



FFA Alumni Association

NEWSLETTER

FALL 1978

PLAN TO ATTEND ALUMNI CONVENTION

The National FFA Alumni Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, November 12 and 13, in the H. Roe Bartle Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

The FFA Alumni meeting will be coordinated as part of the FFA Convention. The FFA Convention, with an expected attendance of over 20,000, will be November 12-14.

SPECIAL RECEPTION FOR FFA ALUMNI DELEGATES

A special reception for FFA Alumni Convention delegates has been scheduled for Wednesday afternoon of the National Convention. The reception will be sponsored by the Kansas City Board of Trade. The approximately 175 Alumni delegates will be given the opportunity to visit with the National FFA Alumni Council members and other Alumni delegates during the reception. Delegates will be invited in groups of 50 starting at 1:00 p.m. Invitations listing times will be given to the delegates when they register for the Alumni Convention.

SUBSCRIPTION CHANGE FOR FFA MAGAZINE

The National *FUTURE FARMER* magazine subscription rate was increased from \$1 to \$2 by the FFA Board of Directors. The FFA Alumni, as a service to our members, has handled magazine subscriptions along with our membership dues. Most of the membership promotional material has the price listed at \$1 and will require reprinting. Until this is possible, your assistance in making your FFA Alumni Affiliate aware of this change will be appreciated.

FFA ALUMNI IN ACTION



The Evansville, Wisconsin, FFA Alumni held its sixth annual cookout. They served a 1,000-pound barbecued steer, a 246-pound barrow, and three wethers totaling 335 pounds. Over 400 persons attended the cookout that included a five-piece orchestra for dancing. The event cleared \$915 with all of the money being deposited in the Alumni Scholarship Fund for use towards graduating FFA members. The 67 FFA Alumni members say "It is a bunch of fun."

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

FFA Alumni Convention is held in Room 209—H. Roe Bartle Center.

Wed., Nov. 12—FIRST SESSION	Thur. Nov. 13—SECOND SESSION
9:00 a.m. Annual Alumni Report Presentation of Legion of Merit Awards Premiere showing of new Alumni audio-visual Presentation of Outstanding Affiliate	9:00 Presentation of Outstanding Achievement Special Recognition of 1980 American Farmers Featured Speaker: Floyd Doering Business Session Announcement of New Council Members
10:00—11:10 Rap Session Membership Development Committee on Government Committee on Alumni—Foundation Relations	Leadership Workshops will be held at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
11:20—12:00 Special Interest Sessions	

RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN BYLAWS

The National FFA Alumni Council has recommended the following changes to the delegates at this year's national meeting.

First, in Article III, Section C, the addition of the "Immediate past FFA Alumni President as a Council member by virtue of their position." This was approved as a constitutional amendment two years ago, but was not changed in the Bylaws.

Second, to add a new Article VII, Section A, to state that "The annual membership year is for a twelve-month period beginning January 1 and ending December 31. Memberships received in November and December will be credited with the coming year's membership." This addition would clarify the membership in our Bylaws.

Third, to amend Article VI, Section A, as follows: "The fiscal year of the National FFA Alumni Association shall commence on the first day of September in each year and shall end on the thirty-first day of August in the following year." This change is recommended to be concurrent with the FFA's fiscal year.

Fourth, to recommend that Article III, Section D, be deleted. "All voting Council members, other than those provided for in Section C, shall serve a three-year term; not more than three of whom may be seated in any one year. The method of rotation is prescribed as follows: To serve a three-year term initially shall be the one Teacher Educator in Agriculture, the one State FFA Advisor, and one person elected by the membership; to serve a two-year term initially shall be the one State FFA Executive Secretary, and two persons elected by the membership; to serve a one-year term initially shall be the one teacher of vocational agriculture and two persons elected by the membership." This change is recommended because it is no longer needed in the operations of the Council. The terms on the Council are established by Article V, Section C, of the Constitution.

WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The prestigious roster of Life Members continues to grow. As a Life Member you may designate that, upon your death, the \$100 lifetime dues be presented as a memorial scholarship to an FFA member in a chapter or state of your choice, or as a permanent trust for the FFA Alumni. For those Life Members who do not designate otherwise, their \$100 will automatically be designated to the permanent trust fund as a memorial to the Life Member upon his/her death. As a Life Member you will receive a special Life Membership card, Life Membership certificate, and lifetime subscription to *The National FUTURE FARMER* magazine. Why not join this list of over 2,340 Life Members by sending your one-time fee of \$100.

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| William Christ | Washburn, Illinois | Marvin Keeler | Wayne, Oklahoma | | |

FFA--FFA ALUMNI TRIP TO JAPAN

A travel seminar to Japan has been scheduled for departure on November 16 of this year. This once-in-a-lifetime ten-day trip is scheduled to help the Future Farmers of Japan celebrate their 30th Anniversary at their Convention in Tokyo. The trip will include sights of ancient Japan as well as visits to the Hokkaido area which is Japan's leading agricultural area. The departure from San Francisco on Sunday, November 16, and arrival back in the USA on Thursday, November 27, will mean ten full days of excitement. All transportation, hotels, breakfast and dinner each day, FFJ Convention registration, health and accident insurance, ground sightseeing costs, tips, taxes, and English-speaking guide are included in the tour price of an estimated \$1,925. Reservations should be made as soon as possible by contacting the FFA International Department. Phone (703) 360-3600.

