

MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
President Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri
October 15-19, 1941

The meeting of the National Board of Trustees was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President Harold Prichard. The national officers present included First Vice President Roy Hunt, Second Vice President Frank Hill, Third Vice President Henrie Miller, Fourth Vice President James Gunter, Student Secretary Earl Walter, Adviser W. T. Spanton, Treasurer Dowell Howard, and Executive Secretary W. A. Ross.

The first order of business concerned the improvement of State association awards and the following suggestions were made:

1. State convention - How to improve rating:
 - Business accomplished
 - Convention minutes
 - list of active committees
 - Activities other than official business accomplished
2. Have both percent and members stated on items requesting the total membership and total chapter participation.
3. More emphasis should be given to the number of chapters engaged in organized recreation.
4. More emphasis should be given to the number of chapters engaged in organized cooperative effort for financing chapter activities and to derive financial benefit for individual members.
5. It was decided to use the same method of determining the State association awards as the method devised by Mr. W. A. Ross and others.

Dr. Spanton read a letter from Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt requesting that two delegates from the Future Farmers of America organization attend the Civilian Defense Youth Conference to be held in Washington, October 22. Moved by Vice President Hunt that a delegate be sent to this meeting; motion seconded and carried. Since all national officers were in Kansas City and were unable to attend, it was moved by Hunt that a telegram be sent to Past President Bill Shaffer inquiring if it would be possible for him to attend; motion seconded and carried. Vice President Gunter moved that permanent members of this board be appointed; motion tabled.

Nominations for the Degree of Honorary American Farmer as read by the Executive Secretary follow:

Mr. Ralph McGill, Atlanta, Georgia
Mr. George Stewart, Swift & Company, Chicago, Illinois
Mr. William Danforth, St. Louis, Missouri

Mr. Roger Kyes, Dearborn, Michigan
Mr. Arthur Large, Rock Island Railroad Co., Chicago, Illinois
Sgt. Karl Hubner, U. S. Army Band, Washington, D. C.
Don Critchfield, Lincoln, Nebraska

After considerable discussion it was agreed to defer awards to Sgt. Hubner and Mr. Critchfield.

Moved by Vice President Hunt to reconsider the May 16, 1941, motion which stated that all late applications for the American Farmer Degree be put to a vote of the delegates; motion seconded and carried. Vice President Miller moved that the late applications be decided upon definitely by the National Board of Trustees and the National Advisory Council; motion seconded and carried. Vice President Gunter moved that the National Board of Trustees pass an informal resolution stating that the national officers' reaction to the late applications be given to Dr. Spanton; motion seconded and carried.

Announcements were made, following which Mr. Howard, National Treasurer, presented his report.

Following a review of State association reports for the year ended June 30, Vice President Gunter moved that Oregon, Montana, Wyoming, Texas, and Virginia be officially classed as Gold Emblem States for 1941; motion seconded and carried. Vice President Hill moved that North Dakota, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Maine, and Louisiana be classed as Silver Emblem States for 1941; motion seconded and carried. Vice President Hunt moved that Utah, Florida, California, Mississippi, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Kentucky, Georgia, Arkansas, Missouri, Nevada, Tennessee, Ohio, and New Mexico be classed as Bronze Emblem States; motion seconded and carried. Vice President Gunter moved that Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Alabama, Nebraska, Hawaii, Michigan, and New York be classified as Honorable Mention States; motion seconded and carried. Vice President Miller moved that the rest of the States be in the unclassified group; motion seconded and carried.

The Public Speaking Contest score card was discussed and a change recommended in the score card from 600 to 700 points for delivery and from 400 to 300 points for manuscript. The scoring method for the annual State report was also discussed but no changes made.

Student Secretary Walter moved that the National Chapter Contest be changed to allow a State to submit not more than two of the most outstanding final chapter reports and that the \$15 awards be eliminated; motion seconded and carried.

