

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

Louisville, Kentucky

Monday, October 28, 2002

A special meeting of the National FFA Organization Board of Directors and the National FFA Officers was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Larry D. Case, Chairperson, in the Chapel Room of the Executive West hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. All members of the Board were present except James Woodard who arrived following his presentation to NASAE.

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.
Kent Boggs, U.S. Department of Education Representative; State FFA Executive Secretary, Oklahoma Department of Career & Technical Education, Stillwater, Oklahoma.
Jacquelyn Deeds, U.S. Department of Education Representative, Professor, Agricultural Information Science and Education, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS
Elaine Lewis, U.S. Department of Education Representative; Instructor – Agricultural Education, Yelm High School, Yelm, Washington.
Horacio Garza, Jr., U.S. Department of Education Representative; Instructor - Agricultural Education, Sharyland High School, Mission, TX
Robert Heuvel, State Supervisor, Standards & High School Development Division, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Sacramento, CA
Marshall Stewart, State Coordinator for Agricultural Education, Department of Agriculture and Extension Education, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
James Woodard, State Supervisor, State Director of Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Atlanta, Georgia.
Steve Zimmerman, State Supervisor, State FFA Advisor, North Dakota FFA Association, Bismarck, ND

Officers of the Board of Directors:

C. Coleman Harris, National FFA Executive Secretary; Education Program Specialist, Agriculture, Division of Vocational-Technical Education, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.
Marion Fletcher, National FFA Treasurer; Supervisor for Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Little Rock, AR

Board of National FFA Officers:

Dane White, National FFA President, Eureka, California
Robin Niehaus, National FFA Secretary, Hillsboro, Illinois
Amber Haugland, National FFA Vice President, Central Region, Ambrose, North Dakota
Elio Chiarelli, Jr., National FFA Vice President, Eastern Region, McDonald, Pennsylvania
Barrett Keene, National FFA Vice President, Southern Region, Plant City, Florida
Abbie Kammerzell, National FFA Vice President, Western Region, Colfax, Washington

Others present for all or portions of the meeting:

Bernie Staller, Chief Operating Officer, National FFA Organization and National FFA Foundation, Indianapolis, IN

Dale Crabtree, Manager, Educational Delivery Team, Conferences/Convention, Awards and Recognition, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, IN

Bill Stagg, Team Leader, MSC Team, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, IN

Cindy Ettestad, Consultant (President, National FFA Alumni Council), Molalla, Oregon

Pam Jumper, Consultant (Vice President, National FFA Alumni Council), Paragould, Arkansas

1. Reflections

Elio Chiarelli, Jr. (Eastern Region Vice President) led reflections.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda – The Chair called for adjustments to the agenda, but there were none.

3. Approval Of Minutes

Following a review of eight (8) sets of minutes for Full Board meetings of July 12-16, 2002 (Indianapolis) and August 26, 2002 (conference call); along with Governing Committee meetings of August 30, 2002; August 15, 2002; August 7, 2002; August 6, 2002; July 26, 2002; and July 22, 2002, the following action was taken:

MOTION: Moved by Elio Chiarelli, Jr. (Elaine Lewis), seconded by Amber Haugland (Jacque Deeds) and **carried** to approve the minutes as presented.

(Attachment 1)

4. Treasurer's Report

Marion Fletcher, National FFA Treasurer, provided an in-depth report to the board by reviewing the three documents:

- Accountant's Report and Financial Statement dated August 31, 2002 and 2001
- National FFA Organization, Summary Statements of Financial Position (unaudited)
- Total Portfolio Performance Summary

MOTION: Moved by Amber Haugland (Marshall Stewart), seconded by Abbie Kammerzell (Bob Heuvel) and **carried** to accept the Treasurer's Report.

(Attachment 2)

5. Update on the 75th National FFA Convention

Dale Crabtree, Convention Manager, announced that pre-registration was at a record 35,000 plus, which is a significant increase over last year. Participation in CDE up as well (932 teams). He also touched on the security plan, convention speakers, educational tours, FFA art display at the Kentucky Center for the Arts, funding, and a summary report of SAE based awards. Dale concluded by saluting the staff and officers for the planning and dedicated work invested for the 75th convention. The board applauded the officers and staff.

(Attachment 3)

6. Approval of Awards/Degrees to Sponsors and Others

No action necessary.

7. National Officers' Team Report

President Dane White highlighted the key points of the National Officers' Report that included an average of how their time was spent this year. Their suggestions / requests focused on an expanded role for consultants; clarification of the organization's diversity policy or perhaps speaking guidelines for the national officers in the field; and for a greater mirroring of the "cross section of those who have a stake in FFA and agriculture education" in the board, consultants, and executive committee.

MOTION: **Moved by** Jacque Deeds, seconded by Horacio Garza, Jr. and **carried to** accept the report presented by the National Officers and to salute them for an outstanding year of service to the FFA with particular mention of their strength in interacting with the National FFA Board of Directors. Applause followed.

Note: This report will be further discussed at the January 2003 board meeting. Considerable discussion regarding diversity occurred and will be continued at future meetings. *(Attachment 4)*

8. Finance Committee Report

Bob Heuvel presented the Finance Committee Report from their morning meeting (October 27, 2002) held at the Executive West hotel. The chair related that the committee had reviewed the items submitted in the Treasurer's Report and had no specific motions to bring before the board. The committee commended Bernie Staller and the staff for making adjustments in the face of the economic downturn and further assured the board of the sound status of the organization.

MOTION: **Moved by** Abbie Kammerzell (Marshall Stewart), seconded by Robin Niehaus (Steve Zimmerman) and **carried to** accept the Finance Committee Report.

9. Overview of Legal Matters

Bernie Staller indicated there were no updates for the Board as members have been apprised via e-mail as matters evolved.

10. Unfinished Business

- Bernie shared his comments to the USDA Research, Education, and Economics Advisory committee this week. Each year the committee develops a list of national needs. Bernie asked them to: (1) list agricultural education as a national need....for increased funding for teacher shortage and for research of the achievement of agriscience students who take other science and math courses to see how ag science courses may contribute to their success in math/science and (2) to increase the current funding of Challenge Grants program from \$1 million to \$5 million..

- Bob Heuvel (Chair of the CDE Advisory Committee) saluted the FFA staff and in particular, Jim Armbruster, for the work completed to improve CDE scoring and judging procedures. These improvements are the outcome of a CDE Superintendent's meeting held at the FFA Center this past year. It was a frank and straightforward meeting. Chairman Heuvel explained that the results of the effort would be apparent at this year's convention.
- Coleman Harris discussed the convention Board assignments and highlighted the information regarding Jan Bray's (ACTE Executive Director) and Cathann Kress' (Director of Youth Development, USDA) schedules during convention. He noted the schedules for the January and July Board meetings are printed in the agenda.

11. January Board Meeting Announcement

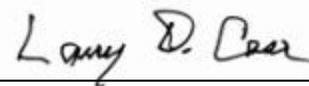
The next board meeting will be held January 25-27, 2003 in Alexandria, VA with a board and national officer retreat being held on Friday, January 24 at 8:00 a.m. at USDE in Washington, DC.

12. Closing

Larry Case thanked the Board for a great year. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.



C. Coleman Harris
Secretary



Larry D. Case
Chairperson