejected.

AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE CANDIDATES--SOUTHERN REGION -- It was moved by Elton Bouldin (Mr. Crawley), seconded by Ron Wilson (Mr. Prochaska) and carried that 170 candidates from the Southern Region be recommended to receive the American Farmer Degree.

The meeting was recessed at 11:50 a.m. for lunch and photographs.

Monday Afternoon, July 26, 1976

The meeting was reconvened at 1:15 p.m. with all members of the Boards present.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD DISCUSSED -- The first item of business discussed on the afternoon's agenda was the development of an "employee's service award", at which time sketches submitted for this pin were distributed. It was the consensus of the group that it was fitting that the organization give such a pin for employees with 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years of service.

MOTION -- It was moved by Doug Loudenslager (Mr. Nelson), seconded by Mike Jackson (Mr. Mitchell) and carried that the Administrative Director be authorized to proceed with the development of an "employee's service award."

HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE QUOTAS DISCUSSED -- A short discussion ensued concerning the number of candidates to be selected in each award category -- Honorary American Farmer Degree Recipients and Distinguished Service Award Recipients. It was suggested that this matter be researched in past minutes and that it be an item of consideration during the afternoon committee sessions. One member of the Board stated that he hoped there would be a great flexibility since you can't always predict the exact number and it would be unfortunate to exclude worthy people.

Two National Officers expressed the desire that they be allowed to select more than one teacher (professional person) for the Honorary American Farmer Degree whom they felt were instrumental in helping them in their FFA careers.

MOTION -- After a short discussion it was moved by Leo Anderson (Mr. Bunten), seconded by Ron Wilson (Mr. Edwards) and carried that the National Officers may present one Honorary American Farmer Degree, and no more than two, at the discretion of the Officer involved. (It was suggested that this matter also be referred to committee to cover future similar situations that may occur).

COMMITTEE MEETING ON AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME DEFERRED TO JANUARY -- It was recommended that the Committee Meeting on the Agricultural Hall of Fame, of which Mr. Rawls is Chairman, be deferred until the January, 1977, meeting. Without any objections it was so ordered.

The meeting was recessed at 2:30 p.m. for committee meetings.

(OVER)

Tuesday Morning, July 27, 1976

The meeting was reconvened at 8:15 a.m. with all members of the Boards present.

COMMITTEE "A" REPORT -- RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE AND OTHER AWARD CANDIDATES -- Following the report of the committee, it was moved by Elton Bouldin (Mr. Nelson), seconded by Mike Jackson (Mr. Warren) and carried that 81 teachers of vocational agriculture; 55 state staff, agricultural educators and representatives of business, industry and education; the parents and advisors of the National Officers and the parents of the Regional Star Farmers and Regional Star Agribusinessmen be recommended to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree. It was further recommended that 20 individuals receive the Distinguished Service Award, five the VIP citation and three organizations the Distinguished Service Citation. (See Appendix C.)

The Committee expressed some concern about the lack of applications for the above awards from all states and that in the future all states would take full advantage of these areas to recognize leaders and supporters of the FFA and vocational agriculture.

COMMITTEE "B" REPORT -- PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS IN NATIONAL FFA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS -- Mr. H. E. Edwards gave the Committee Report. Action on these modifications was delayed until the afternoon session.

STATUS OF VO-AG/FFA COORDINATION IN SOUTHERN AND EASTERN REGIONS -- Regarding the Southern Region, Mr. Lennie Gamage reported that the handling of American Farmers, Proficiency Awards, National Chapter, BOAC and Safety, which were formerly the responsibility of Regional OE were now being handled by him at the Center. Mr. Crawley and Mr. Mackey are continuing to work on getting an OE Program Officer in the Atlanta Region to handle this, but as yet there have been no commitments. It was suggested that Mr. Gamage and Mr. Mackey get together before the close of the meeting on Wednesday to coordinate efforts in the Southern Region (Atlanta and Dallas Offices) for the coming year.

Mr. Amick reported that he had visited all of the New England states with the exception of Maine. He has visited with the new state supervisor there and that he will be working with them in program development. Next year Mr. Dan Reuwee will become involved with Mr. Warren in the judging of awards in the Eastern Region. Mr. Martin Mitchell expressed appreciation to the FFA staff for the help being provided to the Eastern Region.

JOINT MEETING WITH FFA ALUMNI COUNCIL -- Mr. Richard C. Waybright Chairman of the FFA Alumni Council, was introduced. He then introduced Mr. W. R. Cox, Administrative Secretary, of the Alumni Association and members of the Council who were in attendance.

Mr. Waybright said that the Council had been meeting since Sunday afternoon, July 25, and they wanted to share with the Boards their

deliberations. He said the Alumni is a growing organization with 556 local affiliates, 804 life members and an active paid-up membership on a 12-month basis of 11,243. On August 4, Alumni membership will go on computer, which will reduce costs in postage and personnel. State reimbursement and the life membership card will be discontinued but a metal card will be made available for sale through the FFA Supply Service. He said they were grateful to the Supply Service for including Alumni items in the catalogue.

The Council requested that the Boards include in the job descriptions of FFA professional employees a statement on support of the Alumni. A statement in Mr. Cox's job description already relates to his support of the FFA.

The Council also requested that the FFA collect the \$5.00 registration fee to the National FFA Convention from all those attending the Alumni meeting in Kansas City. The FFA in turn would then pay a portion of the expenses in connection with the Alumni meeting. Because of costs at the Radisson Muehlebach Hotel, Mr. Cox indicated that it was hoped to move the Alumni meeting back to the Auditorium and be included in the package deal for the FFA convention. This would be the expenses the FFA would assume for the Alumni. Mr. Gray indicated he would check into the possibility of the Alumni using the south end of the H. Roe Bartle Exhibition Hall.

The Council also felt that in order for the Boards to be kept abreast of what they are doing they would like to have a consultant on the Board of Directors.

Mr. Waybright expressed appreciation to the FFA for the support and money loaned to the Alumni in the past to get started. After much discussion, however, the Council felt that perhaps at this point in order to get through another year it would be helpful if the FFA would give the Alumni a grant of up to \$10,000 for the coming year rather than a loan.

The question was raised as to whether or not the Council had considered raising the Alumni dues. Mr. Waybright answered that perhaps this is the direction they may be going, but at this time it was believed that an increase in dues is something that should be taken up at the annual meeting in Kansas City and not decided by the Council.

It was brought out that the Council offers its services to states whenever possible for workshops, conventions or other meetings so that they can tell the story of the Alumni and why all former FFA members

(OVER)

COMMITTEE "C" REPORT -- PLANS FOR COMMEMORATING 50th ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF FFA. -- Leo Anderson gave the report of Committee C, which listed the following activities to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the FFA:

1. 50th Year History. This is in the process of being written at the present time. It was recommended that this publication be available in hard bound and paper back editions.
2. 50-Year Commemorative Stamp. Work is being done on this at the present time for possible use at the 1977 convention. Mr. Gray will assume this responsibility.
3. 16 MM Film. Completion date to be by the 1977 Convention. This is a Special Project of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. (Mr. Reuwee's responsibility.)
4. Medallion and Other Supply Service Items. To be available for 1977 Convention. Mr. Andrews' responsibility with cost from inventory.
5. Slide Series. A 1977 completion date, with the cost of approximately \$3,500. to come from the 1977-78 budget. Mr. Reuwee and Venard Films are responsible.
6. Expand FFA's concept to include a year-long celebration. This is to be completed by 1977, with funds coming from the 1977-78 budget. It is to be the responsibility of Mr. Pitzer.
7. Anniversary Pageant for distribution to chapters. This should be ready for the 1977 Convention and be the responsibility of the Program Division. Funds are to come from the 1977-78 budget.
8. Appropriate TV spots. Funds to come from the 1977-78 budget and be the responsibility of the Program Division, working with Venard Films.
9. National FFA Archives Exhibit at 1977 Convention. Funds to come from the 1977-78 budget.
10. Give proper recognition of state associations as to year chartered.
11. A 50-year history pageant presentation using all states and feature "highlight" achievements.

It was further recommended that an additional staff member be .

14.

obtained to coordinate these activities, with the thought that this person would be needed in the area of public information. It is hoped that this person could be obtained on an internship basis.

MOTION -- It was moved by Leo Anderson (Mr. Buntin), seconded by Doug Loudenslager (Mr. Nelson) and carried that the report of Committee "C" be accepted.

OFFICER CANDIDATES -- NORTH DAKOTA -- A Mailgram was read from Mr. Don Erickson, State Advisor of the North Dakota Association, in which Mr. Erickson requested permission to submit the applications of two national officer candidates from his state to appear before the Nominating Committee at the 1976 National FFA Convention, since both candidates were outstanding members.

MOTION -- After some discussion, it was moved by Elton Bouldin (Mr. Prochaska), seconded by Leo Anderson (Mr. Crawley) and carried that the Official Operating Policies of the National FFA Organization be followed, and that only one candidate from a state be recommended by the State FFA Advisor to appear before the Nominating Committee to be interviewed for national office.

SPONSORING COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS -- Mr. McDowell distributed a reprint from "The Christian Science Monitor" which contained four excellent articles on agriculture/agribusiness. He said NVATA would distribute these reprints with their August newsletter.

In opening his report Mr. McDowell said that the Sponsoring Committee had passed its goal for the year and was now \$784.89 and in excess of the amount contributed for 1975. He raised the question as to whether the report of the Sponsoring Committee might be omitted from the agenda of the Board of Directors and National Officers and given only to the Board of Trustees, which is almost the same group except for five of the national officers. Such a practice would save time. The proposal on realignment of special project servicing, contact and liaison was not yet ready but will be discussed with the FFA Program Division Staff in September. He hoped the group would look with favor on the proposed change in the Ornamental Horticulture program which was to be recommended later. He felt the change in plans for the recognition of sponsors at the National FFA Convention this year was going to be a great improvement. A new dimension is going to be added to the Sponsoring Committee in 1977, known as "Campaign Action Committee", whereby eight top executives from across the country were going to be asked to join the committee. These individuals will have a special role in helping to get big new sponsors.

ENDOWMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FUND -- Mr. Dennis Sargent gave a brief report on the Endowment and Development Fund indicating that progress has

been satisfactory and he felt we were taking the right approach. He said it was the responsibility of the Boards to designate some areas in which this money might be used. Some areas have already been identified such as the Archives, general memorials, FFA Center, etc. A small promotional brochure or leaflet is ready to be printed, which will give information on this fund. Up to \$5,000 has been authorized by the Boards for the development of the FFA Endowment & Development Fund.

MOTION -- It was moved by Doug Loudenslager (Mr. Edwards), seconded by Mike Jackson (Mr. Mitchell) and carried that Dennis Sargent be commended for a job well done on behalf of the Foundation and his contribution to the FFA through this many years of service.

MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS PUBLICATION -- Mr. Reuwee reported that for some time sponsors have asked what additional things they could do to work with the FFA and especially to promote programs. This has become more evident in working with special project sponsors. Therefore, representatives of the Program Division met with representatives of current sponsors to the Foundation to develop a preliminary outline for a Marketing and Public Relations Publication. This would be in loose leaf form where pages could be added or deleted as necessary. It would contain such information as background on Vo-Ag, what is the FFA, what is the Foundation, why being a sponsor to the Foundation is a benefit to companies, etc. It would also contain guidelines for sponsors and to acquaint them that FFA members are not to be used to promote or endorse their products. It was suggested that when the draft is developed it should be carefully reviewed to see that it is in accord with FFA policies.

