

**National FFA Foundation Board Of Trustees
Meeting Minutes**

January 28, 2002

Larry D. Case, President, called the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the National FFA Foundation, Inc. to order at 1:00 p.m. at the Crystal City Marriott in Arlington, Virginia. James Borel Christopher Cashman and Cheryl Zimmerman were unable to attend this meeting.

Those members of the Board present were:

Larry Case, National FFA Advisor, Senior Program Specialists, Agriculture, Division of Vocational-Technical Education, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.

Dane White, President, National FFA Officer, Eureka, California

Jack Elliott, AAAE Representative, Professor, Agricultural Education and Communications, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas

W. Wade Miller, AAAE Representative, Professor, Agricultural Education and Studies, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

Patricia Natusch, Executive Secretary Representative and Executive Administrator/State FFA Executive Secretary, Connecticut FFA Foundation, Coventry, Connecticut

Sarah Osborn Welty, NAAE Representative; Instructor – Agricultural Education, Walkersville High School, Walkersville, Maryland

Chuck Stranberg, NAAE Representative, Region III Vice President and Instructor – Ridgewater College, Litchfield, Minnesota

Robert Heuvel, State Supervisor, Standards & High School Development Division, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Sacramento, CA

Tommy Gladden, State Supervisor Representative, State FFA Advisor, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina

Marshall Stewart, State Supervisor Representative; State Coordinator for Agricultural Education, Department of Agriculture and Extension Education, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina

Steve Zimmerman, State Supervisor Representative; State FFA Advisor, North Dakota FFA Association, Bismarck, North Dakota

Jacquelyn Deeds, U.S. Department of Education Representative, Professor, Agricultural Information Science and Education, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Mississippi

Horacio Garza, Jr., U. S. Department of Education Representative, Instructor – Agricultural Education, Sharyland High School, Mission, Texas

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, Arkansas

Others Present:

Bernie Staller, Chief Operating Officer, National FFA Organization & National FFA Foundation, Indianapolis, Indiana

Tom Kapostasy, Director, Business and Information Services, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, Indiana

Anna Melodia, Director, Educational Programs Division, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, Indiana

Kent Schescke, Director, Development and Partnerships Division, National FFA Organization, Indianapolis, Indiana

Mark Leitman, Executive Director, National Council for Agricultural Education, Alexandria, Virginia

Jay Jackman, Executive Director, National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE), Alexandria, Virginia

1. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Jacque Deeds, seconded by Horacio Garza, Jr. **and carried** to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2001 minutes.

There were no adjustments made to the agenda.

2. Seating of New Members

Chairman Case proclaimed the following new trustees as “*duly seated for the transaction of business for the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustee:*” Jack Elliott, Patricia L. Natusch, Chuck Stranberg, Dane White and Sarah Osborn Welty (returning for a second term).

3. Program Development and Direction Report

Bernie Staller presented a proposal approved by the National FFA Board of Directors recommending for special project funding of a Team Ag Ed/ GLOBE initiative to provide train-the-trainer workshops for agriculture teachers to become certified GLOBE soils and hydrology trainers.

MOTION: Moved by Jack Elliott, seconded by Chuck Stranberg **and carried** to approve, as a special project, a Team Ag Ed/ GLOBE initiative to provide train-the-trainer workshops for agriculture teachers to become certified GLOBE soils and hydrology trainers. (*Attachment 1*)

4. National FFA Foundation Sponsors’ Board Report

Kent Schescke explained that the financial aftermath of the September 11th national tragedy had a major negative impact on the composition of the Foundation’s Sponsors’ Board. Three industry leaders serving on the Sponsors’ Board are unable to continue serving on the board, including Christopher Cashman, 2003 Sponsors’ Board Chairman. A process is underway by the Executive Committee to identify a replacement. Chairman Case expressed his best wishes for Mr. Cashman’s future and appreciation for all the service rendered by the business leaders.

