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## TENTATIVE AGENDA

### BOARDS OF NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS Room M-4 Hotel President

October 12-14, 1968

Kansas City, Missouri

Call to Order -- 2:00 p.m. -- Saturday, October 12

- ✓ 1. Program Adjustments
- ✓ 2. Recommendations by Board Members and National Officers

#### Old Business

- ✓ 1. Approval of Minutes -- July Meeting and Governing Committee Meetings
- ✓ 2. Review of American Farmer Application from South Carolina
- 3. Identify the Crucial Problems and Challenges in FFA and Establish Procedures for Meeting Them
- 4. Review Proposed Constitutional and Other Changes in the FFA Organization and Determine Appropriate Action to be Recommended
- 5. Determine Appropriate Action Related to the Proposed Revision of PL 740
- 6. Recommendations Regarding the Proposed National FFA Center for Leadership Development
- 7. Recommendations Regarding Increase in Dues

#### Special Reports

- 1. National FFA Officer Activities and Suggestions
- ✓ 2. Re-zoning of Land -- Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Harris
- ✓ 3. International Activities -- Mr. Gray and Mr. Gamage
- ✓ 4. Plans for the 1969 Leadership Conferences and Seminars -- Mr. Harris
- 5. Preliminary Report of the 1969-70 FFA Budget Including Personnel and New Activities ( Modifications and Adoption in January )

#### New Business

- 1. Consideration of Items Proposed by National FFA Officers and Board of Directors
- 2. Determine 1970 Theme for National FFA Week -- Mr. Pitzer
- 3. Future Plans for the FFA Archives -- Mr. Gray
- 4. Review Plans for the Services of VTE Program Officers on Board of Directors
- 5. Consideration of Establishing a National Outlook Planning Committee to Determine Needed FFA Modifications
- ✓ 6. Suggestions of the Auditors
- 7. Plans for the January Meeting
- 8. Review of the National FFA Convention Plans and Distribution of Responsibilities -- Mr. Gray

a. Convention Program

-- Diehl - Gray

b. American Royal	-- Gray
c. Registration	-- Carnes
d. Officer-Delegate Orientation and Luncheon	-- Bamford
e. Public Speaking Contest	-- Foltz
f. Vespers	-- Rish - Harris
g. American Farmer Ceremony	-- Garr
h. Star Farmer Pageant	-- Gray - Farrar
i. Honorary American Farmer Degrees	-- Thornton
j. Distinguished Service Awards	-- Gray
k. Foundation Awards	-- Brubaker
l. Chapter Awards	-- Bynum
m. Agriculture Career Show	-- Foltz
n. State Exhibits	-- Warren
o. Donor Reception	-- Boehm
p. Donor Recognition	-- Bamford
q. Officer Tryouts	-- Garr - Gemmill
r. Committee Work	-- Jones - Harris
s. Foreign Guests	-- Gray - Gamage
t. Meal Functions	-- Gray
u. Courtesy Corps Ushers	-- Wilson - Hairr
v. Tours	-- Rawls
w. Judging Contests	-- Lacey - Taft
x. Movie	-- Gray
y. Star Farmer Judging	-- Hunsicker
z. Band and Chorus	-- Gray

Special Session - National FFA Foundation - Board of Trustees ( Monday )

1. Determine Advisability of Selecting all National Winners of Foundation Awards in Kansas City rather than in Washington
2. Consideration of Major Changes in the Operation of the Sponsoring Committee and the FFA Foundation and Their Relationships to the FFA Organization
3. Appointment of Special Committees Authorized at the July Meeting
4. Status of Foundation Application Forms and Publications -- Mr. Foltz and Mr. Gray
5. Strengths and Weaknesses of Foundation Award Applications and the Judges' Suggestions -- Mr. Foltz

## MINUTES

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

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The meeting of the Boards of Directors and National Officers of the Future Farmers of America was called to order at 2:00 p.m., in Room M-4 of the Hotel President, Kansas City, Missouri, by H. N. Hunsicker, Chairman of the Board. Those present, in addition to Mr. Hunsicker, included:

George R. Cochran, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, St. Paul, Minn.;  
J. C. Fink, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Harrisburg, Penn.;  
V. B. Hairr, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Raleigh, N. C.;  
John W. Lacey, Office of Education, Denver, Colorado;  
Byron F. Rawls, Office of Education, Kansas City, Missouri;  
Jesse A. Taft, Office of Education, Boston, Massachusetts;  
J. W. Warren, Office of Education, Charlottesville, Virginia;  
D. E. Wilson, Chief, Agricultural Education, Sacramento, California.

#### Alternates

H. E. Edwards, Office of Education, Chicago, Illinois;  
M. C. Gaar, Office of Education, Atlanta, Georgia.

#### Board of National Officers

Greg Bamford, National FFA President, Haxtun, Colorado;  
Paul Diehl, National FFA Secretary, Butler, Missouri;  
William Boehm, National FFA Vice President, Mosinee, Wisconsin;  
John Gemmill, National FFA Vice President, Peoria, Arizona;  
Richard D. Jones, National FFA Vice President, Hamilton, New York;  
Robert D. Rish, National FFA Vice President, Pelion, South Carolina.

#### Consultants

Wm. Paul Gray, National FFA Executive Secretary, Washington, D.C.;  
J. M. Campbell, National FFA Treasurer, Richmond, Virginia;  
Tom L. Devin, President, NVATA, Dumas, Texas.

Others attending all or a part of the sessions included: Wilson W. Carnes, Editor, The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, Alexandria, Virginia;  
John J. Farrar, Director of Information for the FFA, Washington, D.C.;  
John C. Foltz, Manager of Public Relations, FFA, Washington, D.C.; Lennie Gamage, Advertising Manager, The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, Alexandria, Virginia;  
Coleman Harris, FFA Program Specialist, Washington, D.C.; E. J. Hawkins, Manager, Future Farmers Supply Service, Alexandria, Virginia;  
E. J. Johnson, Consultant for the FFA, Washington, D.C.; Glenn Luedke, Regional Advertising Manager, The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, Alexandria, Virginia;  
Richard Thompson, Midwest Advertising Manager, The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, Chicago, Illinois; W. H. Wayman, Former State Supervisor of

Agricultural Education, Charleston, West Virginia; Lewis Brubaker, Austin D. Bynum, and Harry Thornton, participants in the 1968-1969 FFA Fellowship Program; Don Gentry, State Department of Public Instruction, Indianapolis, Indiana; W. T. Johnson, Agricultural and Technical College, Greensboro, N.C.; and M. D. Myers, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana (Director of the FFA Chorus.)

The Chairman opened the meeting by asking the members to observe a moment of silent meditation.

INTRODUCTIONS -- The Chairman introduced those present and extended a welcome to all non-participants who were there as observers. This was followed by brief remarks by the National FFA President, Greg Bamford.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES -- The Chairman then called for approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting. A discussion followed on the present status of certain items discussed in July. These included, in question and answer form, the following:

1. Has the Peace Corps made final settlement to the FFA for its program in Pakistan? ..... Yes
2. Has a sponsor been found for the Executive Secretaries' Leadership Seminar? ..... No
3. Has the NFA History been completed by Dr. Norris? ..... No
4. Has appropriate action been taken with reference to questions raised by Congressman Emanuel Celler, Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary, with respect to the method of reporting FFA dues and magazine subscriptions? ..... Yes

MOTION ON APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES -- It was moved by Richard Jones (Hairr) \*, seconded by William Boehm (Cochran) and carried, that the Minutes of the Previous Meeting be accepted as mimeographed and distributed.

APPROVAL OF GOVERNING COMMITTEE MINUTES -- It was moved by Robert Rish (Hairr), seconded by John Gemmill (Taft) and carried, that the Minutes of the Governing Committee Meeting, dated August 20, 1968, be accepted. (See Appendix I.)