MOTION -- It was moved by Elton Bouldin (Mr. Edwards), seconded by Ron Wilson (Mr. Warren) and carried that Mr. Reuwee's report on the Marketing and Public Relations Publication be accepted.

PARTICIPATION IN SELECTED FFA ACTIVITIES -- Mr. Seefeldt distributed copies of the publication "Participation in Selected FFA Activities 1974-75," briefly reviewing it with the Boards.

NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARD PROGRAM -- ALUMNI RELATIONS -- A discussion was held regarding the rewriting of the "standards or goals" for the Alumni Relations Section of the National Chapter Award Application form and continue to score it at a maximum of 50 points. It was agreed that the Alumni Relations Section of the National Chapter Award remain as it now appears in the application.

(OVER)

ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE STUDY COMMITTEE -- At the January, 1976 meeting of the Boards, it was recommended that a committee including representatives of the industry, be appointed to consider the need for a new name as well as the total concept of the Ornamental Horticulture Proficiency Award. Mr. Seefeldt reported that after a detailed study of the present program the committee recommended the following:

1. That the Ornamental Horticulture Program as now conducted is too restrictive in both name and content.
2. That the 01. 05 00 00 00 taxonomy entitled "Ornamental Horticulture" be changed to "Horticulture" allowing for the inclusion of all types of horticulture programs, instead of restricting to only ornamental type programs.
3. That the present Ornamental Horticulture Program be eliminated and replaced with the following award programs: (1) Turf and Landscape Management, (2) Nursery Operations, (3) Floriculture and Fruit and/or Vegetable Production.

It was recommended that the present Ornamental Horticulture Program be eliminated as of December 31, 1976 with the last local, state, regional and national winners being recognized as usual during appropriate meetings and/or conventions throughout 1977. It was also recommended that the four new award areas be made available for FFA members participation as of January 1, 1977, with the first local, state, regional and national winners being announced and recognized during appropriate meetings and/or conventions throughout 1978.

MOTION -- It was moved by Doug Loudenslager (Mr. Nelson), seconded by Mike Jackson (Mr. Mitchell) and carried that the present Ornamental Horticulture Proficiency Award be eliminated and that three new Proficiency Awards in the areas of Turf and Landscape Management, Nursery Operations and Floriculture, be added under 01. 05 taxonomy and one new Proficiency Award in the area of Fruit and/or Vegetable Production be added under 01. 01 taxonomy.

DIVERSIFIED LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION PROFICIENCY AWARD -- At the July, 1975 meeting of the Boards, action was taken to rename the Livestock Proficiency Award, "Diversified Livestock Production" and that the maximum percent of labor income from any one enterprise covered in another Proficiency Award program is not to exceed 60%. It appears now that there is a need to be more specific as to what is meant by "covered in another proficiency award program." The purpose of the 60 % was to prevent a member from receiving recognition in either swine, beef or sheep one year and then using the same program in conjunction with a second livestock enterprise and then receive recognition in the Diversified Livestock Proficiency Award area. As the rule is now written it appears that any of the present Proficiency Award areas can be used to reduce the maximum percent of labor income from any one

enterprise. A second concern is that a member could be working toward recognition in the Diversified Livestock Production area for two or more years and have the proper percentage of labor income as stated but could be disqualified if he experienced a serious price fluctuation in one enterprise.

It was recommended that further thought be given to this and that Mr. Seefeldt report back to the Boards the next morning with a more definite solution.

PLACEMENT IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION PROFICIENCY AWARD -- Mr. Seefeldt reported that presently there is no official policy preventing an FFA member from receiving placement-type experience on his/her family owned farm and then apply and receive recognition in the Placement in Agricultural Production Proficiency Award Program. He recommended that an official policy be adopted that will make an FFA member ineligible to receive recognition in the Placement in Agricultural Production Proficiency Award Program if his/her work experience is on a family farm, family corporation, or family and/or other partnership in which the FFA member is personally involved.

MOTION -- It was moved by Ron Wilson (Mr. Mitchell), seconded by Leo Anderson (Mr. Nelson) and carried that Mr. Seefeldt's recommendation relative to the Placement in Agricultural Production Proficiency Award be accepted and implemented.

RANKING OF STATE PROFICIENCY AWARD APPLICATIONS -- Mr. Seefeldt reported that under the present policy state winners of Agricultural Proficiency Awards receive no additional publicity or recognition at the regional level of competition if they are not selected as a regional winner. Under the proposed plan the regional winners would be the top applicant in the Gold group and would continue to receive all recognition now being received. Other regional applicants would receive a suitable framed certificate. This certificate with a prepared news release for use in the candidates' local papers would be presented at the national convention or at another appropriate time, prior to the announcing of the national winners. The cost for this additional recognition and publicity would run approximately \$50. to \$75. per award area and would be absorbed in the existing budget.

MOTION -- It was moved by Mike Jackson (Mr. Edwards), seconded by Leo Anderson (Mr. Warren) and carried that beginning in 1977 all Proficiency Award applications submitted for regional consideration be placed in Gold, Silver and Bronze grouping and awarded in framed certificate at the National FFA Convention or at another appropriate time.

SPONSOR RECOGNITION -- Mr. Harris advised that the national organization, Program Division budget for 1976-77 calls for the expenditure of \$6,455. for sponsor recognition. To reduce organizational expenditures for sponsor recognition and to eliminate administrative detail and annual maintenance cost for a continuing executive sponsor plaque program, the Sponsoring Committee has recommended that the organization present each executive sponsor with a one-time recognition, and the US-FFA flag set with a plate engraved "Executive Sponsor" was suggested. If this plan were adopted, the cost for sponsor recognition would be reduced by \$1,950. All other sponsor recognition would continue as planned and budgeted for 1976-77.

MOTION -- It was moved by Leo Anderson (Mr. Bunten), seconded by Doug Loudenslager (Mr. Crawley) and carried that the national organization present all executive sponsors with the US-FFA flag sets in recognition of their investment in the FFA through the National FFA Foundation, and that this program replace the plaque-spur plan originally designed for this group.

MOTION -- It was moved by Elton Bouldin (Mr. Bunten), seconded by Ron Wilson (Mr. Prochaska) and carried to commend Mr. McDowell, Mr. Engle and the Sponsoring Committee for their efforts on behalf of the National FFA Organization.

The meeting was recessed at 5:20 p.m.

Wednesday Morning - July 29, 1976

The meeting was reconvened at 8:15 a.m. by the Chairman with all members from the previous day being present. Also present were Mr. Kenneth Olcott, Head, Department of Agricultural Engineering Technology, Cobleskill Agricultural and Technical College, Cobleskill, New York; and Mr. Eldon R. Aupperle, Black Hawk College, Kewanee, Illinois.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POST SECONDARY ORGANIZATION -- The Chairman called for a report of the committee which had requested the Board to consider the formation of a post secondary organization on the National level. A national committee, headed by Dr. Millard Gundlach, met several times within the past three years and finalized its recommendations at a meeting in Moline, Illinois, February 25-26, 1976. A copy of its recommendations was sent to all members of the Board of Directors and Board of Trustees on June 21. Dr. O. S. Gilbertson reported that this committee had met again, in Alexandria, and, as Chairman of that session he called upon Dr. Weber, Committee Recorder, who made the following report:

"The committee recommended that we submit, for Board approval a Special Project to be authorized and funded through the FFA Foundation, the basic purpose of which is to explore the possibility of establishing a Vocational Post Secondary Agriculture/Agribusiness Student Organization, to be funded in the amount of \$27,500.00."

Submitted by: Richard Weber
Committee Recorder

DISCUSSION -- Considerable discussion ensued. The proponents of this plan feel very strongly that there is a need to hire an executive to organize this type of function and explore further the possibility of getting some kind of an organization formed, on a National basis, as there is a great potential in membership. The committee pointed out that potential members do not wish to be in conflict with the Future Farmers of America but rather to be closely associated with the FFA organization. They further realize that should the project be funded through the FFA Foundation, the organization (once formed) would be held responsible to the FFA Board of Directors. It was strongly suggested that perhaps the Collegiate FFA Chapters might be "tied in" with the proposed postsecondary organization. It was agreed that this possibility should be explored.

MOTION -- It was moved by Doug Loudenslager (Mr. Nelson), seconded by Mike Jackson (Mr. Prochaska) and carried, that the Boards accept the report of the Committee on a Postsecondary Organization as presented, and implement the Committee's recommendations if funds can be secured for the proposed project.

REPORT ON CONTESTS AND ACTIVITIES -- Mr. Amick gave a comprehensive report on Contests and Activities. Entries in the Area BOAC program are at a record high this year. A total of 962 chapters from 35 States have applied as of June 25, 1976, Wisconsin being the leader with 111 chapters participating. Five regional BOAC workshops to introduce the new curriculum oriented material and visuals on community development to the State leadership have been scheduled in August. The services of excellent resource personnel in developing new materials and in conducting the workshops was mentioned. The sponsor of the project, Lilly Endowment, Inc., seems eager to continue the program which is conducted under a two-year contract.

Mr. Amick reviewed plans for each of the 1976 National Judging Contests. He further stated that during a recent meeting with the Kansas City FFA Advisory Council, concern was expressed that many participants in the National FFA Judging Contests who do not succeed in winning an award go away empty-handed. A proposal was made by officials of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce that they would like to present some type of recognition to these persons, to indicate that they were participants in the National Judging Contests held in Kansas City.

MOTION -- It was moved by Mike Jackson (Mr. Bunten), seconded by Doug Loudenslager (Mr. Prochaska) and carried, that the Boards accept the offer made by the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce to present a memento to participants in the National FFA Judging Contests. It was suggested that the presentation of the memento be made at an appropriate place and time, and not on the convention floor or at awards breakfast.

NATIONAL FFA SAFETY "SPECIAL EMPHASIS" PROGRAM -- Mr. Amick stated that participation in the National FFA Safety Awards program has not kept pace with the increased participation of the National Chapter Award and BOAC Programs. In visiting with many vocational agricultural instructors and FFA members, it appears that the safety program ranks low on the chapter's priority list. In order to provide a positive direction to the FFA Chapter Safety Program, it is proposed that a National FFA Safety "Special Emphasis" program be initiated, which will focus on a specific segment of agriculturally-related safety. Each plan of action will be set up to cover a period of two years. It was proposed by Mr. Amick that the first area of emphasis be designated as the National FFA Chapter Safety "Special Emphasis - Safe Use of Pesticides" program. This would require funding to cover travel for a "National Resource Committee" to recommend information to be included in the program. After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the Boards that because of the fact that many materials already have been developed by USDA, EPA and others on the "Safe Use of Pesticides", the FFA should not proceed with the development of such materials at this time. It was agreed that there is need for improvement in the Safety Program and they were in favor of the "Special Emphasis" aspect for the National FFA Safety Program; however, any materials developed should give chapters information of how to strengthen their efforts in safe use of agricultural chemicals.

MOTION -- It was moved by Doug Loudenslager (Mr. Mitchell), seconded by Leo Anderson (Mr. Edwards) and carried, that the Boards approve the concept of "Special Emphasis" on the National FFA Safety Program, and that Mr. Amick present specific information to the Board members at the January meeting for the implementation of this added feature.