5. National FFA Foundation Office Report

Kent then gave a brief update on personnel and organizational changes of the Foundation since July 2001. Three additional FFA Foundation staff positions have been filled. Jason Givan joined the staff as Assistant Regional Director, West group working with Jim Bishop, Lynn Campbell and Janet Lewis. He most recently has worked on his family farm west of Indianapolis and has been employed as a salesman for Pioneer for the past three years. Jason holds a degree from Purdue in Soil and Crop Management.

In addition, Elbert Henderson has transitioned into the role of Assistant Regional Director, East group working with Jan Ferris, Jana Jaure and Teri Buchholtz. Elbert finished his role as Grant Writer/Grant Manager during the month of November is now fully engaged in his new role.

Kari Wallace has accepted the position of administrative assistant providing support to the West group. Kari began as a temporary employee and is now in a full staff position.

6. National Council for Agricultural Education (The Council)

Mark Leitman introduced the Council’s proposals for special project funding, two of which are updates of existing instructional materials.

MOTION: Moved by Marshall Stewart, seconded by Steve Zimmerman **and carried** to accept as a special project a funding request of \$256,500 for the global positioning systems & geographical information systems applications in agriculture. (*Attachment 2*)

MOTION: Moved by Marshall Stewart, seconded Wade Miller by **and carried** to accept a special project funding request of \$247,500 for the revision of the animal welfare instructional materials. (*Attachment 3*)

MOTION: Moved by Tommy Gladden, seconded by Wade Miller **and carried** to accept a special project funding request of \$247,500 for the revision and update of food science safety and nutrition. (*Attachment 4*)

Mark thanked Kent for the work of the Foundation for programs and expressed his appreciation for the Foundation Board of Trustees' support.

7. **2002 Budget Presentation and Adoption**

Marion Fletcher, National FFA Foundation Treasurer, presented the 2002 National FFA Foundation, Inc. final budget for approval.

MOTION: Moved by Dane White, seconded by Bob Heuvel **and carried** to approve the 2002 Budget for the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees. (*Attachment 5*)

8. **National Association for Agricultural Educators (NAAE)**

Sarah Osborn Welty, NAAE President-Elect, presented the report on behalf of NAAE that included the following highlights:

- ◆ 2000-01 NAAE Annual Report now online at www.naae.org as well as instructional materials for "Saving the Planet with Pesticides and Plastic" and "Risk Management in American Agriculture"
- ◆ Special thanks for Foundation for securing funding for the NAAE Pocket Diary from DeWalt
- ◆ Spring 2002 NAAE Board meeting scheduled February 6-10 in Indianapolis, IN
- ◆ 2002 NAAE Convention to be held December 10-14, 2002 in Las Vegas, NV
- ◆ \$1,000,000 appropriated for FY 2002 USDA Secondary Ag Ed Challenge Grants Program (a \$200,000 increase over FY 2001)
- ◆ School Environment Protection Act (SEPA), proposed legislation for federal law, still being actively opposed by NAAE. Legislation was kept out of the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and now proponents are trying to attach their amendment to the farm bill.

No proposals were submitted.

9. **National Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization (PAS)**

No proposals were submitted.

10. **Elections**

- Larry Case, Coleman Harris, Marion Fletcher, James Borel and Dane White will automatically serve on the Executive Committee for 2002 by virtue of the positions they hold.

- The following members were nominated and unanimously elected to serve as representatives on the Executive Committee for 2002:

Steve Zimmerman – State Supervisor

Jack Elliott – Teacher Educator

Patricia Natusch – Executive Secretary

Horacio Garza, Jr. - Teacher

MOTION: Moved by Marshall Stewart, seconded by Wade Miller **and carried** to nominate Steve Zimmerman for Vice President for the Trustees for 2002. The vote was unanimous.

11. Comments from Retiring Board Members

Tommy Gladden expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve with the Foundation Board of Trustees and a feeling of sadness over the ending of his assignment.

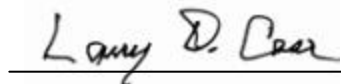
12. Announcements

The next meeting for the Foundation Board of Trustees will be in Indianapolis, Indiana on July 16, 2002.

13. Adjourn



C. Coleman Harris, Secretary



Larry D. Case, President