REPORTS FROM REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES -- Regional members of the Board were asked to present suggestions they have received from the States in their respective Regions, for consideration. The Agenda was then revised accordingly.

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\* For the purpose of brevity, the names of the Board of Directors members moving to sustain the action of the National Officers are included in the parentheses following the name of the respective National Officer who made and seconded the motion.

AMERICAN FARMER APPLICANT - SOUTHERN REGION - REINSTATED -- A discussion was held concerning the application submitted by Franklin G. Vernon, of Blanch, North Carolina, for the American Farmer Degree. This application was rejected by the Boards at the July meeting because of incomplete records. Robert Rish and Mr. Hairr requested that the application be reconsidered since, upon further investigation, it was found that an error had been made in typing the application form and the sum of \$7,500.00 was inadvertently omitted. This represented the applicant's investment in Agri-Business projects.

MOTION -- It was moved by John Gemmill (Hairr), seconded by William Boehm (Rawls) and carried, that Franklin G. Vernon, of Blanch, North Carolina, be recommended for the American Farmer Degree.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES BY NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS -- The Chairman called upon each of the National Officers for a report on FFA activities since the last Board meeting. They included attendance and participation in the following: (1) Leadership Conferences in 30 States; (2) World Food Exposition; (3) Farm Industrial Equipment Institute, Atlanta, Georgia; (4) National Plowing Contest, Hershey, Pennsylvania; (5) Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, Massachusetts; (6) Annual Meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation, Blacksburg, Virginia; (7) Junior Achievers Conference; and (8) American Youth Foundation Meeting, Camp Miniwanca. Members of the Board complimented the Officers on their outstanding leadership abilities.

REZONING OF LAND AT FFA CENTER -- Mr. Hawkins reported that he had met with the Chief of the Fairfax County, Virginia, Zoning Board with reference to this Board's request to have the six acres along Route 1, at the FFA Center, rezoned from "Commercial" to "Non-Taxable" status. Mr. Hawkins was told that since this was a rather "unusual" request, a hearing would be required. Mr. Hawkins then recommended that the rezoning be delayed until a decision is reached on the proposed National FFA Leadership Center.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES -- Reports were given by Mr. Gray and Lennie Gamage, Advertising Manager of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, on proposed future activities on the International level. Mr. Gray stated that four teachers, an administrator, and an interpreter from Vietnam had returned home, after attending the 1967 National FFA Convention, and have organized Future Farmer chapters at six vocational agriculture schools in Vietnam. Thailand is making progress in a similar program, and FFA materials have been furnished to each country. Mr. Gamage distributed copies of a proposed FFA International Program for 1969-1970. This included 12 objectives for promoting friendly relationships between the National FFA Organization, and youth and leaders in business and industry in other countries. Also included was a proposed time schedule of Study Tours and Exchange Programs, setting forth procedures and methods of funding. He estimated that it would require 20% to 25% of one person's time to conduct these activities. The Chairman thanked Mr. Gamage for his presentation, but recommended that this matter be held in abeyance until the National Program of Activities and budget is developed and approved.

NATIONAL FFA LEADERSHIP PROGRAM -- Copies of a comprehensive 14-page National FFA Leadership Program, for the Period July 1, 1969 - June 30, 1970, were distributed to the Board members. Coleman Harris explained the Program, its objectives and activities, proposed dates of National and Regional Conferences, procedures, suggested budgets, and methods of financing. He also presented a detailed breakdown of the \$13,000.00 budget already approved by the National FFA Foundation for a National Leadership and Citizenship Conference for State Representatives, scheduled for July 20-26, 1969. Mr. Harris recommended that State FFA Presidents and one other FFA Representative, selected by each State, be served by this program. Also included in the booklet and discussion was the 1969 National Workshop for State FFA Executive Secretaries. Both Boards complimented Mr. Harris on his excellent presentation and suggested that he proceed with the program.