ENDORSEMENT OF NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL GOALS -- Mr. Amick referred to FFA's close association with the National Safety Council over the past years and expressed the hope that the National FFA Organization would endorse the five-year plan and goals which the National Safety Council has set for achievement by the end of 1980.

MOTION -- It was moved by Leo Anderson (Mr. Edwards), seconded by Ron Wilson (Mr. Mackey) and carried, that the Boards accept Mr. Amick's report and go on record as endorsing the five-year plan and goals set by the National Safety Council for cooperative effort for vocational student organizations.

LETTER FROM AATEA MEMBERS IN PACIFIC REGION -- At this point, Dr. Gilbertson read a letter which had been sent to him from members of the AATEA in the Pacific Region, expressing concern about the number of contests being sponsored by the FFA. No action was taken.

DIVERSIFIED LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION PROGRAM -- Mr. Seefeldt resumed discussion from the previous day on changing the existing policy of the programs that qualify for the Diversified Livestock Production Proficiency Award Program. The following policy was proposed:

"Supervised Occupational Experience Programs qualifying to be entered into competition in the Diversified Livestock Production Proficiency Award Program include all classes of livestock, namely, beef, swine, sheep, horses and other animals such as rabbits and mink. In no case can one class of livestock covered in another proficiency award area, namely, beef, swine, sheep and horses, contain more than two-thirds of the total animal units involved in the applicant's entire program."

MOTION -- It was moved by Elton Bouldin (Mr. Mitchell), seconded by Leo Anderson (Mr. Mackey) and carried, to accept and implement the report given by Mr. Seefeldt, effective with the 1977 program.

DISCUSSION ON REVISED FFA FOUNDATION BUDGET -- Mr. Seefeldt discussed the revisions which had been made in the proposed FFA Foundation Budget for 1977.

MOTION -- It was moved by Mike Jackson (Mr. Bunten), seconded by Ron Wilson (Mr. Prochaska) and carried, that the Board of Directors request the Board of Trustees of the FFA Foundation to finance the programs as proposed in the revised Foundation Budget for 1977.

REPORT ON NATIONAL FFA SUPPLY SERVICE -- Due to the illness of Mr. Harry Andrews, Manager of the FFA Supply Service, the report was presented by Mr. Hawkins. Members of the Board were furnished with a list of item sales, total sales by States and other pertinent information. Jacket sales have now reached 1,969,921. It appears that jacket number 2,000,000 will be sold in September, 1976. The chapter and State will be notified when this event occurs and will be placed alongside number 1,000,000 which is now in the Archives. Many chapters do not allow enough normal production time for delivery. Of 70,000 orders received, approximately 10,000 are "rush" telephone orders. State leaders are urged to emphasize to their chapters the importance of placing orders early. The 50th Anniversary Medallion Contest ended June 30 with over 400 entries submitted. Twenty entries have now been selected and the winning entry will be certified to the Board of Directors for its acceptance in November. The medallion adopted by the Board will be available at the 1977 National Convention. Copies of the 1976-1977 catalog were distributed to the Board members.

Attention was called to the fact that in some instances problems have been encountered with name plates coming loose and/or falling off the plaques. Mr. Hawkins stated that the management at the Supply Service is aware of this and is doing everything possible to correct the situation.

MOTION -- It was moved by Doug Loudenslager (Mr. Bunten), seconded by Leo Anderson (Mr. Mitchell) and carried, that the Supply Service use rivets or screws for name plates on plaques, and that the Supply Service continue to upgrade the fine quality line of FFA goods.

DISCUSSION: RE PULL-OVER CAP -- Next, Mr. Hawkins presented a Pull-over (ski-type) Cap, in blue and gold, which the Supply Service would like to offer for sale on a trial basis during the forthcoming National FFA Convention. The cap was favorably received by the Board.

MOTION -- It was moved by Mike Jackson (Mr. Nelson), seconded by Doug Loudenslager (Mr. Prochaska) and carried, that the Boards approve the Pull-over (ski-type) Cap for sale on a trial basis during the FFA Convention; that Mr. Hawkins' report, presented on behalf of Mr. Andrews, be accepted; and that the Supply Service staff be commended for a job well done.

REPORT OF PUBLICATIONS DIVISION -- Mr. Wilson W. Carnes, Editor, The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, was present and gave a report on the Publications Division. He introduced staff members: Jack Pitzer, Manager, Official FFA Calendar; Gary Bye, Associate Editor; Glenn Luedke, Advertising Manager; and two new staff members - L. J. Emerson and Kim E. Nowels, both of the Advertising Department.

Mr. Carnes stated that the Publications Division has completed one of its biggest years ever when measured in terms of numbers; Advertising gross exceeded a half-million dollars for the first time; Circulation stands at an all-time high; Calendar sales highest ever. The two vacancies in the Advertising Department have been filled so they are back to full staff of editors and advertising salesmen. A new three-year printing contract was negotiated with Kansas Color Press, beginning with the August-September issue reflecting a price increase of approximately 6.5 percent.

Press run for the June-July issue of The National FUTURE FARMER was 520,500 magazines, reflecting the growth in FFA membership and some growth in other miscellaneous subscriptions. The chapter roster update has been completed and membership rosters are being sent to the States. The States should be encouraged to send in membership rosters as early as possible. He noted that the membership figure now is 500,385, with most of them being received in December, thus making it very difficult to process the memberships for the next issue.

Mr. Carnes distributed copies of a "Completed Sample of FFA Membership Roster" for review by the Board members. Also distributed were copies of a letter from Mr. Donald E. Wilson, State FFA Advisor in California, which had been sent to members of the National FFA Board of Directors in which he suggested that in compliance with Title IX of P.L. 92-318, the sex of FFA members should be obtained. He suggested that this information might be shown on the Membership Roster form in the column "Office", and the office held could be shown in the appropriate "Degree Held" column. This matter was considered by the Board members. No action was taken.

Mr. Carnes gave an indepth explanation of the bidding process for the Magazine. Proposals are reviewed every three years and companies wishing to print the magazine are asked to submit bids.

Glenn Luedke, Advertising Manager, reported that advertising sales for Fiscal Year 1976 totaled \$522,679.26 - an increase of \$94,252.49, or 22%. He stated that our ability to draw from a wide cross-section of advertisers continues to be a major asset. Significant sales gains were seen in the farm equipment and guns and hunting areas. Advertising from the Military remains stable. Increases in postage and travel costs are matters of concern.

Gary Bye, Associate Editor, does most of the writing and picture taking for the magazine. He explained that he often is asked how the content for the magazine is determined. Generally, the staff tries to follow the formula of: 50% FFA articles; 25% technical agriculture; and 25% general youth interest. State FFA Presidents are sent survey forms, asking for their ideas for magazine articles, and the FFA members are surveyed periodically. Their replies assist greatly in determining articles for future issues. Mr. Bye stated that occasionally free lance material is purchased.

Jack Pitzer, Manager, Official FFA Calendar, stated that the Official Calendar had a very successful year, selling out completely the Home and Office calendars, and the number of chapters participating is at an all-time high. He displayed the Calendar for 1977, with the title "Agriculture's Classroom - The Past" and stated that orders already are beginning to arrive. The Theme for FFA Week in 1977 will be "FFA - Agriculture's NEW Generation". This material will show 25 students dressed in attire for their various careers. Plans are underway for the 1978 Anniversary Calendar. The pictures to be used for the 12 months on the calendar will be those of the last 12 paintings, which should be very effective. Next, Mr. Pitzer presented four suggested titles for the 1978 Anniversary Year Theme which had been offered by the FFA staff as reflecting on the 50 years of past success, with the promise to others that these men and women trained for agri-careers will mean a future for America. Board members also were invited to offer suggestions. This matter was given careful consideration by Board members, and a consensus was finally reached.

MOTION -- It was moved by Elton Bouldin (Mr. Crawley), seconded by Ron Wilson (Mr. Nelson) and carried, that the Boards adopt an agreed upon Theme for the 1978 Anniversary Year -- but that the title be kept confidential until the July, 1977 meeting of the Boards to avoid possible use of the new theme before the proper time.

NOTE -- the new theme is a matter of record.

MOTION -- It was moved by Mike Jackson (Mr. Mitchell), seconded by Leo Anderson (Mr. Crawley), and carried that the Boards accept the report of the Publications Division and commend members of the staff for their excellent work.

DISCUSSION ON QUESTIONS RAISED CONCERNING THE HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE AND RECOGNITION -- (1) The State of Massachusetts has registered a complaint concerning the scale used in awarding the Honorary American Farmer Degree to Teachers of Vocational Agriculture, and the rationale behind the 2,500 minimum point qualifications for a candidate to be considered for the Degree; and (2) increasing the number of Honorary American Farmers and other awards. A committee of Consultants was appointed on Monday, to consider these matters and report back to the Boards.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CONSULTANTS CONCERNING MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE AND OTHER RECOGNITION -- This Committee was chaired by John Murray who presented the report of the Committee. (See Appendix E.)

MOTION -- It was moved by Leo Anderson (Mr. Prochaska), seconded by Ron Wilson (Mr. Crawley) and carried, that the Boards accept and implement the Report of the Committee of Consultants pertaining to the Honorary American Farmer Degree and Awards.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE - RE: REQUEST OF NASSP TO SCHEDULE NATIONAL FFA CONVENTIONS DURING NON-SCHOOL TIME -- A letter, dated May 10, 1976, was received by Mr. Hunsicker from Mr. Douglas W. Hunt, Secretary, The Committee on National Contests and Activities, The National Association of Secondary School Principals, expressing concern over the fact that an excessive amount of school time is involved with participation on both the State and National levels for attendance at the National FFA Convention. Mr. Hunsicker replied to this letter on May 20, 1976, and stated that the matter would be presented to the National FFA Board of Directors at its meeting in July. A committee was appointed to study this matter and submit recommendations to the Boards. The Chairman called upon Doug Loudenslager, Chairman, who reported that members of the Committee wished to suggest that Mr. Hunsicker respond to the National Association of Secondary School Principals, advising that it would be impossible to schedule the National FFA Convention during non-school time for the following reasons:

1. FFA is tied directly to the instructional program of Vocational Education in Agriculture.
2. The National FFA Convention, and the activities involved with it, are educational in nature.
3. The American Royal is held in November each year, and the students of vocational agriculture, who are members of the FFA, use the facilities and resources of the American Royal in conducting their national judging contests and convention.
4. Vocational agriculture students would be unable to attend the National FFA Convention, if it were held in the summer months because of their involvement in essential farm and agribusiness work, livestock shows and fairs.

It was further suggested that a cordial invitation be extended to the NASSP officials to attend the convention in November and to personally observe the educational features of the convention.

MOTION -- It was moved by Doug Loudenslager (Mr. Crawley), seconded by Elton Bouldin (Mr. Mitchell) and carried, that the Boards accept and implement the recommendations of the Committee with reference to not changing the dates for the National FFA Convention.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MEETING THE NEEDS OF MEMBERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

-- Members of the Boards were given background information on previous actions taken to provide assistance to members with Special Needs. This subject has been discussed at meetings of the Boards of Directors and National Officers in July, 1975; November, 1975; and January, 1976. An Ad Hoc Committee met in November, 1975, in Kansas City, Missouri, and authorized a survey of State Supervisors and 96 Teacher Education Institutions on this subject. At the January, 1976 meeting, a special appointed committee reviewed the survey results. The Board of Directors authorized the FFA Program Development Division to use people with expertise to prepare a National "Plan of Action" as a proposed Special Project to be funded through the National FFA Foundation. This proposal was prepared and presented to the Board of Directors for consideration and action.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS -- The Chairman called upon Ron Wilson who presented the Report of the Committee on Recommendations for Students with Special Needs. (See Appendix F.)

