MINUTES
MEETING OF
NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND
NATIONAL OFFICERS
OF THE
NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION
Alexandria, Virginia
January 26 - 28, 1997

Sunday (January 26, 1997)

There was a Finance Committee meeting with Ratio Architects (David Rausch, Wayne Olander and Fred Palmer from Indianapolis, Indiana) in the Martin Room of the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Alexandria, Virginia. The Board held a special session for Committee and Task Force reports and discussion in Ballroom A & B of the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Alexandria, Virginia.

Monday (January 27, 1997)

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 and the Policy, Constitution and Bylaws Standing Committees. There was also a New Technology Seminar (Board Education) held in the Washington Room of the National FFA Center.

Opening Session:

The meeting of the Board of Directors and National Officers of the National FFA Organization was called to order at 11:12 a.m. in the Washington Room of the National FFA Center, Alexandria, Virginia by Corey Rosenbusch, National FFA President. Following is a listing of all Board members who were present:

Board of Directors:

Belinda G. Chason, State Supervisor, Agribusiness & Natural Resources Education, Florida Department of Education, Tallahassee, FL
David E. Cox, (USDE Representative), Professor and Associate Dean, Office of Academic Programs, The University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
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
Edward Smith, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, State Department of Vocational-Technical Education, Stillwater, OK
Randy Trivette, Program Specialist, Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Trenton, NJ
Board of Directors — continued:

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:


C. Coleman Harris, National FFA Executive Secretary; and 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:

Corey Rosenbusch, National FFA President, Glen Rose, TX

Holly Bentley, National FFA Secretary, Sabina, OH

Brad Montgomery, National FFA Vice President, Central Region, McDonald, KS

Ray Starling, National FFA Vice President, Eastern Region, Autryville, NC

Charlie Jones, National FFA Vice President, Southern Region, Billingsley, AL

Rachel Fehringer, National FFA Vice President, Western Region, Peetz, CO

Consultants:

Following is a listing of all Consultants who were present:

MeeCee Baker, President, NVATA, Port Royal, PA

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

James J. Connors, Assistant Professor, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID

Seth Demer, Past National FFA Officer, Bartlett, NE

Duane M. Fisher, President-Elect, NVATA, Mt. Auburn, IA

Tom Heffernan, Past President, NVATA, Poteet, TX

Ray V. Herren, Past President, FFA Alumni Association, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

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

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

Blannie B. Bowen, Professor, Agricultural and Extension Education, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA was unable to attend this Board of Directors meeting. Susie Whittington, Assistant Professor, The Pennsylvania State University, substituted for Dr. Bowen.

Others present for all or portions of the meeting:

FFA, Foundation and Agricultural Education Related Organization’s staff participated throughout the week.

Steve A. Brown, District Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Jefferson City, MO (Member, Foundation Board of Trustees)

Judy Mayfield, Executive Director, Oregon FFA Association, Salem, OR (Member, Foundation Board of Trustees)

Karen Hutchison (new Board member coming onboard in July 1997)
1. **REFLECTIONS**
   Reflections — Brad Montgomery.

2. **SEATING OF NEWLY-ELECTED NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS AND CONSULTANTS**
   Chairperson Case introduced and welcomed to the Board the new National FFA Officers (Board of National FFA Officers is listed above.) and Consultants — Shirley Carte (Florida); James J. Connors (Idaho); Seth Derner (Nebraska); and Linda Story (Kentucky).

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**
   Corey Rosenbusch led a review of the activities of the National FFA Officer Team since their election at the 1996 National FFA Convention in November. Each officer spoke and told us more about their team goal areas. Team theme is “team excellence.”

   **MOTION:** It was moved by David Cox, seconded by Belinda Chason and carried to accept the report of the National FFA Officers and to commend them for a job well done.

   Well wishes were given and a round of applause followed.

5. **REPORTS—CONSULTANTS TO THE BOARD**
   Reports and remarks were given by Consultants:

   - Agricultural Teacher Educators — Jerry Peters.
   - FFA Alumni Association — Shirley Carte.
   - Past National FFA Officer — Seth Derner.