REPORT ON NATIONAL FFA ARCHIVES -- A brief report was given by E. J. Johnson on the Archives. He stressed the fact that biographies are needed on the youth and adults who attended the 1928 National Convention, particularly those who served in an administrative capacity. Also needed are pictures and material objects of the first meeting. Each item submitted should be dated and identified. Mr. Johnson requested pictures of the first three groups of National FFA Officers. Thus far, he has only newspaper prints of them. Taped, oral histories will be welcomed. Other needs include: A complete set of the American Farm Youth Magazine, the AVA Journal, and the Agricultural Education Magazine; and names of persons who assisted with the early FFA Judging Contests, starting in 1926. Mr. Johnson concluded his remarks by asking that he be relieved of his duties with the Archives by January 31, 1969, at the latest. The Chairman, on behalf of the entire Board, thanked Mr. Johnson for donating his time to this worthy project and for his diligent efforts in its behalf.

AUDITOR'S REPORT -- The Chairman told of a recent meeting in his office with Messrs. John Stoy and Don Jones, of Stoy, Malone & Company, Public Accountants, who audit the accounts of The Future Farmers Supply Service and The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine. They also prepare an annual Combined Audit of all FFA Accounts. A summarization of their comments and suggestions was made and copies were distributed to the Board members. While this report commended those responsible for FFA operations, it warned against any further deficit operation, as followed the past two years, and strongly recommended that the organization be made self-supporting. The report also pointed out that the new FFA Retirement and Social Security Systems, placed in effect in May, 1968, will increase operating expenses in 1968-1969. Several suggestions were offered for increasing revenues -- among them, an increase in national dues. The auditors thought a \$1.50, per member, national dues should be considered, and that a minimum of 60¢ per member for FFA dues, exclusive of the magazine subscription, was necessary to support the organization's operation, without depending upon further increases in funds from the FFA Supply Service. No action was taken.

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

October 13, 1968

The meeting was reconvened by the Chairman, in Room M-4 of the Hotel President, at 8:30 a.m., on Sunday, October 13, 1968, all members of the Board being present.

PROPOSED BUDGET - JULY 1, 1969 TO JUNE 30, 1970 -- Because of probable increases in salaries and higher operating costs, as well as increased need for financing new and expanding activities, a Proposed Budget for the Period July 1, 1969 to June 30, 1970, was distributed. This was in compliance with the request made at the July, 1968, meeting of the Boards. This Budget reflected an increase of \$195,150.00 over the 1968-1969 Budget. Also presented to the Board members was a Proposed Diagram showing the National FFA Administrative and Operational Functions, with probable additional staff in 1969-1970. Considerable discussion took place, on both the budget and the chart.

The meeting was recessed at 10:30 a.m. to permit members of the Board to attend church services.

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The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m., all members of the Board being present.

The first item discussed was the question of increased revenue, through dues. This matter was considered at length.

MOTION: INCREASE IN NATIONAL DUES -- It was moved by John Gemmill, and seconded by William Boehm, that the Board of National Officers recommend to the delegate body that the National dues, including a subscription to The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, be raised to \$1.00 per member.

Considerable discussion ensued. It was felt by some that a dues increase should be related to whether or not the National FFA Leadership Center is to be built, and whether the Proposed Budget for 1969-1970 is to be adopted. Mr. Rawls felt that more work needed to be done on the proposed budget, to clarify, more specifically, the proposed expanded program. The Chairman called upon the National Officers for comments on opinions expressed in the States with reference to an increase in dues. They reported that in most States visited, where this issue was discussed, an increase was deemed necessary -- but that justification for the increase should be shown.

Robert Rish moved the previous question. Seconded by Richard Jones. Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Fink, and seconded by Mr. Hairr, that the Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of National Officers.

Discussion followed. Some members of the Boards felt they could not vote on this motion unless the dues increase is tied to a definite expanded program, and debt reduction.

MOTION ON DUES INCREASE TABLED -- After further discussion, it was moved by Mr. Hairr, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried, that the motion on a dues increase be tabled until the following day. (See Page 8 for final action).

