



FFA Alumni Association

NEWSLETTER

FALL - 1984

PRESIDENT ELDON WITT SAYS "ALL SAIL AND NO ANCHOR" - SEE YOU IN KANSAS CITY!

The history of the National FFA Alumni is one of many achievements and growth. I am extremely proud to have been a part of this growth and sincerely hope this year of my presidency will culminate with an increase in growth and valid achievements. As my term reaches completion, I know I will rationalize and wish I could have made greater accomplishments. However, I truly enjoyed my year and honestly feel I have expanded an honest effort to work on behalf of the National FFA Alumni Association. I owe so much to the state leadership and to the local members. All growth and achievements can be traced to your efforts.

To celebrate our past and plan our future, I invite each of you to attend and participate in the 13th Annual FFA Alumni Convention. Past members attending the National Conventions have requested less conflicting schedules with the National FFA Convention in progress. This Council has responded to this request and the 13th Annual FFA Alumni Convention will be conducted on Wednesday, November 7, 1984, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Let's be a part of this historic movement and finish this year "All Sail and No Anchor". See you in Kansas City!

RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN BYLAWS

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

First, Article III, Section A, states that "The five members of the National FFA Alumni Council that are selected from the membership-at-large shall be elected by mail ballot. Each member in good standing shall be entitled to vote." The recommended change to Convention Delegates is: "The five members of the National FFA Alumni Council to represent the membership shall be elected by the FFA Alumni Convention Delegates. The secret ballot submitted to the Delegates will include two nominations selected by the National Council from nominations received from FFA Alumni State Associations."

Second, Article III, Section D, presently states "Whenever a vacancy occurs on the National FFA Alumni Council, other than from expiration of their terms of office, the National FFA Alumni Council shall appoint a person to fill the unexpired term of office." The recommended change for Convention Delegates' consideration is as follows, "Whenever a vacancy occurs on the National FFA Alumni Council, other than from an expired term, the vacancy shall be filled as follows for the various constituent representatives:

1. Vacancies of council members elected by the membership will be filled by a person appointed by the National FFA Alumni Council.
2. In the event of a vacancy from the State FFA Executive Secretary or State FFA Advisor representative, the National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education will be asked to name a replacement.
3. If the NVATA representative does not complete his/her term, the NVATA will name a replacement.
4. The AATEA will name a replacement if their representative does not finish his/her term."

PLAN TO ATTEND ALUMNI CONVENTION

You are invited to attend the National FFA Alumni Convention which will be held on Wednesday, November 7, in the 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 22,000, will be November 7-9.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

The FFA Alumni Convention is held in Room 209, H. Roe Bartle Center starting at 1:00 PM and adjourning at approximately 5:00 PM.

Opening Ceremonies	Awards Presentations
Invocation	Washington Conf. Scholarships
Introductions	WEA Scholarship
Greetings from FFA	Scrapbook Contest
President's Address	Outstanding Affiliate
	Largest Affiliate
Business Session	Outstanding Achievement
Committee Reports	Retiring Council
State Grant Report	Legion of Merit
Executive Director's Report	
Items of Business	Challenge by New President

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

The National FFA Leadership Workshops conducted by the FFA Alumni will be a highlight of this year's National Convention. The five workshops co-sponsored by The Ace Bolt and Nut Company will be held in Room 209, Bartle Center. The schedule is as follows:

Thurs. 1 PM - John Pope	Fri. 11 AM - Bobby Tucker
3 PM - Randy Hedge	1 PM - David Pearce
	3 PM - Elvin Caraway

Two special interest workshops for all FFA Alumni attending the Convention will be held Thursday morning in Room 201W, Bartle. A one-hour workshop entitled "Opportunities of Local FFA Alumni Affiliates" will be held at 9:30 AM and another workshop "Developing Political Affairs Thrust at the Local and State Levels" at 11:00 AM. Last year over 4,000 persons participated in at least one of the workshops.

