

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

**Alexandria, Virginia**

**January 25-27, 1998**

**Sunday, January 25, 1998**

Reports included the proposed constitutional amendment, overview of the new FFA Center building progress, report of the 1996-97 audit and five-year budget projections, Career Development Events and Awards Advisory Committee, and 2001 Revision of FFA Competitive Events and Programs, as well as other items of interest.

**Monday, January 26, 1998**

A Committee/Educational Session was held at the National FFA Center in Alexandria, Virginia from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. This session included meetings of the Finance, the Policy, Constitution and Bylaws Standing Committees and a Special Technology and Connectivity — FFA Center, Ag Ed Headquarters and USDE Committee.

**Opening Session:**

The meeting of the Board of Directors and National Officers of the National FFA Organization was called to order at 11 a.m. in the Washington Room of the National FFA Center, Alexandria, VA by Hillary Smith, National FFA president. Following is a listing of all who were present:

**Board of Directors:**

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

**Belinda G. Chason**, State Supervisor, Agribusiness & Natural Resources Education, Florida Department of Education, Tallahassee, FL

**Barbara Kirby**, (USDE Representative), Associate Professor, Agricultural and Extension Education, North Carolina State University, NC

**David B. Hopson**, (USDE Representative), Program Coordinator, Regional School District #7 (Winsted, Connecticut), Blandford, MA

**Les A. Olsen**, Education Program Consultant, Technical Education Team, Kansas State Board of Education, Topeka, KS

**Ernie Gill**, Program Manager, Agricultural Education, Colorado Community College & Occupational Education System, CO

**Karen Hutchison**, Education Associate, Agricultural Occupations, State Department of Public Instruction, DE

**Edgar A. Watkins, Jr.**, (USDE Representative), Agricultural Education Teacher, Armwood High School, Seffner, FL

**John K. Wilkinson**, (USDE Representative), State FFA Executive Secretary, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

**Officers of the Board of Directors:**

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

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

**K. Eugene Eulinger**, National FFA Treasurer; and District Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Jefferson City, MO

**Board of National FFA Officers:**

**Hillary Smith**, National FFA President

**Shannon Wilcox**, National FFA Secretary

**Mark Wilburn**, National FFA Vice President, Central Region

**Dana Fisher**, National FFA Vice President, Eastern Region

**Amber Miller**, National FFA Vice President, Southern Region

**Cody Nash**, National FFA Vice President, Western Region

**Consultants:**

**Barry Anderson**, Vice President, FFA Alumni Association, NE

**Marc Beitia**, NAAE representative & Instructor - Agricultural Education, American Falls, ID

**Shirley Carte**, Past President, FFA Alumni Association, Live Oak, FL

**James Connors**, Assistant Professor, Agricultural Education, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID

**Mike Cox**, NAAE representative & Instructor - Agricultural Education, Allisonia, VA

**Tom Kremer**, NAAE representative & Instructor - Agricultural Education, Anna, OH

**Jerry L. Peters**, Professor, Agricultural Education, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

**Linda Story**, President, FFA Alumni Association, Livermore, KY

**Robert Terry**, AAE representative & Associate Professor, Agricultural Education, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

**Others present for all or portions of the meeting:**

**FFA, Foundation and Agricultural Education Related Organizations (AERO) staff** participated throughout the week.

**Steve Brown**, District Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, Jefferson City, MO

**Cindy Fannon**, State FFA Executive Secretary, Virginia FFA Association, Blacksburg, VA

**Duane M. Fisher**, President, NAAE, Mt. Auburn, IA

**Monday, January 25, 1998 —Opening Session**

1. **Reflections** - led by Shannon Wilcox; looking at the past, present and the future.
2. **Seating of Newly Elected Officers and Consultants**  
Chairperson Case introduced and welcomed to the Board the new National FFA officers and consultants.
3. **Review of Board Operating Procedures**

Chairperson Case explained the Board's function and purpose and he reviewed a document entitled *Life of a Board Motion*. Dr. Case also explained the voting procedures and invited full participation by the National FFA officers and members of the board, as well as the consultants and staff.

**4. Overview of National Officer Activities**

Hillary Smith led a review of the activities of the National FFA officer Team; "power of change" is the theme for their travel experiences and their mission is to touch the lives of those they serve, empower the partners and members that they serve, and make an impact as influenced by their faith, family and friends.