MOTION -- It was moved by Ron Wilson (Mr. Nelson), seconded by Doug Loudenslager (Mr. Edwards) and carried, that the Boards accept the report of the Committee on Recommendations for Students with Special Needs, and to refer it to the FFA Foundation Board of Trustees for Special Project Funding in the minimum amount of \$15,000.00. The project is to be implemented when the funds are available from the Foundation.

The meeting was recessed at 12:00 noon for lunch.

Wednesday Afternoon, July 28, 1976

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

INTRODUCTION - DR. RICHARD E. CARLSON -- Members of the Boards were pleased to welcome Dr. Richard E. Carlson, Director, Division of Vocational and Technical Education, U. S. Office of Education, to their meeting. He spoke briefly of his background as an FFA member in the State of New York and commended the present National FFA Officers, with whom he had just had lunch, on their insight and knowledge of problems affecting the world today, and especially as they apply to rural areas. He brought the members up-to-date on pending legislation affecting vocational education and stated that, hopefully, additional staff may be provided if the legislation becomes law. Dr. Carlson expressed regret that Mr. Gray will be leaving the Office later in the year, and commended him highly for his dedication to vocational education in agriculture in the Office of Education, and especially for his

(OVER)

accomplishments as National Executive Secretary of The Future Farmers of America. He outlined in detail the procedures which will be followed in filling the vacancy in the Office of Education which will occur upon Mr. Gray's retirement. It is a lengthy procedure, but Dr. Carlson assured the Board members that the position would be filled by a qualified person at the earliest possible time. He thanked the members for inviting him to participate in their meeting.

MOTION -- It was moved by Mike Jackson (Mr. Crawley), seconded by Leo Anderson (Mr. Nelson) and carried, that the official Minutes show the following:

"In recognition of Dr. Carlson's support of Vocational Agriculture/Agribusiness and his understanding of the integral relationship of FFA in the instructional program, we commend Dr. Richard Carlson, Director, DVTE/OE, for his contribution toward the development of meaningful lives for the students of vocational agriculture and the members of The Future Farmers of America".

REPORTS ON PROGRAM DIVISION ACTIVITIES AND PLANS -- (1) PLANS FOR THE BICENTENNIAL -- Mr. Harris discussed Bicentennial Plans for (a) The National Convention: With the help of Farmfest officials, the National FFA organized "Celebrate '76" - a program designed to encourage chapters to participate in Farmfest and seven (7) other ongoing FFA programs. Chapters returning completion cards by October 1 will be recognized at the National FFA Convention during the opening session on Wednesday morning. Also, on Wednesday morning an audio-visual presentation of the new FFA Theme will be premiered. This presentation will deal in part with FFA's Bicentennial involvement, but for the most part, will look to the future with emphasis on "Agriculture's NEW Generation". (b) At Farmfest: FFA chapters nationwide have been selling tickets to Farmfest, and many are organizing groups to travel to Farmfest, September 13-19. Farmfest has invited each State to send one FFA State Officer to Lake Crystal to work on the "Turn of the Century Farm". The FFA exhibit and headquarters will be located in a 35' x 38' tent. The exhibit will be a children's barnyard with small animal exhibits. A special feature in the exhibit will be the premiere showing of the new 5-minute film "Food for America". A new 8-page Farm Art Book will also be distributed. No action necessary.

(2) FOOD FOR AMERICA -- This program has been very successful. As of April 23, 1976, 1,864 packets have been distributed for use with 682,050 elementary students in 23,855 elementary classes. The demand for the film, "Food from Farm to You" distributed by the Farm Film Foundation, was much greater than their available supply of prints for shipment. We have, therefore, expanded the number of films they have available for distribution. A limited supply of the films are also available for purchase through the Program Division at the FFA Center. (The price is \$75.00) New features in 1976 will include: A new 5-minute film entitled "Food for America" produced by the Venard Organization for use by chapters and State associations at fairs and shows; a new handout 8-page 8" x 10" newsprint type "Farm Art Book" designed to accompany the new film "Food for America" will be available for mass distribution at Farmfest; a new "Food for America" classroom poster. One poster per elementary classroom served by the FFA chapter will be placed in the kit as soon as final production is complete this fall.

(3) STATUS OF FFA FILMS AND TELEVISION SPOTS -- Mr. Reuwee, Director of Information, stated that at the present time the FFA has three film projects underway and plans for developing television spot announcements during the coming year. They are: Food for America Film - completed except for minor alterations and production of prints. This will be available to FFA chapters this fall; 50th Anniversary Film -- This film is being sponsored by the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company. A special committee has held two meetings to determine what should be in the film. A preliminary script has been prepared and reviewed and is now being rewritten. The film will be shown for the first time at the 1977 National FFA Convention; FFA Concept Film -- The FFA has contracted with Woody Woodhull through the National Advisory Council to work as a consultant to the FFA staff in developing a film that will explain the FFA organization. This film will be approximately 20 minutes in length. Completion is set for sometime in late 1977 or early in 1978 so that it will be available for the THRUST '78 program. Television Spot Announcements -- The plan is to develop the television announcements in conjunction with the Concept Film to keep costs low and provide a close tie between the two projects.

(4) PUBLIC RELATIONS INTERN -- Mr. Reuwee reviewed action taken by the Board of Directors and National Officers a year ago when they approved a proposal to seek a sponsor to provide a Public Relations Assistant on an intern basis for a three-month period prior to and after the National FFA Convention. They, however rejected the idea of securing a sponsor through the National FFA Foundation, recommending instead that the Director of Information locate a sponsor with funds going directly to the Program Division. A diligent effort was made to secure a sponsor, with no success. Still, the need exists to have additional help in the Information Department, especially prior to and during the National Convention. The situation is especially critical this year as there will be an additional burden with the First World Conference in Agricultural Education publicity.

MOTION -- It was moved by Mike Jackson (Mr. Nelson), seconded by Doug Loudenslager (Mr. Buntin) and carried, that an intern be hired by the FFA for a period of approximately 12 weeks immediately prior to and during the National FFA Convention to assist in the Information Department, and that the salary and travel of approximately \$3,500.00 be paid from Reserve Funds in the FFA Budget.

(5) LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES -- (a) Regional State Officer Conferences: Mr. Harris reported that 8 Regional Conferences for newly elected State Officers have been held so far this year and one more will be held in New England. The conferences, conducted primarily by National FFA Officers, are organized to help newly elected State Officers "gear up" for their important year of leadership in the FFA. It was felt that these conferences have been very worthwhile. (b) Washington Conference Program -- This summer (7) week-long conferences for chapter representatives are being conducted at the Olde Colony Motor Lodge, in Alexandria, Virginia. The purposes of the conferences are: To provide

FFA chapter representatives the opportunity to become acquainted with FFA members across the country and to exchange ideas; To develop the personal leadership qualities of each individual FFA member; To develop the greater understanding of National FFA programs, activities, and services which contribute to the effectiveness of a chapter program of activities; To develop a greater awareness of and appreciation for our American Democratic Society; and to instill within each individual FFA member a personal pride, motivation, and outlook that makes a difference. Mr. Harris stated that the conferences have been well attended. Much of the success of the sessions has been due to the excellent staff. (c) State Presidents' Washington Conference -- This conference was enthusiastically received by the conference participants. There were 88 representatives from the States; 10 International representatives; and 5 State staff members. The Congressional Breakfast and visit at the White House were highlights of the week. The conference was sponsored by the General Motors Corporation again this year.

(6) INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS -- REPORT OF PERMANENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FFA INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS -- The Chairman called upon Mr. Gamage, Program Specialist, International Activities, for a report on International activities. He gave a brief report on preparations for the First World Conference and International Ag Olympics. Responses to the joint invitations from USDA Secretary Butz and HEW Secretary Mathews have been received from 22 countries and others are expected. Planning for the conference is on schedule. Mr. Gamage then asked Mr. Homer Edwards to give the Report of the Permanent Advisory Committee on International Programs, on behalf of the Chairman of the Committee, Dr. Richard F. Welton. The report covered recommendations on the following:

- A. Work Experience Abroad Program
- B. Educational Exchange Program - USSR
- C. Work Experience Proposals from Poland and Romania
- D. CAIJR - Inter-American Rural Youth Advisory Council
- E. Classroom International
- F. Country-to-Country Program
- G. International Judging Contests
- H. Proposal for Selecting a high level committee to identify competencies needed for International Agriculture
- I. First World Conference in Agricultural Education - Ag Olympics

(For the full report of the Committee, please refer to Appendix G.)

MOTION - RE EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH THE USSR -- It was moved by Doug Loudenslager (Mr. Bunten), seconded by Ron Wilson (Mr. Mitchell) and carried, that the Board of Directors submit to the FFA Foundation Board of Trustees, a request for funding of a Special Project, in the amount of approximately \$26,000.00, to conduct an Educational Exchange Program with the USSR.

MOTION -- It was moved by Doug Loudenslager (Mr. Bunten), seconded by Leo Anderson (Mr. Nelson) and carried, that the Boards accept and implement the report of the Permanent Advisory Committee on International Programs.

STUDENT HANDBOOK -- Mr. Harris reported that the student handbook project is well underway. Special project funding has been obtained from the Production Credit--Federal Intermediate Credit Banks. A writing team has been at work on the twelve chapter publication. By January 1, 1977, it is planned to have test copies of the Student Handbook, including rough art work, available for testing by selected vocational agriculture instructors. The plan then calls for a final review and revision of the Handbook in June of 1977 in order that the publication can be ready for distribution in the Fall of 1977. The project calls for one copy to be sent to each FFA chapter to introduce and promote the Handbook. In January of 1977, it will be proposed that the new FFA Student Handbook be added to the Supply Service catalog which comes out in August of 1977. No action required.

REPORT ON AGRICULTURE CAREERS--EXPLORATION -- In conducting the "Food for America" program, which is designed to reach elementary students, grades 3-5, it has been found that there is a growing interest in a similar program for students in grades 6-8. This would be a career exploration and would be designed to communicate to potential vocational agriculture students the story of agriculture careers and the program of high school vocational agriculture/agribusiness. It would seem advisable to use a very similar approach to getting this agriculture career exploration message to sixth, seventh, and/or eighth graders as is presently being utilized in "Food for America". Probable materials to be developed in such a program would be: A Student Presentation Guide; A Slide Audio-Visual designed to create interest in all fields of agriculture and agribusiness; and an Agriculture Career Exploration Brochure for distribution to all students who participate. In the discussion which took place, it was pointed out that some States already have done some work on this idea. Several Board members expressed an interest in the proposal.

MOTION -- It was moved by Elton Bouldin (Mr. Nelson), seconded by Leo Anderson (Mr. Crawley) and carried, that the Boards go on record as indicating an interest in the concept of a Career Exploration Program for 6 to 8 grade students; and that the staff prepare a more detailed program plan and budget for presentation at a later date to the Foundation Board of Trustees for possible funding as a Special Project.

THRUST '75 FOLLOW-UP -- Mr. Harris gave a brief review of the follow-up on the Thrust '75 program. The staff will meet in September to evaluate their visits to the States. Along with the budget for next year, a follow-up proposal will be presented to the Board at the January meeting.