   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. The Council — Rosco Vaughn. *(Appendix A)*
   c. NVATA — MeeCee Baker. Dr. Baker spoke about last year being a rough year for all concerned; and she gave jars of olives to Larry Case and Bernie Staller because she couldn’t find an olive branch. She also gave a hatchet to Bernie Staller in lieu of “burying the hatchet.”

7. **REVIEW OF AND ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA**
   Several adjustments were made. Robert Scott, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Office of Vocational and Adult Education, USDE, will be attending the Board meeting later and Dr. Case asked that his name be added to the agenda.
On Tuesday, a Governing Committee will need to be elected, recognition of retiring Board members given and July 1997 Board dates will be announced.

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

   **MOTION:** It was moved by Rachel Fehringer (Les Olsen), seconded by Ray Starling (David Hopson) and carried to approve the November 11, 1996 Minutes.

9. **REPORT OF NATIONAL FFA TREASURER**

   Gene Eulinger reviewed the current financial report. The Organization is in good financial shape and reserves are growing. Dr. Eulinger commended Sue Springirth, Comptroller, for her hard work and assistance. A round of applause followed.

   **MOTION:** It was moved by Rachel Fehringer (John Wilkinson), seconded by Charlie Jones (Eddy Watkins) and carried to accept the report of the National FFA Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned at noon for lunch.

**Second Session — Washington Room**

The second session of the meeting of the Board of Directors and National Officers of the National FFA Organization was called to order at 1:03 p.m. in the Washington Room of the National FFA Center, Alexandria, Virginia. Dr. Case introduced and welcomed Robert Scott to the group. Mr. Scott was asked to inform the Board regarding the National FFA Headquarters and Public Law 81-740. One of the issues is the confirmation that the National FFA Headquarters is located at USDE. The Department is optimistic about confirming that the headquarters is in the Department of Education. Mr. Scott could not give a definite answer as to when a decision will be made. One of the perceptions hard to erase is that the FFA Headquarters is at the National FFA Center and not at the U.S. Department of Education. Dr. Case thanked Mr. Scott for coming and a round of applause followed.

10. **REPORT ON NATIONAL FFA OFFICER NOMINATION PROCESS**

    David Cox asked if he could defer two Board motions to a later time.

11. **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO SELECT FFA BOARD MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE GOVERNING COMMITTEE**

    Dr. Case appointed a committee composed of Randy Trivette, Eddie Smith and David Cox to select an FFA Board member to serve a three-year term on The Council Board of Directors from June 1997 to May 2000 and to select two new Governing Committee members.
12. 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).

a. Lennie Gamage presented the report for the Human and Fiscal Resources Team. He introduced Mark Cavell, MIS Director, who spoke about the technology to be used in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Gamage spoke about the challenges involved in moving. No proposals for new activities were presented.

b. Dennis Shafer presented the report for the Ventures Team. Sales were very good for the store which is held in the National FFA Center during the Washington Leadership Conference. $807,000 in sales from the Ventures Shopping Mall at the 1996 National FFA Convention. All of the store owners at the Shopping Mall have asked to move to Louisville, Kentucky for the 1999 National FFA Convention. The move to Indianapolis is really going to be a challenge for Ventures. Neither of Mr. Shafer’s two staff members is moving. Mr. Shafer thanked and saluted the customer service group (order entry and shipping personnel). Sales over the Internet have not gone well. No proposals for new activities were presented.

c. Janet Lewis presented the report for the Distribution Resources Team. Mrs. Lewis thanked Ventures for their hard work. She spoke about the move to Indianapolis and how they are looking at the opportunities and ways her team can become more efficient. There is going to be more cross-training and maybe wireless headsets. Order entry could become more of a call center and help other teams with incoming calls. Jim Long, Co-Team Leader demonstrated to the Board a “quick plate” machine. Mr. Long also spoke about a sublimation machine. No proposals for new activities were presented.

d. C. Coleman Harris and Scott Stump presented the report for the Convention Team. Mr. Harris reviewed the National FFA Convention Data Sheet. Mr. Stump, Convention Manager, said that this has been a most interesting year for him; and he has received many favorable comments regarding this year’s convention. He expressed his appreciation to the FFA staff members. No proposals for new activities were presented.

e. Bill Stagg presented the report for the Communications Resources Team. He praised Ricardo Valencia and the FFA Alumni for their efforts in securing public service announcements. Mr. Stagg also saluted the members of his team. No proposals for new activities were presented.