ALUMNI TO HOST CONVENTION RECEPTIONS

A special reception for the FFA Alumni Convention delegates, sponsored by The Kansas City Board of Trade, has been scheduled for Wednesday following the Convention. A reception for all Honorary FFA American Farmer Degree recipients, sponsored by The Ace Bolt and Nut Company, will be held on Friday morning following the degree ceremony. The FFA Alumni will also host a reception for the international guests and a breakfast for the collegiate vocational agriculture education students (student teachers).

AFFILIATE SCRAPBOOK CONTEST

All local FFA Alumni affiliates are encouraged to enter the national Scrapbook Contest. For rules, write to national office. All scrapbooks are to be brought to Alumni check-in desk at Convention by 1:00 PM Wednesday, November 7.

WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

The prestigious roster of Life Members has reached 5,081. As a Life Member you may designate that, upon 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. The following have become Life Members since our last newsletter. We salute the 147 new Life Members.

James VanGheem	DePere, WI	Merle Hubbard	Waterville, KS	Timothy Micke	Schofield, WI	J.A. Townsend	Talking Rock, GA
James Cummins	Baltimore, OH	Irving Peterson	Mahattan, KS	Mike Limberg	Greenbush, WI	Edwin Wigington	Jasper, GA
Arley Van Doren	Medora, IL	Peter A. Sonski, Jr.	Windsor, CT	Anthony Levson	Plymouth, WI	Mac Balkcom	Houston, TX
Mona Van Doren	Medora, IL	Ronnie E. Jones	Thomas, OK	Billy W. Waller	Mooreville, NC	Dr. Jimmy Balkcom	Lilburn, GA
Dean Hirsch	Waterloo, IL	Spike Reedy	Anadarko, OK	Alan Goodman	China Grove, NC	Robert Balkcom Jr.	Estero, FL
David W. Allen	Windsor, IL	Carl Banks	Custer, OK	Edward R. Edwards	Washington, NC	S.G. Maddox Jr.	Blakely, GA
G. Kyle Wittler	Champaign, IL	Justin Beadles	Thomas, OK	Ledrua Buck	Chocowinity, NC	Jay Householder	Junction City, OH
Robert Oliver	Fletcher, OK	Brett Vowell	Thomas, OK	Chuck Springer	Independence, KS	Warren Baker	Verona, VA
Gina Harraman	Guthrie, OK	Hazen Marshall	Hennessey, OK	Doris West	Neodesha, KS	Raymond Diehl	Weyers Cave, VA
Mickey Blakley	Hennessey, OK	Camille Zimmerman	Skiatook, OK	Denise L. Megiel	Taunton, MA	Randolph Roller	Mt. Crawford, VA
Leona Melton	Hennessey, OK	Gene Yost	Crescent, OK	Elmer Counce	Martin, TN	Joe Andes	Ft. Defiance, VA
Kerald R. Searcey	Gould, OK	Ann Ryland	Crescent, OK	Warner Dickerson	Memphis, TN	Danny Eavy	Grottoes, VA
Jimmy Williams	Gould, OK	Hugh Wilson	Crescent, OK	Clifton Ricketts	Mount Juliet, TN	Keith May	Berpton, VA
Arthur Foster	Bristow, OK	Buddy Pool	Crescent, OK	James B. Walker	Nashville, TN	Darren Braden	Clakett, VA
Robert Webb	Bristow, OK	Bob Hefflin	Crescent, OK	Tony Wilson	Nashville, TN	Larry Rickard	Stephens City, VA
Norma Wieberdink	Bristow, OK	Tom Stephens	Guymon, OK	Keith Fowler	Martin, TN	Kathryn Sutphin	Winchester, VA
Rhonda McDaris	Broken Arrow, OK	Richard Flood	Kingfisher, OK	Alan Stephens	Kenton, TN	Dennis Rezac	Raymond, NE
R.D. Patterson	Broken Arrow, OK	Robert Wolf	Lancaster, WI	John Walker	Knoxville, TN	James Dam	Hooper, NE
Cindi Regnier	Yukon, OK	Randy Kilby	Boiling Springs, NC	Joe Comer	Lebanon, TN	Dean Bonham	Franklin, NE
Richard Flood	Lake Mills, WI	George Kalberloh	Lowry, MO	Fred Laine	Lebanon, TN	Mable Slocum	Franklin, NE
Preston Smith	Ripley, MS	Virgil Moody	Erie, KS	Stacey Word	Lebanon, TN	Perry Slocum	Franklin, NE
Lee Pester	Lincoln, NE	Virginia Moody	Erie, KS	L.J. Misk	Clinton, TN	Steve Hogeland	Hayes Center, NE
Dan Tvrdy	Lincoln, NE	Jenifer K. Erb	Shiocton, WI	John Rose	Cookeville, TN	Kevin E. Large	Hayes Center, NE
Mary Pat Finn	Norfolk, NE	Joseph Mitchell	Lyndon Station, WI	Barry McWilliams	Halls, TN	Don Deboodt	Bushnell, NE
Andy Peitzmeier	West Point, NE	Keith Meske	Palmyra, WI	Rebecca McWilliams	Halls, TN	Lloyd Brichacek	Schuyler, NE
Kevin Stieren	West Point, NE	Mike Stanek	Whitewater, WI	Alvie Broussard, Jr.	Gueydan, LA	Janet Hale	Atkinson, NE
Michael Schorn	FPO New York	Bernie Partoll	Whitewater, WI	Robert Leonard	Mingo, IA	Steve Kaup	Newport, NE
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Scott Schilt	Laramie, WY	Alice Daul	DePere, WI	Harold Cantrell	Talking Rock, GA	Donald McKelvey	Lancaster, VA
Courtney Schilt	Laramie, WY	Lloyd Daul	DePere, WI	Bobby Herndon	Jasper, GA		