PLANS FOR '76 CONVENTION -- On behalf of Mr. Gray, who was briefly absent from the meeting while attending the Foundation Executive Committee meeting, Mike Jackson reviewed the suggested convention program for 1976. Highlights of the convention were discussed, and Board members have been furnished copies of their convention responsibilities. Further discussion will be held at the Board meeting Kansas City.

REPORT ON AGRICULTURAL CAREER EXHIBITS -- Mr. William F. Skinner, Supervisor, Order Department, distributed copies of a report on plans for the 11th Annual Agricultural Career Show, to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, during the upcoming National FFA Convention. Mr. Skinner will serve as the Coordinator. He stated that plans are being made for 44 exhibitors at this year's show - an increase of about 20% over 1975. Mr. Skinner suggested that the current operational policies need to be reviewed and discussed, in order to either reaffirm existing regulations or give direction for updating and/or change. Mr. Skinner also stated that he would like to see more displays by the State FFA Associations. He suggested that an Ad Hoc Committee be selected to further study the existing policies of the Career Show.

MOTION -- It was moved by Elton Bouldin (Mr. Crawley), seconded by Doug Loudenslager (Mr. Nelson) and carried, that Mr. Skinner be authorized to draw up any policies he would like to see implemented for conducting the Agricultural Career Show and State FFA Exhibits, and present his recommendations to the Board members at their January meeting; further, that an Ad Hoc Committee, of Board members and Consultants, be selected to review the policies for the Career Show and offer recommendations at the January meeting. Should any questionable exhibitors apply, the decision as to acceptance or rejection shall be made jointly by the National FFA Advisor, the National FFA Executive Secretary, and the Career Show Coordinator.

MOTION - RE PROGRAM DIVISION REPORTS -- It was moved by Mike Jackson (Mr. Bunten), seconded by Doug Loudenslager (Mr. Prochaska) and carried, that the various reports made by staff members in the Program Division be accepted with commendations for their work.

REQUEST FOR SURVEY ON POSSIBLE CONVENTION SITES -- Elton Bouldin expressed concern with certain events which occurred during the 1975 Convention and felt they were caused by inadequate facilities. Accordingly, he proposed that a survey be made to determine whether it might be advisable to hold future conventions in a city other than Kansas City. The pros and cons of such action were discussed at some length.

MOTION -- It was moved by Elton Bouldin (Mr. Nelson), seconded by Leo Anderson (Mr. Crawley) and carried, that a research committee composed of one Board member, two National Officers (one past officer if possible), one NVATA representative, and two National staff members, along with Mr. Paul Gray and Mr. John Hudson of AVA as consultants, with others as needed, be appointed to compile and disseminate pertinent statistical information in regard to National Convention facilities, and report their findings to the Board not later than July of 1977.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTION -- Following is the Report of the Nominating Committee:

"The Nominating Committee recommends:

Board member (Supervisor) representative to NVATA
Executive Committee, to serve July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1978:
Dean Prochaska.

Board member (OE) representative to Foundation Board of
Trustees, to serve January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1978:
John Bunten.

Respectfully submitted:
Committee Members -
Mike Jackson
Byron F. Rawls (Absent)-
Homer Edwards acting for Mr. Rawls
Art Nelson"

MOTION -- It was moved by Mike Jackson (Mr. Nelson), seconded by Ron Wilson (Mr. Mitchell) and carried, that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted.

MOTION - RE: JUNIOR HIGH FFA CHAPTERS -- It was moved by Doug Loudenslager (Mr. Bunten), seconded by Leo Anderson (Mr. Nelson) and carried, that the Board direct a member of the Program Division staff to look into what is happening in the Junior High FFA program, and report back to the Board at the meeting in July, 1977.

NEXT BOARD MEETING -- The Chairman announced that the next Board meeting will begin on Sunday, November 7, at 8:15 a.m. in Kansas City, Missouri, and end at noon on Monday, November 8, 1976.

APPRECIATION EXPRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS -- The Chairman expressed his appreciation and thanks to members of the Boards and the consultants for their dedication, cooperation, and fine working relationships during the past year.

ADJOURNMENT -- There being no further business to come before the two Boards, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

H. N. Hunsicker

H. N. Hunsicker, Chairman *ea*

Wm. Paul Gray

Wm. Paul Gray, Secretary

A P P E N D I X
M I N U T E S

F F A
B O A R D O F D I R E C T O R S
A N D
B O A R D O F N A T I O N A L O F F I C E R S

Alexandria, Virginia
July 26 - 28, 1976

MINUTES
FFA GOVERNING COMMITTEE

February 25, 1976

The meeting of the Governing Committee was conducted by telephone by H. N. Hunsicker, Chairman. Persons participating included H. E. Edwards, Byron F. Rawls, Wm. Paul Gray and E. J. Hawkins.

A request was made by Mr. Richard Waybright, Chairman, FFA Alumni Council to extend the employment of Jay Benham for the period of his illness, and to authorize an additional line of credit of \$10,000.00 for the Alumni Association.

It was moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Rawls, and carried that Mr. Benham's employment be extended while he is incapacitated and grant an additional line of credit of \$10,000.00 to the Alumni Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. Paul Gray, Secretary

MINUTES
FFA GOVERNING COMMITTEE

April 26, 1976

The meeting of the Governing Committee was conducted by telephone by H. N. Hunsicker, Chairman. Persons participating included H. E. Edwards, Byron F. Rawls, Wilson Carnes and Wm. Paul Gray, Secretary.

Mr. Carnes presented a recommendation that Kim E. Nowles, June graduate of The Ohio State University in Journalism and Public Relations be employed as a Regional Advertising Manager in the Advertising Department of the National FUTURE FARMER at Grade 10, Step 1. Mr. Carnes reported that number of individuals were considered and that the selection committee had agreed that Mr. Nowles should be recommended for employment. He will begin work the first part of June.

It was moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried that the recommendation be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. Paul Gray, Secretary

(OVER)

MINUTES

FFA GOVERNING COMMITTEE

June 4, 1976

The meeting of the Governing Committee was conducted by telephone by H. N. Hunsicker, Chairman. Persons participating included H. E. Edwards, Byron F. Rawls, Wilson Carnes, Edward Hawkins and Wm. Paul Gray, Secretary.

The proposals for printing the FFA magazine had been received and analyzed by Mr. Carnes and were reviewed by Mr. Hunsicker and Mr. Hawkins. A total of 12 printers were considered; one declined to quote, one submitted a sample bill only and the others submitted proposals for printing. The recommendation was based on the fact that (1) Kansas Color Press presented the lowest quotation for printing the size issues expected to be printed during this period, (2) the full production services offered from type setting to mailing, and (3) continued good service and quality as proven by past performance.

Mr. Carnes presented a recommendation that a three-year contract for printing the National FUTURE FARMER beginning with the August-September, 1976 issue be signed with Kansas Color Press of Lawrence, Kansas.

It was moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Rawls and carried that the recommendation be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm Paul Gray, Secretary

APPENDIX B

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

July 25, 1976

The Finance Committee met July 25, 1976, to study adjustments in the current budget and is making the following recommendations:

1. To project an increase in the income for the Program Division by \$3,750.00. (Increase membership of 5,000)
Such income to be expended as follows:

7110 National Officer Travel	+ \$1,800.00
7032 National Officer Clothing	+ \$1,250.00
7093 Photography & Supplies	+ \$1,950.00
7094 Special Activities	+ \$ 500.00
7040 National Band	+ \$ 500.00
7041 National Chorus	+ \$ 500.00
7048 Talent Show	+ \$1,300.00
7035 Career Show	- \$ 200.00
7034 Convention Setup	- \$1,455.00
7043 Convention Printing	+ \$ 155.00
7038 Reimbursement for Services & Facilities	+ \$3,000.00
7039 Miscellaneous	- \$3,600.00
7069 Sponsor Recognition	- \$1,950.00

2. To increase staff travel expenses for meals from \$12.00 to \$14.00 per day effective immediately.

HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE
RECOMMENDATIONS -- 1976

Mark Andrews, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. 20515

Wally Ausley, Assistant General Manager and Vice President, Durham Life Broadcasting Service, Inc., Radio Station WPTF, 401 S. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

Jay Benham, 4733 E. LeFevre Road, Troy, Ohio 45373

James E. Bostic, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20050

Harold Bosworth, General Manager, Continental Hotel, Baltimore at 11th, Kansas City, Missouri 64105

Everett Brown, Vice President and Head of Agricultural Loans, First National Bank of Arizona, First National Bank Plaza, Box 20551, Phoenix, Arizona 85005

Terry Buker, Director of Public Relations, Missouri Farm Bureau Federation, 1616 Missouri Blvd., Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

William C. Buller, RR 1, Brookings, South Dakota 57006

Charles H. Buzzell, Associate Commissioner/AVTME, U. S. Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D.C. 20202

Louis Camara Capra, 122 Corchado Street, Isabela, Puerto Rico 00662 (Retired General Supervisor, Vocational Agriculture Program)

Richard E. Carlson, Director/DVTE, U. S. Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C. 20202

Aldon Louis Carson, Consultant, Agricultural Education, State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

George Chrein, Coordinator, Agricultural Career Education, Field Office for Agricultural Career Education, Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main Street, Flushing, New York 11355

Howard Gerald (Jerry) Clower, Director of Sales Promotion, Mississippi Chemical Corp., Box 388, Yazoo City, Mississippi 39194

William Allen Cowan, Professor and Head, Department of Animal Industries, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut 06268

Robert A. Crawley, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Arch Ford Education Bldg., Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 (Retiring Board Member)

Ronald Ivo Cross, Manager, Agricultural Development, Santa Fe Railway Co., Santa Fe Bldg., Amarillo, Texas 79171

Virginia C. Echard, Chief Clerk, Future Farmers of America, National FFA Center, Box 15159, Alexandria, Virginia 22309

Theresa Eng, Administrative Secretary, National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee, Box 5117, Madison, Wisconsin 53705

Robert W. Engle, Vice President, General Manager, AVCO New Idea, Farm Equipment Division, Coldwater, Ohio 45828 (Chairman of 1976 Foundation Sponsoring Committee)

Roland F. Espenschied, Professor, Vocational Agriculture Service and Agricultural Engineering, University of Illinois, 434 Mumford Hall, Urbana, Illinois 61801

LaVern A. Freeh, Assistant Dean and Head of Special Programs, Institute of Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics, University of Minnesota, Room 201, Coffey Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota 55112

J. Corder Gibson, Dean of Agriculture, California Polytechnic State University, School of Agriculture and Natural Resources, San Luis Obispo, California 93407

Esco Hall, Jr., Veterinarian, Baxley, Georgia 31513

Owen K. Hallberg, President, American Institute of Cooperation, 1129 20th Street, N.W., Suite 504, Washington, D. C. 20036

L. M. Hargrave, Professor, Agricultural Education, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas 79409

Martin M. (Pat) Keliher, Farm Director, WAXX, WEAU-TV, 1907 S. Hastings Way, Eau Clair, Wisconsin 54701

Jasper S. Lee, Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural and Extension Education, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State 39762 (Retiring Board Member)

Robert Lyon, Manager, Marketing Service, A.O. Smith Harvestore Products, Inc.- 550 W. Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60006

Herbert W. Mackey, Assistant Regional Commissioner, Occupational and Adult Education, U. S. Office of Education, DHEW, 1200 Main Tower Building, Dallas, Texas 75202