**MOTION:** Moved by Les Olsen, seconded by Belinda Chason and carried to accept the report of the National FFA Officers.

The national officers were commended for a job well done and a round of applause followed.

**5. Reports & Remarks - Consultants to the Board**

Teachers — Duane Fisher *Attachment 1*  
Agricultural Teacher Educators — Jerry Peters  
FFA Alumni Association — Linda Story  
Past National Officers - Corey Rosenbusch

All expressed appreciation at being a part of the group.

**6. Reports on Matters as Related to FFA Board Operations**

- a. NASAE — Kevin Keith
- b. NAAE — Jay Jackman
- c. PAS — Kimberly Perry, not present
- d. The Council — Ernie Gill *Attachment 2*; Rosco Vaughn introduced Melissa Lewis, who is the Professional Growth Series project director.
- e. NYFEA - Gordon Stone, not present

**7. Review of and Adjustments to Agenda**

Dr. Case asked that the national officers and the board meet directly following the Tuesday session to discuss the Board Retreat.

**8. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Moved by Cody Nash (Eddy Watkins), seconded by Dana Fisher (David Hopson) and carried to approve the November 10, 1997 minutes.

**9. Committee to Recommend Replacement for the Foundation Board of Trustees and the Governing Committee**

David Hopson, Les Olsen and Gene Eulinger will form the committee to select a replacement for David Hopson.

#### 10. Report of National FFA Treasurer

Gene Eulinger reviewed the current financial report. The adjusted excess for 1997 is \$467,000 after the major variances are deducted, i.e., sale of the 2.8 acres of FFA property. Dr. Eulinger commended Sue Springirth for her hard work and assistance.

MOTION: **Moved by** Mark Wilburn (Belinda Chason), seconded by Dana Fisher (John Wilkinson) **and carried** to accept the report of the National FFA Treasurer.

### *Second Session*

#### 11. Program Development and Direction

Bernie Staller summarized the procedure for Program Development and Direction presentations. Team Leaders are to focus on major accomplishments, major issues and any funding request(s) which should be brought to the board.

- a. Randy Bernhardt presented the report for the Teacher Services Team. Mr. Bernhardt shared that the convention was successful overall for the team. He provided the board with a handout of Teacher Services Team Future Program Plans and the entry form for the Student Gardens Landscape Competition for the new National FFA Center 1997-98. Increasing membership is a major concern of the Teacher Services Team, as well as FFA as a whole and the AERO groups. The Local Program Success (LPS) initiative has been a product in part of the Teacher Services Team. Mr. Bernhardt provided a handout from the internet which covers the FFA programs, Partners for a Safer Community project and the list of sponsors for the project. He thanked those who contributed to the projects as well as his team members.

Les Olsen provided a report on the National FFA Awards and Career Development Event (CDE) Advisory Committee Meeting.

MOTION: **Moved by** Dana Fisher (Barbara Kirby), seconded by Amber Miller (Eddy Watkins) **and carried** to adopt the report on the National FFA Awards and CDE Advisory Committee meeting.

MOTION: **Moved by** Amber Miller (John Wilkinson), seconded by Shannon Wilcox (Karen Hutchison) **and carried** to adopt the Agri-Entrepreneur Awards program.

- b. Dean Folkers presented the report for the Partner Development Team. Mr. Folkers shared that FFA coordinated with FBLA, FHA and DECA and formed a *School-to-Careers Solutions* booth at the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), National State Conference for Legislators (NSCL) and National Association of State Directors of Vocational-Technical Education Consortium (NASDVTEC) conferences. FFA also sponsored a luncheon at the American School Counselors Association (ASCA) convention in Nashville, Tennessee. The Partner Team also has continued success with the Ag Careers Center website and the Chicago project. The partners section of the FFA homepage is getting some good interaction and continues to

be a good resource. The National Agricultural Education Inservice will be held from February 21-24, 1998 at the Key Bridge Marriott in Arlington, Virginia.

**MOTION:** **Moved by** Mark Wilburn (Les Olsen), seconded by Dana Fisher (Belinda Chason) **and carried** to accept the proposed VIP Tour of the National FFA Convention.