NEW FFA ALUMNI MANUAL

A new FFA Alumni Manual, which will cover organizing an Alumni affiliate, suggested activities, Alumni history, and much more, is being written by Dr. L.H. Newcomb of Ohio, a member of the National FFA Alumni Council. It will be available for \$3.25 from the FFA Supply Service after January 1.

FAMILY BECOMES LIFE MEMBERS

Robert E. and Doris Balkcom of Early County FFA Alumni in Georgia have been active FFA Alumni Life members with Mr. Balkcom serving as Georgia's president. Now their three sons, Mac, Jimmy, and Robert have become Life members. This family is one of several families we salute for all becoming Life members.



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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's member-at-large position will be elected in 1984 for a three-year term. The candidates listed on the Official Ballot were selected by the National Nominating Committee and approved by the National FFA Alumni Council.

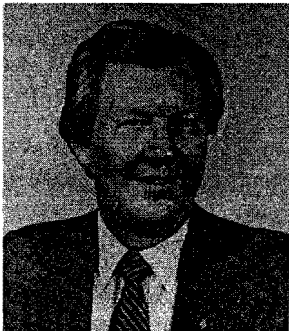
(All active Alumni members are entitled to vote for one candidate. Please place your vote in the box.)

MEMBER-AT-LARGE



RANDALL J. MEYER - LOYAL, WISCONSIN

Randy Meyer of Loyal, Wisconsin, is a farmer with a 100-cow dairy herd on a 300-acre farm. He is a graduate of Loyal High School where he received the Outstanding Dairy Award and the State Farmer and American Farmer degrees. Randy was charter president of the Loyal FFA Alumni and served as industry representative on the Wisconsin state council for eight years. He served as second vice president, first vice president, and as state FFA Alumni president in 1982-83. He has attended several National FFA Alumni conventions and was awarded the Wisconsin Outstanding Achievement Award in 1983. He is an FFA Alumni state and national Life member. Randy has also been active as a 4-H leader and served as president of County Livestock Community. He is a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church where he has served as church council president for four years. Randy is active on the St. Anthony's School Board, Clark County Holstein Board, and enjoys working with a four-horse Belgium hitch for parades and contests. Randy and wife, Pam, have seven children.