Dan R. Marrs, Education Program Specialist, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, 20 East 10th, Topeka, Kansas 66612

Larry L. Meadows, Supervisor, Shipping Department, National FFA Supply Service, National FFA Center, Box 15159, Alexandria, Virginia 22309

Jeannine C. Merritt, Associate Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Department of Public Instruction, 229 State House, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Jose Lema Moya, Assistant Secretary, Vocational Technical and High Skills Program, Department of Education, Box 759, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico 00919

Art Nelson, Program Director, Vocational Agriculture and Renewable Natural Resources Education, Division of Vocational-Technical and Adult Education Services, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, 222 Old Capitol Building, Olympia, Washington 98504 (Retiring Board Member)

Clifford L. Nelson, Professor and Teacher Educator, Department of Agricultural and Extension Education, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742

William B. O'Donnell, 190 Townsend Terrace, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001
(New Mexico State Legislator)

George L. O'Kelley, Jr., Professor and Head, Department of Agricultural Education, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia 30602

H. M. "Dick" Olsen, Executive Director, Washington State Council of Farmer Cooperatives, 5110 Arcade Building, Seattle, Washington 98101

Ray Pagel, Farm and Environmental Editor, Green Bay Press Gazette, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301

Josiah Phelps, Program Consultant, Box 587, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

Edward S. Porter, Commissioner of Agriculture, State Department of Agriculture, Box 40627, Melrose Station, Nashville, Tennessee 37204

Harlan E. Ridenour, Director, Agricultural Education Instructional Materials Laboratory, Room 254, Ag. Administration Bldg., 2120 Fyffe Road, Columbus, Ohio 43210

Dennis Sargent, Assistant Executive Director, National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee, Box 5117, Madison, Wisconsin 53705

W. H. Sierke, President, Trans-Sphere Trading Corporation, Box 1564, Mobile, Alabama 36601

Edward E. Slettom, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of Cooperatives, 55 Sherburne Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55103

Bob R. Stewart, Associate Professor, Agricultural Education, University of Missouri, 435 General Classroom Building, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Ed Stich, Administrative Consultant, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, 233 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508 (Retiring Board Member)

Lester Stone, State Director, Farmers Home Administration, Room 448, U.S. Post Office, 121 East State Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215
J. D. Thompson, State Director, Indiana Farmers Home Administration, 5610 Crawfordsville Road, Suite 1700, Indianapolis, Indiana 56224
Francis Tuttle, State Director, State Department of Vocational and Technical Education, 1515 West 6th Street, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74074
George W. Wiegers, Jr., Associate Professor, Agricultural Education, University of Tennessee, 308 Morgan Hall, Knoxville, Tennessee 37916 (President AATEA)
Vance Owen York, Sales Coordinator, Alfalfa, Sorghum & Wheat, Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc., Eastern Division, 221 North Main Street, Tipton, Indiana 46072

Parents of National Officers (12)
Local Advisors of National Officers (6)
Parents of Star Farmers and Star Agribusinessmen (16)

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR VIP CITATION - 1976

Ralph Canada (Retired, Colorado)
Clarence Bundy (Retired, Iowa)
William N. Elam (Retired, Program Specialist, Agricultural Education, USOE)
Tomatsu "Chick" Horii (Retired, Hawaii)
Robert P. Price (Retired, Oklahoma)

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATIONS - 1976

American Farm Bureau Federation
National Farmers Union
National FFA Alumni Association

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
RECOMMENDATIONS -- 1976

Otis R. Bowen, Governor of Indiana, 206 State House, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Arden N. Brenden, Administrative Officer, Farmers Home Administration,
Christen-Holm Building, 289 Wisconsin S.W., Box 821, Huron, South Dakota 57350

Cleo A. Collins, 312 N. Manning, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74074 (Retired District
Supervisor, Vocational Agriculture, Oklahoma)

Sylvia R. Altiery de González, Vocational Agriculture Teacher, Quebradillas
High School, Quebradillas, Puerto Rico 00742

George L. Eib, Superintendent of Parks for Kansas City, 414 E. 12th Street,
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

T. E. Ellis, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of
Education, Vocational-Technical Division, Box 771, Jackson, Mississippi 39205

Vester Essary, Poultry Marketing Specialist, State Board of Agriculture, State
Office Building, Topeka, Kansas 66612

Harold P. Jordan, 3204 Byrd Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46227 (Retired General
Manager, Indiana Farm Bureau Cooperative Assn.)

Dale Kuhn, President, Insulation System, Inc. 8357 Quidira, Lenexa, Kansas 66621

Robert H. Lounsberry, Secretary of Agriculture, State Capitol, Des Moines, Ia.

Don W. Moeller, Community Relations Representative, Farm Credit Banks of /50319
Spokane, West 705 First Avenue, Spokane, Washington 99204

O. Claude McGhee, Associate Professor, Agricultural Education, 2054 Agricul-
tural Sciences Building, West Virginia University, Morgantown, West
Virginia 26506

M. Gene Pressnal (Ms.), Administrative Assistant to State FFA Advisor and
Executive Secretary, State Department of Public Instruction, 126 Langdon
Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Herman R. Purdy, Professor Emeritus, Department of Animal Science, Pennsylvania
State University, University Park, Pennsylvania 16802

Clair Seeley, Business and Industrial Plan Chief, Farmers Home Administration,
Room 5311, Federal Building, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City,
Utah 84138

John R. Stevenson, Manager, Olde Colony Motor Lodge, Box 631, Alexandria,
Virginia 22313

Leon Wagley, Head, Department of Agricultural and Extension Education,
New Mexico State University, Box 3501, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88003

John T. Walker, Jr., Farmer Program Specialist, Farmers Home Administration,
240 Stoneridge Road, Box 21607, Columbia, South Carolina 29221

Walter D. Waterman, 1088 Plainfield Street, Johnston, Rhode Island 02919
(Retired, Agricultural Education)

Richard Waybright, RD 2, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325 (National FFA Alumni
Chairman)

HONORARY AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE
Teachers of Vocational Agriculture - 1976

ALABAMA

Paul C. Dean, Geneva County High School, Box 159, Hartford 36344
J. D. Hicks, Holly Pond High School, Box 70, Holly Pond 35083
J. L. Parish, Geneva High School, 505 North Cherokee St., Geneva 36340
Calvin Rogers, Appalachian High School, Route 4, Oneonta 35121

ARIZONA

Ron Mehrer, Kofa High School, 3100 Avenue A, Yuma 85364

CALIFORNIA

Donald M. Hall, Turlock High School, 1600 Canal Drive, Turlock 95380
Malcolm K. Sears, Canoga Park High School, 6850 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Canoga Park 91303
Earl W. Smith, Tomales High School, Box 198, Tomales 94971
John Sylvia, Mt. Whitney High School, 900 South Conya, Visalia 93277

FLORIDA

Elmer E. Badger, Ocoee Junior High School, Bluford Avenue, Ocoee 32761
Walter W. Massey, Kathleen Senior High School, 2600 Crutchfield Road, Lakeland 33801
Larry Reese, Santa Fe High School, Route 2, Box 253 B, Alachua 32615

GEORGIA

W. G. Parker, Ware County High School, Rt. 4, Box 193, Waycross 31501
Ernest L. Partridge, Gilmer High School, Jasper Road, Ellijay 30540
John F. Spence, Southeast Bulloch County High School, Brooklet 30415

ILLINOIS

Vernon M. Bokemeier, Freeport Senior High School, Freeport 61032
Robert D. Cone, Salem Community High School, Salem 62881
Clifford J. Sichta, Lanark High School, Lanark 61046
B. L. Whittington, East Richland High School, 1200 E. Laurel Street, Olney 62450

INDIANA

Jim Cummings, Central Nine Vocational School, Box 403, Greenwood 46142
Ned Stump, Prairie Heights High School, RR 2, LaGrange 46761
William C. Wilder, Columbia City Joint High School, 600 N. Whitley Street, Columbia City 46725

KENTUCKY

Paul W. Roberts, Lincoln County High School, Stanford 40484

LOUISIANA

Robert G. Johnson, Many High School, Church Street, Many 71449
Charles W. Knight, Franklinton High School, 617 Main Street, Franklinton 70438
Louis Ryder, Sixth Ward Jr. High School, Rt. 1, Pearl River 70452

MARYLAND

Richard D. Bishoff, Southern Garrett High School, 1100 E. Oak Street, Oakland 21550

MASSACHUSETTS

George Yetman, Assabet Valley Regional High School, Fitchburg Street, Marlboro
01752

MICHIGAN

Frank J. Corrin, Corunna High School, Comstock Street, Corunna 48817
Ronald K. Stevens, Lakewood Public Schools, Rt. 3, Lake Odessa 48849

MINNESOTA

Douglas Hoseck, Hector Community High School, Hector 55342
John C. Larson, Slayton High School, Slayton 56172
Alois J. Lauer, Staples High School, Staples 56479
John E. Wright, Worthington Senior High School, 1211 Clary Street, Worthington
56187

MISSISSIPPI

Joe B. Hartley, South Panola High School, Highway 51 North, Batesville 38606
Charlie M. Thames, Jr., Edinburg High School, Rt. 8, Carthage 39051

MISSOURI

Elmer C. Boeckman, Scotland County High School, Memphis 63555
David R. Schneider, Cole County Schools, Russellville 65074
Andrew F. White, Warren County High School, Warrenton 63383

MONTANA

Donald O. Owen, Columbus High School, Columbus 59019

NEW YORK

Durwood Read Carman, Madison Central School, Madison 13402

NORTH CAROLINA

Reuben Richard French, Jr., Cary Senior High School, 638 Walnut Street, Cary 27511
Robert Benton Goodson, Charles D. Owen High School, Old U.S. 70, Swannanoa 28778
J. Roger Newby, West Carteret High School, Rt. 2, Box 390, Morehead City 28557
James Everette Sheffield, East Montgomery High School, Box 768, Biscoe 27209
R. A. Smith, Chocowinity High School, Box 100, Chocowinity 27817

OHIO

Gary W. Bauer, Big Walnut High School, Baughman Street, Sunbury 43074
Franklin Deeds, Cory-Rawson High School, Rawson 45881
Edgar Fawley, Hillsboro High School, 358 W. Main Street, Hillsboro 45133
Larry Lokai, Northwestern-Clark High School, 5650 Troy Road, Springfield 45502

OKLAHOMA

Elmo Castle, Garber High School, Garber 73738
Everett L. Chaffin, Perry High School, Perry 73077
Larry K. Cronkhite, Okarche Public Schools, Okarche 73762
Kent Metcalf, Altus High School, 400 N. Park Avenue, Altus 73521

OREGON

Bruce Moos, Linn-Benton Community College, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd., Albany 97321
Joe Witty, Adrian High School, Adrian 97901

PENNSYLVANIA

Paul G. Benchoff, Waynesboro Area Senior High School, East Second Street,
Waynesboro 17268
Randall G. Campbell, Derry Area Senior High School, RD 1, Box 169, Derry 15627
John G. Myers, Red Lion Area Senior High School, 200 Horace Mann Avenue,
Red Lion 17356

TENNESSEE

Nate Adam Bastian, Smith County High School, Carthage 37030
Benny F. Moore, Dyersburg High School, Hwy. 51 By Pass, Dyersburg 38024
Russell Watson, Warren County Senior High School, Rebel Hill, McMinnville 37110