After interviewing the Northern Engraving Company representatives, it was moved by Vice President Miller that under the present conditions the above company should not be designated as official; motion seconded and carried.

Vice President Miller moved that the St. Louis Button Company be instructed to discontinue the production of metal F.F.A. markers; motion seconded and carried.

Vice President Miller moved that no national F.F.A. band, composed of two or three members from each State, be designated and that the practice of naming State bands be continued as in the past; motion seconded and carried.

Upon the suggestion of Executive Secretary Ross, it was moved by Vice President Hill that the National Officers' expense vouchers be printed in the future; motion seconded and carried.

Vice President Hunt moved that the Board of Trustees recommend that no box be made to ship the official scrapbook in; motion seconded and carried; Vice President Miller moved that the official scrapbook remain the same; motion seconded and carried.

Vice President Hunt moved to recommend to the delegates that an adviser's windshield sticker not be classified as official merchandise; motion seconded and carried.

Vice President Hill moved that suggestions made by the Board of Trustees on improvement of American Farmer applications be turned over to the Committee on American Farmer Applications; motion seconded and carried.

Vice President Hunt moved to recommend that national dues remain at 10 cents per member; motion seconded and carried.

Student Secretary Walter moved to recommend that the National Public Speaking Contest score card be changed from a 60-40 basis to a 70-30 basis; motion seconded and carried.

Vice President Gunter moved to recommend that no National Who's Who for the F.F.A. be kept; motion seconded and carried.

Vice President Miller moved to recommend that \$500 be set aside in the 1941-42 budget to construct a smaller national F.F.A. exhibit; motion seconded and carried.

Vice President Hunt moved to recommend that the Board of Trustees disapproved of all "horseplay" and mock initiations in connection with F.F.A. degree ceremonies and initiations; motion seconded and carried.

Vice President Gunter moved that the National Board of Trustees accept the resolutions of the National Advisory Council to allow all late American Farmer applications to be voted on by the delegates; motion seconded and carried.

Vice President Hunt moved to recommend that making a transcription record of the winning speech in the National Public Speaking Contest not be recommended; motion seconded and carried.

Vice President Hill moved that Vice President Miller's idea of a public relations man for the F.F.A. organization be accepted as a report of progress but that it should not be brought before the delegates; motion seconded and carried.

Vice President Miller moved that the presentation of the gold watch and jeweled past national officer's pin be made, if possible, to Mr. Groseclose, past National Treasurer, at a banquet with Mr. Howard and possibly Mr. Ross present; motion seconded and carried.

Numerous small improvements in the National F.F.A. Camp were discussed.

Vice President Hill moved to recommend that the Board of Trustees confirm the raise in prices requested on official merchandise; motion seconded and carried.

Student Secretary Walter moved to go on record as looking with disfavor on unbecoming and discourteous acts of members included in touring F.F.A. chapters; motion seconded and carried.

Vice President Hunt moved to recommend that the rising sun equipment be left up to the local chapters; motion seconded and carried.

Vice President Hill moved that no commercial concerns, except official merchandise companies, be allowed to set up exhibits in the Little Theatre; motion seconded and carried.

It was moved that the Board of Trustees be designated as the Committee on the Constitution for 1942; motion seconded and carried.

Vice President Hunt moved to recommend that each State participate in American Education Week as they see fit; motion seconded and carried.

Vice President Hunt moved to allow Mr. Ross \$20 for the used refrigerator which he secured for the caretaker's house at the National F.F.A. Camp; motion seconded and carried.

Small incidentals on national officer trips were discussed. Vice President Gunter moved that not over \$5 be allowed each officer for every trip to compensate him for small incidentals which are generally borne by the officer out of his own pocket; motion seconded and carried.

Talent Night for 1942, banquet contributions for 1942, bands for 1942 and a few items of less importance were discussed but no specific actions were taken.

All business having been completed, the National Board of Trustees adjourned with their meeting at 10:30 p.m., Saturday, October 19, 1941.

Signed EARL E. WALTER
National Student Secretary