- c. Bill Stagg presented the report for the Communications Resources Team. Bill shared an overview of the team and who is responsible for FFA projects. NAMA recognized FFA for two video projects, one of which is on the Capital Campaign. The 1997 National FFA Convention was a remarkable success; the touch screen survey revealed important observations. The dedication ceremony for the new National FFA Center will be held in Indianapolis on Monday, July 20, 1998. Mr. Stagg introduced Gary Abell, who will be a communications consultant. Andrea Ball is working as the communications intern. Mr. Stagg also shared that Jan Brown has done a wonderful job at the FFA Center although she is not moving to Indianapolis.
- d. Coleman Harris and Scott Stump presented the report for the Convention Team. Mr. Stump shared that the convention has doubled within the last 10 years. The goal is to keep the access open to attendees. A marketing plan has not been utilized except for the Advisor's Planning Guides, which are sent in March and August. Mr. Stump shared some new aspects of the 1998 convention including a third reflections session and the ability for attendees to attend an opening session. The American FFA Degree meal function will occur after the session as a luncheon on Saturday. This will be the last year in Kansas City and a special commemorative session will occur. The second Long-Range Planning Committee meeting has been held for the move to Louisville. The Host Committee meeting will occur in February. In Louisville, housing procedures will change. Although thirty percent of the rooms will go to state blocks, seventy percent of the rooms will be available for individual chapters. Over 11,000 rooms will be committed in Louisville under contract; Kansas City committed 5,200 rooms.
- e. Janet Lewis presented the report for the Distribution Resources Team. No proposals for new activities were presented. The computer implementation and changing over has been very difficult. The Macola system will continue to be modified as necessary. Last year was the first year of convention registration through the new call center. Membership became part of the Distribution Resources Team last September and is being outsourced at the end of January. FFA will still receive the rosters and forward them to EPI. The contact for all membership questions will remain at the FFA Center.
- f. Dennis Shafer presented the report for the Ventures Team. No proposals for new activities were presented. The catalog, shopping mall at convention and WLC store yielded increased revenues for 1997. Mr. Shafer is anticipating finding staff replacements in Indy; also, the WLC store will be held at the hotels in Washington, DC starting this year and the catalog will be developed before the move.
- g. Bernie Staller presented the report for the Human & Fiscal Team. Mr. Staller shared that Karen Goley will be the HR specialist who will begin February 2. Karen will finalize the insurance plans, employee handbook etc. as a part of her duties. Payroll has been outsourced as of January 1, 1998; Ameritech will be the telephone provider.

- h. David Doerfert presented the report for the Student Services Team. Dr. Doerfert shared that during his work with the national officers, his perspective of their team theme is that change is inevitable, growth is optional. He introduced the Student Services Team and thanked them for their hard work. He continued the report by explaining the charts of the Selected Nominating Committee Members and Elected Officers. He also reviewed the Nominating Committee Evaluation and the adult consultant position descriptions, Request for Proposal (RFP) for the National Officer Candidate Written Examination and other various documents related to the nominating process.

Dr. Doerfert also shared the FFA New Horizons Submission Record and indicated that the National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA) recognized the magazine as a National Award Winning Publication. The International program has grown tremendously in 1997 under Bruce White's direction. Frank Saldaña explained that the Experience Discovery and Growing Experience (EDGE) project is being pilot-tested and targeted to middle school students.

**MOTION:** **Moved by** Mark Wilburn (Belinda Chason), seconded by Amber Miller (Karen Hutchison) **and carried** to appoint Charles Keels, NC to a three-year term as an adult consultant of the National FFA Officer Nominating Committee effective 1998-2000.

**MOTION:** **Moved by** Amber Miller (Belinda Chason), seconded by Cody Nash (John Wilkinson) **and carried** to accept that Dana Register, Cheryl Zimmerman, Judy Mayfield, Cindy Fannon, Charles Snyder, Gail Kiley Sanders, Brad Dodson, Leslie Dyer, Ricky Sellers, and Gerri Ann Eide will be appointed as committee coordinators for the National FFA delegate process for the specified terms of service. *Attachment 3*

**MOTION:** **Moved by** Mark Wilburn, seconded by Cody Nash to approve the leadership talent working proposal and request special project funding from the National FFA Foundation. **Moved by** Shannon Wilcox (Les Olsen), seconded by Amber Miller (David Hopson) to **amend** the board motion to add, "and report back to the Board of Directors at the July Board meeting with a detailed plan of action". **Amendment carried.** The **motion as amended carried** and reads as follows: to approve the leadership talent working proposal and request special project funding from the National FFA Foundation and report back to the Board of Directors at the July Board meeting with a detailed plan of action. **Moved by** Les Olsen, seconded by David Hopson **and carried** to sustain the amended motion.