f. Joyce Winterton presented the report for the Partner Development Team which included an information update on two Partner Development projects — Internet Career Page Development and a National Teleconference scheduled for March 14, 1997. Dr. Winterton was very proud of an article in the National School Board Association publication. She also reminded everyone about the Agricultural Education Inservice Workshop scheduled for February 22-25, 1997 in Arlington, Virginia. Dean Folkers, new member of the Partner Development Team, spoke to the Board about the ag career segment on the Internet. Dr. Winterton asked everyone to join in a round of applause for Laura Thomas who will begin working for Dr. Case and Coleman Harris in March.
MOTION: It was moved by Brad Montgomery (David Cox), seconded by Holly Bentley (David Hopson) and carried to approve the proposal “Joint Vocational Student Organization School-to-Work Initiative” which will assist in the establishment of a coordinated system that prepares students to be successful in a globally-competitive work force. This project will request funding through the National STW office as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. (Appendix B)

g. Randy Bernhardt presented the report for the Teacher Services Team. Mr. Bernhardt introduced and praised the members of his team and he also thanked the staff of the Foundation office in Madison, Wisconsin. Randy and his fellow team members enjoy working with other teams at the FFA Center and extended his appreciation for their hard work and cooperation.

MOTION: It was moved by Holly Bentley (Belinda Chason), seconded by Ray Starling (Randy Trivette) and carried to approve the development of a video and related supportive materials aimed at increasing local business and industry awareness of and support for student Supervised Agricultural Experience programs; and request special-project funding from the National FFA Foundation in the amount of $36,600.

MOTION: It was moved by Rachel Fehringer (David Cox), seconded by Charlie Jones (Randy Trivette) and carried to accept the following:

1. The FFA Collegiate Task Force Report.
2. The request for a second Collegiate FFA Task Force meeting with authorization to use organization funds for the meeting.
3. The request for Organization funding or Foundation special-project funding for the development of a Collegiate FFA Handbook with accompanying constitution/by-laws.
4. The request for Organization funding or Foundation special-project funding for the “Assessment Plan” for 1997-98.

MOTION: It was moved by Brad Montgomery and seconded by Charlie Jones to approve organizational funding for the pilot test of the New Teacher/Administrator Conferences in North Carolina and New York. In addition, to approve the following budget for the 1997 - 2000 New Teacher/Administrator Conferences.

It was determined by the Board to withdraw the above motion because this was already approved when the Local Program Success initiative was approved.

Les Olsen, Chairperson, National Career Development Events and Awards Advisory Committee, presented the following Board motions:

MOTION: It was moved by Rachel Fehringer and seconded by Charlie Jones to approve the attached Honorary American FFA Degree — Teachers nomination form.

MOTION: It was moved by Rachel Fehringer (Eddie Smith), seconded by Ray Starling (Randy Trivette) and carried to refer the above motion to the committee as stated in the November 1996 Board Minutes.

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MOTION: It was moved by Brad Montgomery (John Wilkinson), seconded by Rachel Fehringer (Eddy Smith) and carried to grant up to $10,000 in research and development funds to consider and develop proficiency award categories and make application revisions for the 2001 - 2005 proficiency award cycle.

MOTION: It was moved by Holly Bentley (Belinda Chason), seconded by Charlie Jones (Eddy Watkins) and carried to appoint a committee to establish objectives, skills, competencies, format and plans to implement both a National FFA Job Interview Career Development Event and Agricultural Communications Career Development Event and to secure organizational funding to conduct task forces and report task force findings during the July 1997 Board meeting.

MOTION: It was moved by Ray Starling (Eddie Smith), seconded by Brad Montgomery (Belinda Chason) and carried to have the National FFA Organization staff coordinate a committee to further study the issue of sanctioning existing non-FFA competitive activities as National FFA events and report findings at the National Career Development Events and Awards Advisory Committee meeting in January 1998.

MOTION: It was moved by Charlie Jones (David Cox), seconded by Ray Starling (Eddy Watkins) and carried to accept both the Agricultural Issues and Food Science and Technology Career Development Event formats as the formats that will be followed to conduct these two CDEs, beginning with the 1997 National FFA Convention.