TEXAS

Wade Bailey, Electra High School, 400 East Roosevelt, Electra 76360
Franklin Maurice Brownfield, Colorado High School, 1500 Lone Wolf Blvd.,
Colorado City 79512
Joe R. Cuffman, Midland High School, 906 W. Illinois, Midland 79701
T. Earl Dunahoo, Mabank High School, Box 245, Mabank 75147
David Irwin, Chapel Hill High School, Rt. 7, Tyler 75701
Ernest C. Mahon, Jr., Judson High School, Box 369, Converse 78109
George W. Mingus, Valley Mills Independent School, Box 518, Valley Mills 76689
Herman H. Stoner, Sherman High School, 2201 East Lamar, Sherman 75090
Richard Watson, Sulphur Springs High School, Bell Street, Sulphur Springs 75482
Milburn E. Wink, Hamlin High School, Box 338, Hamlin 79520

VIRGINIA

C. C. Beam, Herndon High School, 700 Bennett Street, Herndon 22070
James J. Bohannon, Tunstall Senior High School, Rt. 1, Box 106-A, Dry Fork 24549
James Douglas Puckett, William Campbell High School, Naruna 24578

WASHINGTON

Harold Gilkey, R. A. Long High School, 2903 Nichols Blvd., Longview 98632

WEST VIRGINIA

Phillip Burton Winters, Wirt County High School, Elizabeth 26143

WISCONSIN

Wilbur C. Foth, Dodgeand High School, South Main Street, Juneau 53039

Raymond L. Hoeft, Omro High School, 455 Leach Street, Omro 54963

Ben Hylkema, West High School, 1200 W. Wausau Avenue, Wausau 54401

WYOMING

Jack Humphrey, Laramie County Community College, 1400 East College Avenue,
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001

TOTAL NUMBER OF TEACHERS ----- 81

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS*

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

1976

Article IV - Section C - Paragraph 3 -- Procedure for Determining Standing of State Associations, Chapters and Members

The member pays his dues regularly ~~and conducts himself in a manner becoming a member of the organization.~~

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: The member pays dues regularly and acts in a manner consistant with the ideals of the organization.

Article V - Section B - Paragraph 3 -- Membership

A member who is in good standing at the time ~~he is inducted~~ into the armed forces of the United States of America shall be in good standing during the period of his induction without further payment of dues or attendance at meetings. Time spent in the armed forces

No individual, however, may retain ~~his~~ active membership beyond ~~his~~ 23rd birthday.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: A member who is in good standing at the time of induction into the armed forces of the United States of America shall be in good standing during the priod of active service without further payment of dues or attendance at meetings. Time spent in the armed forces shall not be considered as elapsed time in determin^g the maximum period of three years after the first national convention following graduation from high school of leaving high school. Members making use of this waiver of service time for the purpose of maintaining active membership for application for advanced degrees, must resume active participation within six months after having been honorably discharged from service, indicating such a desire by payment of dues and attendance at meetings. Members participating in the six-months' Armed Service Program shall be eligible for one full year of extended membership. No individual, however, may retain active membership beyond the 23d birthday.

Article VI - Section C - Paragraph 5 -- Active Membership Degree and Privileges "Chapter Farmer Degree"

Have earned at least \$50.00 by ~~his own efforts from his Supervised Occupational Experience Program in agriculture production and/or agribusiness or worked 50 hours in the case of Directed Laboratory Experience in agriculture and/or agribusiness.~~

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Have earned at least \$50.00 by the member's own effort or worked 50 hours (other than scheduled class time) in a Supervised Agricultural Occupational Experience Program.

*Underscored portion indicates the proposed modifications.

(OVER)

Article VI - Section D - Paragraph 3 -- Active Membership Degree and Privileges "State Farmer Degree"

Have earned and productively invested at least \$500 by ~~his-own-efforts from his-supervised-farming-and/or-other-agricultural-occupational experience-program, or have worked (other than class-scheduled-time) at least 600 hours in the case of directed laboratory experience-program, or a combination thereof.~~

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Have earned and productively invested at least \$500 by the member's own effort or worked (other than scheduled class time) at least 600 hours in a Supervised Agricultural Occupational Experience Program or a combination thereof.

Article VI - Section D - Paragraph 8 -- "State Farmer Degree"

Each State Association shall be entitled.....

The State advisor will then review the records and submit ~~his-recommendations~~ to the governing body of the State Association. This.....

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Each State Association shall be entitled to elect at least 10 qualified individuals annually; where State membership exceeds 500, not more than 3%* of the total State membership may be elected (fractions counted in the nearest whole number). Written records of achievement verified by the local advisor shall be submitted to the State advisor by the local chapter's governing body at least one month prior to the State convention. The State Advisor will then review the records and submit a recommendation to the governing body of the State Association. This body will nominate at the regular State convention the candidates who have been found most worthy to receive the honor. The State Farmer Degree will be awarded to the candidates upon approval by the delegates.

Article VI - Section E - Paragraph 3 -- "American Farmer Degree"

Must have earned and productively invested at least \$1,000 by ~~his-own efforts from his-supervised-farming-and/or-other-agricultural-occupational experience-program.~~

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Must have earned and productively invested at least \$1,000 from the member's own efforts from a supervised agricultural experience program.

Article VI - Section E - Paragraph 4 -- "American Farmer Degree"

Show outstanding ability as evidenced by ~~his~~ leadership and cooperation in student, chapter, and community activities and have a satisfactory scholarship record certified by the local school superintendent or principal.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Show outstanding ability as evidenced by leadership and cooperation in student, chapter and community activities and have a satisfactory scholarship record certified by the local school superintendent or principal.

Article IX - Section D -- National Officers and Procedures for Election

The Nominating Committee consisting of two members from each of the four regions and one at large, shall study and review the qualifications of each applicant who is eligible and whose application has been approved by ~~his~~ State Advisor for consideration as a national officer. This committee shall report during the national convention.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: The Nominating Committee consisting of two members from each of the four regions and one at large, shall study and review the qualifications of each applicant who is eligible and whose application has been approved by the State Advisor for consideration as a national Officer. This committee shall report during the national convention.

Article XIV - Section B -- National Board of Directors

The National Board of Directors shall designate the chairman and two members of ~~his~~ staff as a Governing Committee which, when the Board is not in session, shall have and exercise the powers of the Board subject to its written direction and have the power to authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to all papers which may require it.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: The National Board of Directors shall designate the chairman and two members of the Office of Education staff as a Governing Committee which, when the Board is not in session, shall have and exercise the powers of the Board subject to its written direction and have the power to authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to all papers which may require it.

Bylaws

Article III - Section A -- Procedures for Electing Members of the Board of Directors

The four State Supervisors..... In case the elected member of the National Board of Directors is unable to attend a scheduled meeting, ~~his-elected-alternate-or-another-selected-by-that-regional-board member-shall-serve-at-that-meeting.~~

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: The four State Supervisors authorized in Section 8 (a) (3) of Public Law 740 to serve on the National Board of Directors, shall be elected (one from each region established in Section B of Article III of these Bylaws by the National Board of Directors) by the State Supervisors of the respective regions. In case the elected member of the National Board of Directors is unable to attend a scheduled meeting, the elected alternate or another State Supervisor selected by that Regional Board member shall serve at that meeting.

(OVER)

Article III - Section D Procedures for Electing Members of the Board of Directors

Whenever a vacancy occurs..... Prior to the expiration of the term of a member of the National Board of Directors, the retiring board member shall arrange for the election of his successor.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Whenever a vacancy occurs among members of the National Board of Directors, other than from expiration of their terms of office, the alternate elected by the region shall serve the remainder of the term. Prior to the expiration of the term of a member of the National Board of Directors, the retiring board member shall arrange for the election of a successor.

Article IV - Section B -- Duties of National Officers

Vice President. It shall be the duty of each Vice President, acting under the direction of the President, to care for the welfare of the ~~FFA-Organization-in-his-respective-region~~. In case the office of President becomes vacant by resignation or otherwise, the First Vice President shall assume his duties, followed in turn, if occasion demands, by the Second, Third, and Fourth Vice Presidents in the order named.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Vice President. It shall be the duty of each Vice President, acting under the direction of the President, to care for the welfare of the region represented. In case the office of President becomes vacant by resignation or otherwise, the First Vice President shall assume the duties of the President, followed in turn, if occasion demands, by the Second, Third and Fourth Vice Presidents in the order named.

Article IV - Section C

The Secretary. The Secretary shall perform the duties common to such an office. ~~He shall perform such other duties as he is directed to perform by the Board of National Officers and by the Executive Secretary.~~

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: The Secretary. The Secretary shall perform the duties common to such an office and other duties as directed by the Board of National Officers and by the National Executive Secretary.

Article V - Section A -- Duties of the Executive Secretary, National FFA Treasurer and National Advisor

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: The Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary shall:

1. Issue charters to State Associations when directed to do so by the National Board of Directors.
2. Keep the official records of members and progress of the organization.
3. Receive all reports from State Associations, review them, and inform the National Board of Directors of any proceedings which appear in conflict with the provisions of the National FFA Constitution or Public Law 740.

4. Submit a budget of proposed expenditures to the Board of National Officers and Board of Directors annually covering the same period as that covered in the annual report of the National FFA Treasurer.
5. Keep or have kept correct and complete minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Board of National Officers, the National Board of Directors, the Governing Committee, and of any other committee or officially convened meeting of members or officers charged with the transaction of any business affecting the organization and furnish copies to members of the National Board of Directors.
6. Keep a record of all officers of the organization, their terms of office, and of all members of the Future Farmers of America entitled to vote at a national convention.
7. Be in charge of arrangements for the annual national convention.
8. Perform such other duties as directed by the National Board of Directors and/or the National Advisor.

Article V - Section B

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: The National FFA Treasurer. The National FFA Treasurer shall:

1. Be responsible for the custody of all funds and other assets of the organization except as otherwise directed by the National Board of Directors.
2. Keep correct and complete books and records of accounts concerning all financial transactions of the organization.
3. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the National Board of Directors.

Article V - Section C

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: The National Advisor. The National Advisor shall:

1. Serve as Chairman of the National Board of Directors.
2. Advise the Board of National Officers, National Board of Directors, delegates and committees on matters of policy and assist the National Officers in conducting meetings and carrying out programs.
3. Serve as an ex officio member of all committees.
4. Review all applications for the American Farmer Degree as submitted by States, submitting them in turn to the National Officers and the National Board of Directors.

Article VI - Section B -- The Fiscal Year

Books and records of the organization may be inspected by any member or his agent ~~or attorney~~, at any reasonable time.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Books and records of the organization may be inspected by any member or member's agent at any reasonable time. Arrangement for such inspections will be made with the National Advisor.

(NOTE: All of the above Proposed Amendments refer to the elimination of sex stereotyping.)

Constitution

Article V - Section B - Paragraph 1 -- Membership

"Active Membership" - Any student who is regularly enrolled in ~~vocational agriculture is entitled to become an active member of any chartered FFA chapter.~~

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Any student who is regularly enrolled in and attending vocational agriculture classes at the ninth grade level or above and has paid dues is entitled to become an active member in any chartered FFA Chapter. Active membership entitles the member to full voting privileges and to become actively involved in all chapter activities.

Article VI - Section B - Paragraph 1 -- Active Membership Degrees and Privileges

Be regularly enrolled in a vocational education course for an agricultural occupation and have satisfactory ~~and acceptable plans for a program of supervised farming and/or other agricultural occupational experience.~~

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Be regularly enrolled in a vocational education course for an agricultural occupation and have satisfactory plans for a supervised agricultural occupation program.