Mr. Staller shared that of the 679,709 agricultural education students, just over 229,000 students are not in FFA; he asked that the Board think about what FFA and agricultural education can do to make it integral. The staff is to be commended for their professionalism and their dedication to FFA amidst the changes that are occurring.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Amber Miller (Barbara Kirby), seconded by Shannon Wilcox (Ernie Gill) **and carried** to accept the reports of the National FFA Organization teams.

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 26, 1998**



### *Third Session*

The meeting of the Board of Directors and National Officers of the National FFA Organization was reconvened at 8:30 a.m. with all members of the Board present.

#### **12. Standing Committee Report — Policy, Constitution and Bylaws**

Belinda Chason, Chairperson, presented the report for the Policy, Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Belinda thanked the Policy Committee for their contributions.

**MOTION:** **Moved by** Shannon Wilcox (Les Olsen), seconded by Amber Miller (Barbara Kirby) **and carried** to add to the policy handbook, I. Activities, D. National Officers, 01. Election, “f. The National FFA President shall submit to the Student Services Team Leader the list of recommended committee candidates to be shared with the Governing Committee of the Board by September 1.”

**MOTION:** **Moved by** Mark Wilburn (Eddy Watkins), seconded by Amber Miller (Karen Hutchison) **and carried** to approve the submission of the Florida Association proposal to the delegates of the 71<sup>st</sup> National FFA Convention.

**MOTION:** **Moved by** Cody Nash (David Hopson), seconded by Dana Fisher (Karen Hutchison) **and carried** that the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Board of Directors, acting pursuant to the Act of Congress authorizing to exercise all powers granted to the corporation by that Act of Congress, 36 U.S.C. § 278(a) (1988), authorize Larry D. Case to act on behalf of the Board and of the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Organization in negotiating and executing a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Department of Education concerning the location and operation of the FFA's national headquarters and principal offices, and other related matters; (2) that Larry D. Case be and hereby is so authorized; and (3) that such Memorandum of Understanding, negotiated and executed by Larry D. Case, shall be binding upon the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Organization.

**MOTION:** **Moved by** Shannon Wilcox, seconded by Amber Miller to add to the policy handbook: I. Activities, F. Career Development Events, 09. Sanctioning Events. Sanctioning of non-National FFA competitive events (those competitive events conducted by organizations other than the National FFA) as National FFA Career Development Events should occur when: 1. The highest quality event possible is conducted.

2. Organization conducting event and National FFA agree that event can and should be sanctioned. 3. Event to be sanctioned is recommended by the National FFA Awards and Career Development Event Advisory Committee and approved by the National FFA Board of Directors. 4. National FFA is represented by the Teacher Services Specialist responsible for Career Development Events on the planning and implementation committee for event. Winners of the National sanctioned event will be recognized in the same manner as National Career Development Event winners are currently recognized (appearance on Arena stage during the Saturday morning session). **Moved by** Cody Nash, seconded by Amber Miller to accept the amendment to read as follows: to add to the policy handbook:

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that event can and should be sanctioned. 3. Event to be sanctioned is recommended by the National FFA Awards and Career Development Event Advisory Committee and *meets all current CDE requirements* approved by the National FFA Board of Directors. 4. National FFA is represented by the Teacher Services Specialist responsible for Career Development Events on the planning and implementation committee for event. Winners of the National sanctioned event will be recognized in the same manner as National Career Development Event winners are currently recognized (appearance on Arena stage during the Saturday morning session). **Moved by** Mark Wilburn, seconded by Shannon Wilcox to postpone the amended motion until the July Board meeting. **Moved by** Karen Hutchison, seconded by Ernie Gill **and carried** to sustain to postpone the amended motion.