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO STUDY BUDGET FOR AN EXPANDED PROGRAM -- It was moved by Richard Jones (Hairr), seconded by Paul Diehl (Fink) and carried, that a committee be appointed to study this matter more thoroughly and report at the Monday morning session. (The Chairman appointed Messrs. Boehm, Gray, Hairr, Jones, Taft and Wilson to work on this Committee).

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AND OTHER SUGGESTED REVISIONS IN THE FFA ORGANIZATION - These matters were discussed at great length, and the following action was taken:

MOTION - RE: "THE AIM AND PURPOSES" -- (As listed on Page 11 of the Official FFA Manual) -- It was moved by Richard Jones (Wilson), seconded by William Boehm (Hairr) and carried, that the Board of National FFA Officers go on record as recommending to the delegate body that no change be made in the primary "Aim" -- and that the "Purposes" be revised as recommended by the Boards at their July meeting.

MOTION - RE: "THE FFA CREED" -- It was moved by Paul Diehl (Cochran), seconded by John Gemmill (Rawls) and carried, that the Board of National FFA Officers go on record as opposing the adoption of the suggested revisions in the "Creed".

MOTION - RE: ARTICLE I, SECTION A, "NAME AND PURPOSES" OF THE NATIONAL FFA CONSTITUTION -- It was moved by William Boehm (Rawls), seconded by Robert Rish (Wilson) and carried, that the Board of National FFA Officers recommend to the delegate body that the name of the organization remain "as is" -- but that emphasis be placed upon using the letters "FFA". It was recommended that Section A then read as follows:

"The official name of the organization shall be "The Future Farmers of America." It is proper to use the letters "FFA" to designate the organization, its units or members thereof. Members are hereinafter referred to as 'FFA members' ".

MOTION - RE: ARTICLE IV - SECTION B - "ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP" OF THE NATIONAL FFA CONSTITUTION -- It was moved by Richard Jones (Warren), seconded by William Boehm (Hairr) and carried unanimously, that the Board of National FFA Officers recommend to the delegate body that Article IV, Section B, "Active Membership" be amended by deleting the word "male". NOTE: Considerable discussion took place on lowering the age limit for active membership. It was agreed that no recommendation be made to the delegate body on this point.

MOTION - RE: ARTICLE IX, SECTION A., "THE NATIONAL ADVISOR, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, AND NATIONAL FFA TREASURER" -- AND ARTICLE XIII, "NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS", SECTION A, "GOVERNING BODY" -- It was moved by Richard Jones (Taft), seconded by Robert Rish (Warren) and carried, that the Board of National FFA Officers recommend to the delegate body that the suggested revisions to Article IX, Section A -- and Article XIII, Section A, not be adopted at this time.

MOTION - RE: ARTICLE XI, "MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS", SECTION B. -- It was moved by John Gemmill (Hairr), seconded by Paul Diehl (Cochran) and carried, that the Board of National FFA Officers recommend to the delegate body that Article XI, Section B, be amended, to read as follows:

"Each State Association is entitled to send two delegates from its active membership to the National Convention, plus one additional delegate for each 10,000 active members, or major fraction thereof, above the first 10,000, such delegates to be selected as provided in the State Constitution or Bylaws. Fifty-one per cent of the delegate body from at least 26 States shall constitute a quorum."

MOTION - RE: AVA STUDY COMMITTEE - POSSIBLE REVISIONS IN P.L. 740 -- It was moved by Robert Rish (Wilson), seconded by Paul Diehl (Lacey) and carried, that the Boards of National FFA Officers and Directors recommend to Mr. Hairr, as a member of the AVA Study Committee on P.L. 740, that any proposed amendments to Public Law 740 embody the principles in accordance with the proposed revisions to Article XIII, Section A, "Governing Body", as suggested by the Boards at their July, 1968, meeting.