MOTION: It was moved by Rachel Fehringer (Eddy Watkins), seconded by Charlie Jones (John Wilkinson) and carried to accept “Creed” and “National FFA Chapter Challenge” as official Career Development Events and to utilize the formats as presented as the method of delivering the two. Special-project funding to be secured from the National FFA Foundation. (Appendix C)

h. Jim Scott presented the report for the Student Services Team. He introduced and praised his staff members and shared with the Board his team’s “wins.”

MOTION: It was moved by Ray Starling (Eddie Smith), seconded by Brad Montgomery (Eddie Smith) and carried to accept the second portion of the Culminating and Enabling Expectations for Selected National FFA Activities. Please request from the Student Services Team at the FFA Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Tuesday (January 28, 1997) — 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. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND DIRECTION (Continued)

MOTION: It was moved by Rachel Fehringer, seconded by Ray Starling to accept the National FFA Officer Review Committee Report and implement the administrative recommendations.

MOTION TO REFER TO A COMMITTEE: After considerable discussion, it was moved by Rachel Fehringer (David Cox), seconded by Ray Starling (Eddie Smith) and carried to refer this matter to a committee of the Student Services Team leader, CRT representative and the National Officer team to determine which recommendations are feasible and report back at the July 1997 Board meeting.
MOTION: It was moved by Rachel Fehringer (John Wilkinson), seconded by Charlie Jones (Les Olsen) and carried to appoint Robert Bell, South Dakota to a three-year term as an adult consultant to the National FFA Officer Nominating Committee, effective 1997-1999.

Bernie Staller reported on the FFA Organization’s accomplishments. Membership increases are up, Blast-off, WCP, MFE, Convention attendance, all broke historical records. Staff has done a marvelous job. Last year had input from over 10,000 people. Great ideas for 1997-98, creative ideas from staff. On behalf of all team leaders, Staller gave appreciation to the Board for their commitment and dedication. Chairperson Case expressed appreciation to Staller for his dynamic leadership and efforts.

13. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT — POLICY, CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

David Cox, Chairperson, presented the report for the Policy, Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

MOTION: It was moved by Rachel Fehringer (Belinda Chason), seconded by Brad Montgomery (Eddie Smith) and carried that the National FFA Advisor inform the New Hampshire Association that their proposed constitutional amendment regarding the number of National FFA Officers is in conflict with Public Law 81-740.

MOTION: It was moved by Brad Montgomery (Eddie Smith), seconded by Ray Starling (Belinda Chason) that the National FFA President shall notify the Governing Committee of the Board of Directors of the list of members serving on the nominating committee no later than September 1st.

MOTION: It was moved by Rachel Fehringer (Belinda Chason), seconded by Charlie Jones (Randy Trivette) and carried that the National FFA Organization add policy d. to Division I, Section H, Item 01 which states: “A member may participate in only one International Travel Seminar as a National Proficiency Award Finalist.”

MOTION: It was moved by Charlie Jones (John Wilkinson), seconded by Holly Bentley (Eddie Watkins) and carried that the National FFA Organization add item d. to Division I, Section I, Item 01 which states: “a local FFA advisor may submit, on behalf of a deceased member, an American FFA Degree application if done so in the year immediately following the death of that member.

MOTION: It was moved by Ray Starling (Eddie Smith), seconded by Brad Montgomery (Les Olsen) and carried to amend Division I, Section F, Item 03, Selection and Certification of State Teams, Policy g by striking August 1st and inserting 110 days prior to the start of the National Convention.

MOTION: It was moved by Brad Montgomery (Belinda Chason), seconded by Charlie Jones (Randy Trivette) and carried to add the Policy, to Division I, Section F., Item 08. Wavier of FFA Rules -
Any local chapter seeking a waiver of a National FFA Board Policy or Procedure must submit in writing to the chapter’s State FFA Association office. If the request is approved at the state level, it must be forwarded, under the signature of the State FFA Advisor or Executive Secretary, to the National FFA Advisor. After study by the appropriate staff, the waiver request will be presented to the National FFA Board of Directors for action. A waiver request must be submitted to the national FFA staff at least 30 days prior to the scheduled event or due date for which the waiver is requested. This policy does not supersede any current FFA policy for appeals already established for a particular FFA program.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Rachel Fehringer (Les Olsen), seconded by Ray Starling (David Cox) and carried to add the Policy, to Division I, Section F, Item 01, b, 05. One member who is a Career Development Event Superintendent selected by the CDE Superintendents through a process of its choosing.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Ray Starling (John Wilkinson), seconded by Charlie Jones (Belinda Chason) and carried to add the Policy, to Division I, Section F, Item 02, C, 03. It would state the following:

Once a student has qualified as a state representative in a respective Career Development Event, if he or she moves to a different chapter or a different state, may be allowed to compete in the national event with the school they qualified with during the qualifying year. Certification forms submitted to the National FFA will be the list that will be accepted.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Brad Montgomery (Randy Trivette), seconded by Charlie Jones (Belinda Chason) and carried to accept the following policy for Collegiate FFA Membership Division II Operations, Section D, General, Item 10: Current FFA members enrolled in local chapters can be active “Collegiate” members without paying additional national dues. FFA members enter their name on the Collegiate roster and identify the local chapter in which they paid their dues.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Brad Montgomery, seconded by Ray Starling that a reinstatement processing fee of $25 plus back dues, be charged anytime a local chapter or state wishes to reinstate a former member. (Section D. General, Item 10, “Membership Reinstatement”).

*It was determined by the Board to withdraw the above motion to refer to staff to write a policy for presentation at the July 1997 Board meeting.*

**MOTION:** It was moved by Charlie Jones (David Hopson), seconded by Rachel (Randy Trivette) and carried to accept the report of the policy committee.

14. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT — FINANCE**

Eddie Smith, Chairperson, presented the report for the Finance Committee and thanked the committee. Chairperson Smith asked Bernie Staller to discuss McShea & Company and the sale of the Mt. Vernon property.

Mr. Staller reported that McShea has proposed four marketing strategies. One option is to target upscale home owners. Second option, schools. Third, commercial. Fourth, assisted care living. McShea feels it would be a combination of the above options because of the highway one area, flood plane that would maximize FFA’s value. There have been seven offers on the property so far, basically made by home builders.
MOTION: It was moved by Holly Bentley (Belinda Chason), seconded by Charlie Jones (David Hopson) and carried to accept the 1995-96 National FFA Organization Audit Report as prepared by Stoy, Malone and Co.

MOTION: It was moved by Ray Starling (John Wilkinson), seconded by Brad Montgomery (Belinda Chason) and carried that the National FFA Organization pursue licensing/royalty agreements for products and services (beyond plaques, trophies and awards currently authorized) once appropriate policy, procedures and criteria are developed by staff and approved by the Board.

MOTION: It was moved by Ray Starling (Belinda Chason), seconded by Charlie Jones (David Hopson) and carried to approve the $49,600 of Capital Requests. (Appendix D)

MOTION: It was moved by Rachel Fehringer (Eddie Watkins), seconded by Brad Montgomery (David Hopson) and carried to set the 1997 convention registration fee at $25.00. (Appendix E)

MOTION: It was moved by Rachel Fehringer, seconded by Charlie Jones to recommend that the Board name a committee to negotiate issues related to funding a National Council, NVATA and FFA staff office in the DC metro area and that the committee include two NVATA Board members; two Council Board members; Eddie Smith and John Wilkinson representing FFA Board (Finance Committee); one National FFA Officer; the NVATA Executive Director, Jay Jackman; the National Council Executive Director, Rosco Vaughn; Larry Case, FFA/FDN CEO and Bernie Staller FFA/FDN COO and that a professional facilitator be employed.

THE MOTION AS AMENDED -- It was moved by Charlie Jones (David Cox), seconded by Rachel Fehringer (Randy Trivette) and carried to strike “that a professional facilitator be employed” from the motion.

THE MOTION AS AMENDED -- It was moved by Charlie Jones (David Cox), seconded by Rachel Fehringer (Randy Trivette) and carried that the Board name a committee to negotiate issues related to funding a National Council, NVATA and FFA staff office in the DC metro area and that the committee include two NVATA Board members; two Council Board members; Eddie Smith and John Wilkinson representing FFA Board (Finance Committee); one National FFA Officer; the NVATA Executive Director, Jay Jackman; the National Council Executive Director, Rosco Vaughn; Larry Case, FFA/FDN CEO and Bernie Staller FFA/FDN COO.