LEEROY W. KIESLING - MARTIN, TENNESSEE

LeeRoy Kiesling of Martin, Tennessee, is a Professor and Chairman of the Department of Secondary Education and Related Services at the University of Tennessee in Martin. He previously served as Professor of Agriculture Education at the University of Tennessee following his doctorate work in 1971 at the Oklahoma State University. He was a teacher of agriculture in Texas and sales representative for Allied Mills in Fort Worth, Texas. FFA Alumni activities include serving two terms as Tennessee Alumni President, receiving the Legion of Merit Award two years, serving as National Convention delegate several times, writing the proposal for the grant that was awarded to Tennessee, and allowed the organizing of the Former Vocational Agriculture Teacher FFA Alumni Affiliate. He has received both the Honorary State FFA Degree and the Honorary American Farmer Degree. While a senior in high school, the vocational agriculture program was started, and LeeRoy was a charter member and chapter officer. Some of his many awards include Outstanding Teacher Award at the University of Tennessee in 1975 selected by the University Alumni Association and Outstanding Service in Education Award presented by the American Legion in 1983. He is an Elder in the Trinity Presbyterian Church.

NATIONAL FFA ALUMNI CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The National FFA Alumni Council has voted to submit the following constitutional amendments to the membership. Please review each and vote either for or against the adoption of these five amendments:

FOR ADOPTION

AGAINST ADOPTION

Article II, Section A
(Add "if no State Association exists.")

Section A would then read, "The National FFA Alumni Association will consist of chartered state affiliates and local affiliates organized on a school, county, or other area basis. Membership at the national level may also be direct if no State Association exists."

FOR ADOPTION

AGAINST ADOPTION

Article II, Section B(1)
(Insert "State and" between words "paid" and "National".)

Section B(1) would then read, "A local affiliate shall be eligible to become a chartered affiliate when: (1) it has at least ten charter members who have paid State and National dues;"

- FOR ADOPTION
- AGAINST ADOPTION

Article II, Section E
 (Add "and their Resident State Association if one exists." to the end of the current paragraph.)

Section E would then read, "Any group using the name "FFA Alumni" must affiliate and charter with the National FFA Alumni Association and their Resident State Association if one exists."

RATIONALE: The above three amendments would require all members in active chartered state associations to pay both state and national membership dues.

- FOR ADOPTION
- AGAINST ADOPTION

Article V, Section C
 (Strike Section C and add the following, "Terms of office of the various members of the Council are as follows: five persons elected by the membership - 3 years; State FFA Executive Secretary - 3 years; State FFA Advisor - 3 years; Teacher of Vocational Agriculture - 2 years; Teacher Educator - 3 years; Current National FFA President - 1 year; Immediate Past National FFA President - 1 year; and Immediate Past National FFA Alumni President - 1 year."

RATIONALE: Constitution presently reads, "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." This change will allow the NVATA representative to serve for a two-year term. This has been requested to coincide with the NVATA Board assignments for their Regional Vice Presidents.

Article VIII, Section B
 Presently reads, "Proposed amendments shall be approved by at least three members of the National FFA Alumni Council before being submitted to the membership for consideration. Voting shall be by mail ballot. Ballots shall be submitted to the membership at least sixty days prior to the opening date of the Annual Meeting and the ballots returned to the National Office with a postmark date no later than thirty days before the opening date of the Annual Meeting. Affirmation by two-thirds of those voting shall be necessary to adopt an amendment."

- FOR ADOPTION
- AGAINST ADOPTION

Recommended to strike the remaining portion of sentence after "the Annual Meeting and the ballots" and add "must be received by the National Office no later than five working days before the opening date of the Annual Meeting."

RATIONALE: Under the present procedure, it is impossible to require ballots to be returned 30 days prior to the Convention since the fall newsletter is mailed third class (bulk rate) around September 15 and not received in some states until early October.



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