MOTION - RE: POSSIBLE REVISION OF P.L. 740 -- It was moved by Richard Jones (Hairr), seconded by Paul Diehl (Wilson) and carried, that any action to revise Public Law 740 be taken as a cooperative effort between the National FFA Officers, the National FFA Board of Directors, the NVATA, the NASAE, and the AATEA.

DISCUSSION - PLANNING COMMITTEE -- Members of the Board discussed the advisability of establishing a National Outlook Planning Committee to determine needed FFA modifications. It was felt that too much time is spent in the Board meetings on matters of an administrative nature, and insufficient time is left for matters that really need to be considered. It was suggested that a Past and a Current National Officer should be on the committee, if and when established. No action was taken.

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

October 14, 1968

The meeting was reconvened by the Chairman at 8:30 a.m., on Monday, October 14, 1968, with H. E. Edwards serving as alternate for Mr. Taft at this session.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUDGET FOR AN EXPANDED PROGRAM -- On behalf of the Committee appointed to study budgetary problems, to justify an expanded FFA program, Richard Jones listed on the blackboard several plans -- showing estimated sources of income to meet the various proposed budgets. This report, for discussion purposes only, was studied at some length. It pointed up the fact that an increase in dues would be absolutely necessary in order to finance a meaningful program for 1969-1970.

PREVIOUS MOTION ON DUES, REMOVED FROM TABLE -- It was moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Rawls and carried, that the motion of yesterday, increasing National dues, including a subscription to The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, to \$1.00 per member, be removed from the table.

MOTION TO INCREASE DUES TO \$1.00 - PASSED -- After careful consideration of the recommendations by the special committee on dues and budget, the Chairman called for a vote on the previous motion, namely: Moved by Mr. Fink, and seconded by Mr. Hairr, that the Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of National Officers, increasing National dues, including a subscription to The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, to \$1.00 per member. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION - PROPOSED NATIONAL FFA CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT -- Mr. Gamage gave a progress report on plans for the proposed National FFA Leadership Center and commented on various methods of raising funds for building it.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT - APPROVED -- It was moved by Robert Rish, seconded by Richard Jones, and carried unanimously, that the National Board of FFA Officers recommend to the delegate body that plans for the development of a National FFA Leadership Center be approved. It was moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Hairr and carried, that the National Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of National Officers.

It was suggested that a committee be formed for the development of further architectural plans and methods of financing the Center.

NATIONAL FFA THEME FOR 1970 - ADOPTED -- Mr. Jack Pitzer, Associate Editor of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, gave a brief report on work done toward selecting a National FFA Theme for 1970. He offered several suggestions for consideration by the Board members.

After careful deliberation, it was moved by Paul Diehl (Cochran), seconded by Richard Jones (Warren) and carried, that the Board adopt the slogan, "FFA - Emphasis Agriculture" as the National FFA Theme for 1970.

FFA AND NFA DEGREES COMPARABLE -- The request has been made that all persons holding the "Superior Farmer Degree" in the former New Farmers of America Organization, should be entitled to wear the emblem of the "American Farmer Degree" in the FFA Organization. It was pointed out by Mr. Gray, in the discussion which followed, that this privilege was agreed upon by the Boards at the time the two organizations were merged. This means that any person holding a degree in the NFA may order, and wear, a pin or emblem of a comparable degree in the FFA Organization.

MOTION: It was moved by Richard Jones (Hairr), seconded by Paul Diehl (Warren) and carried, that it be re-emphasized that all NFA degree recipients have the rights and privileges of comparable degrees in the FFA Organization, as was stated at the time of the merger of the two organizations.

HIGHWAY MARKERS AND LIGHTS - FFA CENTER -- One member of the Board referred to a letter he had received from a State, inquiring why there are no identification markers on the highway approaching the National FFA Center. The letter also inquired whether some improvement might be made in the care and landscaping of the grounds. Mr. Hawkins stated that there is a regulation prohibiting the erection of signs along this highway. He also pointed out that every effort is made to maintain the grounds in an attractive manner, although at times this may be difficult since the work is performed by only one part-time employee. A suggestion, by another State, was made that outside lights be installed at the FFA Center. Mr. Hawkins reported that he had looked into this matter, and that the Virginia Electric Power Company would have to install four poles, to the parking area, at a cost of \$400.00. The monthly maintenance charge would be \$10.00 for each light. The company recommended that spot lights be installed, instead.