**MOTION:** **Moved by** Amber Miller (David Hopson), seconded by Dana Fisher (Karen Hutchison) **and carried** to accept the following: I. Activities, F. Career Development Events, 10. Selection of CDE Superintendents, iThe selected individual can come from the recommendation of the CDE committee in which the Superintendent is to be replaced. The individual may be selected by sending a position announcement and taking nominations. The Superintendent of a new CDE can come from the recommendation of the Task Force developing the CDE and Awards Advisory Committee and approved by the National FFA Board of Directors.

**MOTION:** **Moved by** Mark Wilburn (Ernie Gill), seconded by Cody Nash (John Wilkinson) **and carried** to insert the words "or awards programs" after "career development events" in Policy I. Activities , F. Career Development Events, 07. Rules Committee/Appeals Process, section a. and section b.

**MOTION:** **Moved by** Shannon Wilcox (Barbara Kirby), seconded by Amber Miller (Karen Hutchison) **and carried** to submit the proposed technical amendment to the delegates of the 71<sup>st</sup> National FFA Convention.

**MOTION:** **Moved by** Cody Nash (Karen Hutchison), seconded by Dana Fisher (John Wilkinson) **and carried** to approve a policy addition to Division II., Operations, A. Governance, 04. Other Operations, b. The National FFA Organization is allowed to hire the staff for FFA and FFA Foundation when the organizations are co-located in Indianapolis and to put into place a phase in plan to assure a consistent benefit package by the end of 1999.

**MOTION:** **Moved by** Shannon Wilcox (Les Olsen), seconded by Amber Miller (Ernie Gill) **and carried** to accept the report from the P.L. 81-740 Taskforce Committee.

**MOTION:** **Moved by** Shannon Wilcox (Karen Hutchison), seconded by Mark Wilburn (David Hopson) **and carried** to replace Section 277 and adopt it into the red line draft of P.L. 81-740 and further, to postpone the motion until the National FFA Board of Directors deems it necessary to submit the draft of P.L. 81-740 for consideration by Congress. *Attachment 4, January 23, 1996 version & Attachment 5, September 20, 1997 version*

**MOTION:** **Moved by** Mark Wilburn, seconded by Amber Miller to adopt the language recommended by the P.L. 81-740 Policy Review Committee for Section 278 of P.L. 81-740, Board of Directors, (a) Composition, The governing body of the corporation, which shall exercise the powers herein granted to the corporation, shall be a Board of Directors composed of members chosen according to the corporation's Constitution, Bylaws, and/or Regulations



provided that at all times: (i) there shall be at least nine and no more than 17 board members, **the majority of which shall be practicing agricultural educators**; (ii) the National Advisor shall be a member and shall be its chairperson; and (iii) at least four members shall be State Supervisors of agricultural education or other state-level personnel with responsibility for agricultural education/FFA programs. The National Executive Secretary shall serve as a non-voting member of the Board and shall not be counted toward the total number of Board members allowed by this subsection.

**Moved by** Shannon Wilcox, seconded by Dana Fisher to amend the motion by substituting the following for Section 278, Board of Directors, (a) Composition, The governing body of the corporation, which shall exercise the powers herein granted to the corporation, shall be a Board of Directors composed of *members chosen according to the corporation's Constitution, Bylaws, and/or Regulations provided that at all times: (i) there shall be at least nine and no more than seventeen Board members; (ii) the National Advisor shall be a member and shall be its chairperson; and (iii) at least four members shall be State Supervisors of agricultural education or other State level personnel with responsibility for agricultural education/FFA programs* the National Executive Secretary shall serve as a non-voting member of the Board and shall not be counted toward the total number of Board members allowed by this subsection; **(iv) a majority of voting members of the board of directors shall be practicing agricultural educators namely: (a) state personnel who have responsibilities for agricultural education with FFA as an integral part of the program; (b) local teachers who have responsibilities for agricultural education with FFA as an integral part of the program; (c) college/university agricultural educators who have responsibilities for the preparation and development of local agricultural education teachers.**

After considerable discussion, it was **moved by** Shannon Wilcox (Les Olsen), seconded by Amber Miller (Ernie Gill) **and carried** to postpone the motion indefinitely.

MOTION: **Moved by** Mark Wilburn (Karen Hutchison), seconded by Dana Fisher (Belinda Chason) **and carried** to accept the report of the Policy Committee.