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NATIONAL FFA ALUMNI COUNCIL

In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the National FFA Alumni Association, members of the FFA Alumni Council shall be elected by mail vote of the membership. The Council members for the Central and Western Region positions will be elected in 1980 for a three-year term. The candidates marked on the Official Ballot were selected by a Nominating Committee.

(Vote for one candidate from each Region. Ballots improperly marked are invalid.)

WESTERN REGION



JACK KINYON—CASTLEFORD, IDAHO

Jack graduated from Castleford High School and attended the University of Idaho. After military service he worked for three years as a civil engineer in California and Idaho. He has been a successful farmer and land developer for the past 20 years. As an FFA member, he served as State Reporter. He is a charter FFA Alumni member. He has served as Idaho FFA Alumni Vice-President and President. Currently he is Director of the Idaho Alumni and Managing Editor of the *Idaho Future Farmer*, which is published by the FFA Alumni. He is a member of the Elks, Director of Buhl Highway Department, and served two terms on the Castleford School Board. He and wife Norma have been married 22 years and have three sons.



LAVERNE R. NELSON—GRAHAM, WASHINGTON

LaVern has served as a kindergarten teacher, presently as a substitute teacher, and is the mother of five children. All five children were chapter officers and have received their State FFA Degrees; three were State FFA Officers. She presently has four sons in college with all majoring in agriculture. LaVern states she was not an FFA member because she was born too soon, but has been actively involved in support for the past nine years. She is President of the Washington FFA Alumni and is active with the State FFA Foundation. She has served as local PTA President, Music Booster President, Church Board Secretary, Parents Club President, County and Community Fair Board Secretary, and a 4-H Leader.

CENTRAL REGION



JOHN DANIEL LEHMANN (DAN)—SAVOY, ILLINOIS

Dan graduated from Missouri Military Academy and Pleasant Plains High School in Illinois. He is a graduate of Sangamon State University, University of Illinois, and presently a Ph.D. candidate from the University of Illinois. Dan was State FFA President in 1968-69 and National President in 1970-71. He assisted with the formation of the FFA Alumni. He has served as a life insurance salesman with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and was the leading salesman in the company's "Family Security Analyst" program. He also was a sales manager and on the home office product planning staff of Metropolitan. He is presently on a half-time appointment as assistant to the Dean, College of Agriculture at the University of Illinois.



KENNETH G. SEERING—DENMARK, WISCONSIN

He is a graduate of Wisconsin State University—River Falls, and has advanced work from the University of Minnesota. He was a vocational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor for 12 years at Denmark. During his years of teaching, the Denmark Chapter won 12 National Gold Emblems in Safety, BOAC, and Chapter Contest. He presently is salesman of Denmark (I.H.) Farm Equipment Company. Ken is on the State Alumni Council and is a Life Member. He has won six straight Legion of Merit Citations, and is President of the Denmark FFA Alumni with 445 active members. He has helped start 12 new Alumni affiliates, and has served as President of the Lions Club, is a Sunday School teacher, and presently is Superintendent of Our Savior's Lutheran Church School. He is married and has two boys and one girl.

Please vote on Constitutional Amendment on reverse side.

NATIONAL FFA ALUMNI CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The National FFA Alumni Council recommends an adoption of the following Constitutional Amendments:

FOR ADOPTION

A. Article II, Section D. (New Section)

AGAINST ADOPTION

State and local affiliates are eligible to maintain affiliation status provided the requirements stated in Article II, Section B of the Constitution are met.

RATIONALE: The Council recommends that affiliates (both state and local) not maintaining chartering requirements be removed from active status in the National Association. The Constitution requires ten or more members for local affiliates and fifty or more for state associations.

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FOR ADOPTION

B. Article II, Section E. (New Section)

AGAINST ADOPTION

Any group using the name "FFA Alumni" must affiliate and charter with the National FFA Alumni Association.

RATIONALE: This section would reinforce the understanding that the name "FFA Alumni" be used only by active members of the National FFA Alumni Association.

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FOR ADOPTION

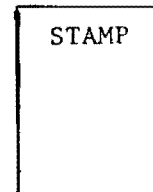
C. Article V, Section C. (Adding Statement)

AGAINST ADOPTION

All voting members of the National FFA Alumni Council, with the exception of the current and immediate past National FFA President, AND THE IMMEDIATE PAST NATIONAL FFA ALUMNI PRESIDENT, shall serve three-year terms on a staggered basis.

RATIONALE: The immediate past National FFA Alumni President is constitutionally a member of the Council but was not mentioned in this Section. For clarification it is recommended that it be added.

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