MOTION - RE: LIGHTS AT FFA CENTER -- It was moved by William Boehm (Wilson), seconded by John Gemmill (Rawls) and carried, that spot lights be mounted on the FFA Building, as soon as possible.

OPPOSITION TO METHOD OF COLLECTING FOR MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS -- One State felt its suggestions had been ignored by the Boards with respect to the present method of collecting for the magazine subscriptions. It was brought out that some members do not wish to subscribe to the Magazine, and they object to it being included with the dues. This matter was discussed at some length, and it was the consensus of opinion that the present system best serves the interest of the organization, and that, for the first time, the FFA has a complete record of membership. This has been helpful in checking active membership of all Regional and National Award Winners.

MOTION - THAT MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION BE OPTIONAL -- It was moved by Mr. Wilson that the question of subscribing, or not subscribing, to The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine be optional. The motion died for lack of a second.

LETTER FROM ANDREW DRUMM INSTITUTE - RE MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS -- A letter was read from the Vocational Agriculture Instructor at the Andrew Drumm Institute, Independence, Missouri, asking if an arrangement could be made whereby the boys of the Drumm FFA Chapter could subscribe to only 6 copies of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine. It was pointed out that there are 29 members in their FFA Chapter. They all live together, and they really have no need for 29 copies of the same magazine, especially since their funds are limited. They, therefore, requested that an exception be made in this instance. This matter was discussed, and the Boards agreed that it was a State problem; therefore, the matter should be referred to the Missouri FFA Association for handling.

DISCUSSION ON PRESENT MAKE-UP OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS -- A short discussion was held concerning the appropriateness of the present make-up of the National FFA Board of Directors. No formal action was taken.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL PRACTICES BEING FOLLOWED IN SOME STATES -- It was brought to the attention of the Board that some States are following practices which are unconstitutional. Specific examples were cited where the States had awarded State Farmer Degrees, or comparable degrees by another name, in excess of 2% of its total membership.

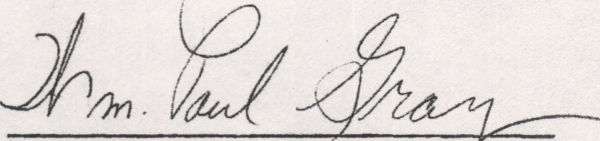
MOTION - RE: STATE DEGREES -- It was moved by William Boehm (Rawls), seconded by Paul Diehl (Wilson) and carried, that any State that is granting State Farmer Degrees, or comparable degrees under another name, in excess of 2% of its total membership, should be informed that this is in violation of the National FFA Constitution -- and if the practice is not discontinued, its National FFA Charter will be revoked.

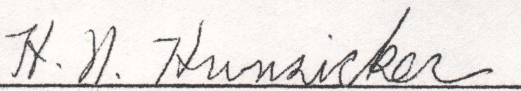
REVIEW OF CONVENTION RESPONSIBILITIES -- The remainder of the time was spent in reviewing National Convention responsibilities, and the specific duties and responsibilities of individual members of the Boards.

CHAIRMAN EXPRESSES APPRECIATION TO BOARD MEMBERS -- The Chairman expressed appreciation to the National Officers and members of the Board of FFA Directors for the outstanding job they have done throughout the year.

Since Mr. George Lange and Dr. Hilding W. Gadda were completing their two-year terms on the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees, they were especially complimented for their services to the FFA, by both the Chairman of the Board of Directors, and the National FFA President. President Greg Bamford then presented each of them with an engraved desk set, as a memento of their membership on the Board of Trustees.

There being no further business to come before the two Boards, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Wm. Paul Gray, Secretary

  
H. N. Hunsicker, Chairman