### 13. Standing Committee Report — Finance

Les Olsen, Chairperson, presented the report for the Finance Committee.

MOTION: **Moved by** Mark Wilburn (Karen Hutchison), seconded by Dana Fisher (John Wilkinson) **and carried** to accept the audit report.

MOTION: **Moved by** Amber Miller (Belinda Chason), seconded by Mark Wilburn (Ernie Gill) **and carried** to approve the capital requests. *Attachment 6*

MOTION: **Moved by** Cody Nash (David Hopson), seconded by Dana Fisher (Karen Hutchison) **and carried** to approve the purchase of a lift truck for the new warehouse in the new FFA Center in Indianapolis.

Les Olsen showed appreciation for the efforts of Sue Springirth, Bernie Staller and Gene Eulinger.

MOTION: **Moved by** Dana Fisher (Belinda Chason), seconded by Cody Nash (Barbara Kirby) **and carried** to approve the report of the Finance Committee.

**14. Technology and Connectivity - FFA Center, Ag Ed Headquarters and USDE**

David Hopson, Chairperson, presented the report for this special committee and thanked Mark Cavell and Jan Brown for their efforts.

MOTION: **Moved by** Mark Wilburn (Karen Hutchison), seconded by Amber Miller (Belinda Chason) **and carried** to approve the report of the Technology Committee.

**15. Selection of USDE Board Member to Replace David Hopson on the Board of Trustees/Governing Committee**

MOTION: **Moved by** Cody Nash (Belinda Chason), seconded by Mark Wilburn (Les Olsen) **and carried** to accept the report and appoint Eddy Watkins for the Board of Trustees and Karen Hutchison to the Governing Committee effective July 1, 1998.

**16. National FFA Foundation**

Bernie Staller presented the report for the National FFA Foundation which included a January 1998 Report. Glenn Sims and Tammy Meyer will handle the aspects of the move. He reviewed the 1997 Financial Year and the Capital Campaign. Recognized for their support and efforts are the Sponsors Board, Vicki Settle, Angie Tejada, FFA & FFA Alumni staff, The Council, NAAE, NYFEA, PAS, state staff and local advisors. Bernie also shared the funding history since 1995 with the National FFA Foundation of the Alumni, The Council, NVATA, NYFEA and PAS. The National FFA Foundation has secured \$11, 446,000 for the AERO groups since 1985.

*Attachment 7*

MOTION: **Moved by** Amber Miller (Les Olsen), seconded by Dana Fisher (Eddy Watkins) **and carried** to accept the report of the National FFA Foundation.

**17. National FFA Alumni Association Business and Issues**

Gene Starr, executive director of the National FFA Alumni Association, presented the report for the National FFA Alumni Association.

MOTION: **Moved by** Dana Fisher (Karen Hutchison), seconded by Amber Miller (John Wilkinson) **and carried** to accept the report of the National FFA Alumni.

Chairperson Case thanked the National FFA Alumni Council for their hard work. A round of applause followed.

**18. Administrative and Legal Matters**

Bernie Staller gave an update on administrative and legal issues. No legal issues are pending. The multiple year contracts list was handed out. *Attachment 8*

MOTION: **Moved by** Amber Miller (David Hopson), seconded by Mark Wilburn (John Wilkinson) **and carried** to approve the resolution and endorse the National Strategy for Invasive Plant Management.

**Tuesday, January 26, 1998 — Final Session**

**19. Recognition of Retiring FFA Board Members and Foundation Trustees**

The Board recognized Les Olsen and David Hopson. Chairperson Case asked each one to make comments. A round of applause followed for the retiring Board members. *Ron Reische will replace Les Olsen and a Region I representative will replace David Hopson as the USDE Representative to the National FFA Organization Board of Directors.*

**20. Upcoming Meetings**

The National FFA Organization Board of Directors Retreat will be held May 1-3, 1998 in Indianapolis. The next FFA Board of Directors meeting will be held July 17-19, 1998 in Indianapolis. The next Foundation Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Monday, July 20, 1998 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and the dedication ceremony for the new National FFA Center will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon on July 20, 1998; both will be held in Indianapolis.

**21. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

**22. Executive Session with Senior Management**

No motions in the Executive Session of the Board.

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C. Coleman Harris, Secretary

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Larry D. Case, Chairperson