Article VI - Section C - Paragraph 5 -- (Proposed by South Dakota Association)

"Have earned at least ~~\$50.00~~ \$100.00"

Article VI - Section D - Paragraph 3 -- Proposed by South Dakota Association

"Have earned and productively invested at least ~~\$500~~ \$1,000...."

Article VI - Section E - Paragraph 1

Must have the State Farmer Degree and have been an active member ~~of the FFA continuously~~ for at least 36 months, and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter and State association.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Must have the State Farmer Degree and have been an active member for at least the immediate past 36 months, and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities at the local chapter and State association.

Article VI - Section E - Paragraph 3 -- (Proposed by South Dakota Association)

"Must have earned and productively invested at least ~~\$1,000-~~ \$2,500....."

Article VII - Section A - Paragraph 2 -- Procedure for Choosing Candidates for the American Farmer Degree

Each State ~~shall receive~~ two Degrees for the first 500 members, one Degree for the next 500 members and one Degree for each additional 666 2/3 members (rounded off to the nearest whole number). ~~No State shall receive less than two Degrees.~~

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Each State is eligible to receive two Degrees for the first 500 members, one Degree for the next 500 members and one Degree for each 666 2/3 members (rounded off to the nearest whole number).

Article VII - Section D -

American Farmer candidates must be recommended by the National Board of Directors and Board of National Officers and approved by the delegates present at ~~national convention of FFA.~~

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: American Farmer candidates must be recommended by the National Board of Directors and Board of National Officers at the July meeting. The candidates shall then be approved by the delegates present at the following national convention of the FFA.

Article IX - Section C -- National Officers and Procedures for Election

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: A State may recommend one candidates for National Office each year. The State's candidate shall be approved by the State Advisor on a nomination form submitted to the National Executive Secretary on or before September 1st. All candidates shall be notified as to their eligibility on or before September 15. Those declared not eligible may file an appeal with the National Advisor not later than October 1. The FFA Governing Committee shall vote on any appeal and formally notify the candidates of their decision on or before October 15.

Section D - Amendment of Former Section C.

Present wording: The national officers shall ~~be elected annually from members holding the American Farmer Degree by a majority vote of the delegates assembled at the national convention.~~

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: The National Officers shall hold the American Farmer Degree at the time of their election and must be active members for the duration of their term in office. They shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates assembled at the national convention.

Section E - Amendment of Former Section D.

Present wording: The Nominating Committee consisting of two members from each of the four regions and one at large, shall study and review the qualifications of each applicant who is eligible ~~and whose application has been approved by his State Advisor for consideration as a national officer.~~ This committee shall report during the national convention.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: The Nominating Committee consisting of two members from each of the four regions and one at large shall study and review the qualifications of each applicant who is eligible. This committee shall report on its nominations during the National Convention.

Present Section E becomes Section F.

Present Section F becomes Section G.

Article XII - Section B -- To Read as Follows:

"....plus one additional delegate for each 5,000 active members or major fraction thereof above the first 5,000....."

(Approved at January 26-29, 1976 National FFA Board of Directors Meeting.)

MEETING OF CONSULTANTS

HONORARY AMERICAN FARMERS & OTHER RECOGNITIONS

John Murray, Chairman

The group addressed itself to:

Review request of Massachusetts concerning the scale of a minimum of 2,500 points for the Honorary American Farmer Degree and the state quota concerning number allowed from each state according to number of Ag teachers employed.

The group recommended that the present system adopted in January, 1976 concerning a minimum of 2,500 points and state quotas remain the same at the present time.

It was also indicated in the discussion that the maximum of 75 was listed in the teacher category in January and it should be removed when policy is re-written so as not to be in conflict with the new allocation based upon state quotas by number of teachers.

Honorary American Farmer Degrees

The group recommended the Division of Farmers, Industry and Education maximum remain at 40.

Furthermore, the group recommended:

(1) That the number of Teacher Educators and Supervisors be raised from 15 to 20.

(2) That the number of VIP Citations remain at 5.

(3) That a maximum of 30 Distinguished Service awards be conferred.

(4) That a maximum of 3 Distinguished Service citations be presented to businesses, agriculture and organizations.

(5) Members of the FFA Board of Directors and Consultants automatically receive the Honorary Degree at the conclusion of their term.

(6) That the application forms be re-structured to provide more information about contributions and services rendered to FFA by the proposed recipients for all degrees and annual recognitions.

(7) All State Staffs should be encouraged to prepare and submit applications each year.

(8) That the 50th Convention Planning Committee provide one ~~time~~ special recognition awards for outstanding members for this celebration.

(OVER)

2.

(9) That for special cases the Boards be allowed to exceed the restricted maximum number of degrees and awards listed.

(10) That the number of Honorary American Farmer Degrees to be awarded to each National Officer be decided annually by the Boards in July.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. Weber,
Recording Secretary

APPENDIX F

FFA Opportunity for Vo Ag Students with Special Needs

- A) OBJECTIVE - To involve selected Vo-ag students in need of, and those who will profit by experiences in personal development, leadership training, and future citizenship not otherwise available to them because of economic handicaps.
- B) PROPOSAL - The Board of Directors and National Officers approve and recommend to the Board of Trustees the funding of \$15,000 or more at \$5,000 increments, as a special project to involve Vo-ag students (FFA members) having leadership potential and who are confronted with economic needs in systematically planned motivational and pertinent personal development activities for FFA members.
- C) TARGET PLAN - In the summer of 1977, hold at least one, and hopefully two 3-5 day leadership conferences for students as identified in A). This would involve at least 60-80 FFA members from not less than 3 and not more than 5 states for each conference. In the year following, similar conferences would be held in every region. These to be different to, and not in conflict with, conferences currently held.
- D) STEPS TO BE TAKEN -
 - a. Selection of a Coordinator.
 - b. Selection and training of staff, both youth & adult.
 - c. Budgeting.
 - d. Selection of sites and states to be involved.
 - e. Determination of criteria for student's participating.
 - f. Selection of student participants.
 - g. Conference planning, promotion, working with state staff, etc.
 - h. Follow up.

A special advisory committee would meet, consisting of representatives from the Board of Directors, National Officers, and National Staff. The program would be thoroughly evaluated and revised annually or more often.
- E) GOAL AND FOLLOWUP - The Conferences will be designed to stimulate and motivate selected FFA members and prepare them so that at least 65% may attain leadership positions in their local chapter.

ATTACHMENT
Report of Permanent Advisory Committee

FFA International Programs

A. Work Experience Abroad Program

1. Situation: Approximately 120 participants, 60 each way. Program is self-sustaining. Because of minimum wage rates and local customs, FFA has difficulty in placing female applicants.

2. Recommendations

- a. Move deadline for receipt of application from April 1 to March 1.
- b. WEA applicants should have approval of Chapter Advisor plus a personal interview and recommendation of State WEA coordinator.
- c. State WEA Coordinator should be a member of the State Supervisory staff but State FFA Advisor could designate a Teacher Educator, State Alumni Officer, State Young Farmer Association Officer, Vocational Agriculture Teacher, or past WEA participant.
- d. National FFA Center should write each State Advisor between July 1 and August 31 each year to update designation of WEA Coordinator.
- e. All placement in U.S. should be made through State WEA Coordinator for Production Agriculture. Original contacts for specialized programs may be made by National FFA Center, but in all cases final approval of sites is routed through the States.
- f. National FFA Center Staff is authorized to initiate contacts with additional countries to inform them of FFA WEA Program.

B. Educational Exchange Program - USSR

1. Situation: This program initiated by the White House Director of Youth Affairs proposes a three week exchange program with the U.S. delegation visiting USSR in May, 1977 and the USSR delegation visiting the U.S. in July, 1977.

(OVER)

2.

2. Recommendation

- a. Request approval of FFA Board of Directors to submit to FFA Foundation Board of Trustees for funding as a special project.

C. Work Experience Proposals from Poland and Romania

1. Situation: These two proposals encompass large numbers of exchange students and include some instructional programs.

2. Recommendation

- a. Refer to National Advisor suggesting that more information regarding feasibility be obtained. Input should be obtained from NVATA, Post-Secondary Institutions and Teacher Educators.

D. CAIJR - Inter-American Rural Youth Advisory Council

1. Situation: Invitation issued by CAIJR that FFA become consultant to council.

2. Recommendation

- a. That FFA accept invitation to serve as consultant to CAIJR with amount of activity dependent on staff time and budget.

E. Classroom International

1. Situation: This proposal which would provide a twelve week intensive work/study program designed to provide in-depth study of international agricultural trade.

2. Recommendations

- a. That further study be made of the proposal including such items as:

1. Selection of student applicants

2. Utilization of both two-year and four-year students

3. Obtain information from business and industry

4. Consideration of self-sponsored foreign students

F. Country-to-Country Program

Recommendations

1. FFA Board reaffirm previous approval of concept.
2. Approve FFA staff discussion with officials from AID, World Bank and other such groups as to possibility of FFA organization obtaining contract to serve one or more countries. Such discussions should also explore legal phases of such contracts.
3. That this project not be presented to FFA Foundation at present time.

G. International Judging Contests

Recommendations

1. That National FFA Organization certify National FFA judging contest winners for international competition if and when States make request, with the understanding that State's team provide all funding for trips.
 2. That FFA Foundation funds not be used for funding judging team travel to international competition.
- H. Proposal for Selecting a high level committee to identify competencies needed for International Agriculture

Recommendation

The committee approves the idea in principal but feels that such activities should be handled by the Agricultural Education Staff, USOE rather than FFA.

I. First World Conference in Agricultural Education - Ag Olympics

Situation: Responses to invitations show 22 countries plan to attend. More may accept invitations. Planning is on schedule.

Recommendations to Staff

1. Check with "Food for Peace" to see if they can furnish necessary equipment for translation.
2. Check with AID (James Woodhull) regarding translation of judging score cards.

4.

3. Selection of five adults - Suggestions: Gordon Swanson, Fred McClure, one person from AID.
4. Selection of five youths - Select one per FFA Region and one at-large. Invite each State to recommend one person, Application signed by applicant and State Advisor.
5. Suggested points to consider in selection: Active or Alumni FFA member, age 18-24, State Officer or equivalent, international experience desirable, currently involved in agriculture at doing level.
6. Provide room and meals for U.S. youth participants - State furnish travel.
7. Check on possibility of furnishing new FFA jackets with special lettering on front for five U.S. youth participants.
8. Attempt to schedule Dr. Earl Butz to speak to International Group separately from presentation to FFA Convention.

FFA Permanent Advisory Committee:

Chairman, Dr. Richard F. Welton, Southern Illinois University
Mr. Bobby Tucker, National President
Mr. Robert F. Crawley, State Supervisor, Arkansas
Mr. Homer Edwards, USOE Regional Office, Chicago, Illinois
Mr. Paul Stull, Principal, Frederick County Co-Tech Center, Frederick, MD.

Consultants:

Mr. John Watkins - Ohio
Mr. Gary Johnson - Wisconsin
Mr. Mike Martindale - Michigan
Mr. James Woodhull - AID

Staff:

Mr. H. N. Hunsicker
Mr. William Paul Gray
Mr. Lennie H. Gamage
Miss Anne De Rivaz
Mr. Don McDowell