MOTION: After considerable discussion, it was moved by Rachel Fehringer (Eddy Watkins), seconded by Charlie Jones (Belinda Chason) and carried to approve design concepts for the new National FFA Center as presented by Ratio Architects specifically to include the “circular” conference room/cafe format and the “hip” roof design.

MOTION: It was moved by Rachel Fehringer (John Wilkinson), seconded by Ray Starling (David Cox) and carried to authorize Board appointed building committee (chair, Larry Case; Eddie Smith; Seth Derner; Corey Rosenbusch and Les Olsen) to continue to negotiate with land owners, architects and builders to construct new National FFA Center with total building costs not to exceed $4,700,000.
MOTION: It was moved by Rachel Fehringer (Les Olsen), seconded by Brad Montgomery (David Hopson) and carried to accept Motion One and Two as presented to provide cash flow for the construction of the new National FFA Center.

Motion One - National FFA Board of Directors
The National FFA Organization agrees to accept contributions from the National FFA Foundation Capital Campaign for the new National FFA Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. The organization further agrees to use the funds raised by the Foundation expressly for the purpose of building, furnishing and endowing the new Center.

Motion Two - National FFA Board of Directors
Move that the National FFA Organization request a line of credit up to $2,000,000 from the National FFA Foundation for the purpose of building and furnishing the National FFA Center in Indianapolis, Indiana with interest at the current CD market rate. Each request against the line of credit to require prior approval of the National FFA Board of Directors.

MOTION: It was moved by Rachel Fehringer (Les Olsen), seconded by Charlie Jones (Belinda Chason) and carried to accept corporate resolution to establish investment accounts to receive Capital Campaign funds from the National FFA Foundation.

MOTION: It was moved by Holly Bentley (David Cox), seconded by Ray Starling (Belinda Chason) and carried to recommend to the delegates that the 1998-1999 member dues be set at $5.00.

MOTION: It was moved by Holly Bentley (David Hopson), seconded by Charlie Jones (Eddy Watkins) and carried to accept the report of the Finance Committee.

15. NATIONAL FFA FOUNDATION
Doug Butler, Team Leader/Senior Regional Director, presented the report for the National FFA Foundation. (Appendix F)

16. NATIONAL FFA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BUSINESS AND ISSUES
Ricardo Valencia, Executive Director, presented the report for the National FFA Alumni Association.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon for the official photo and lunch.

Tuesday (January 28, 1997) — Final Session

The meeting of the Board of Directors and National Officers of the National FFA Organization was reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with all members of the Board present.

Mark Timm presented the National FFA Research Executive Summary, which compiles data relating to the National FFA since 1990. (Appendix G)

17. REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL MATTERS
Bernie Staller gave an update on administrative and legal issues. No action was necessary.
18. **REPORT ON COMMITTEE SELECTION OF AN FFA BOARD MEMBER TO SERVE A THREE-YEAR TERM ON THE COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS (JUNE 1997 TO MAY 2000)**

   **MOTION:** It was moved by Ray Starling (Eddie Smith), seconded by Charlie Jones (John Wilkinson) and carried to elect Ernie Gill to the Council Board of Directors.

19. **NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS AND DELEGATE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

   Scott Stump, Communications Resources Team presented the National FFA Officers Report and Kelly Horton, Student Services Team, presented the Delegate Feedback Report.

20. **ELECTION OF GOVERNING COMMITTEE**

   **MOTION:** It was moved by Ray Starling (Eddie Smith), seconded by Charlie Jones (John Wilkinson), seconded by and carried to appoint Belinda Chason and David Hopson to the Governing Committee for the term of July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998.

21. **RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS**

   The Board recognized Randy Trivette, Eddie Smith and David Cox for their service with the Board of Directors. Chairperson Case asked each one to make comments. A round of applause followed for the retiring Board members.

22. **JULY 1997 FFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS**

   The July 1997 FFA Board of Directors meeting will be held July 13 - 16, 1997, with a "Build Your Own Sundae" on Saturday night (July 12th). The July 1997 Foundation Board of Trustees meeting will be held on July 16, 1997; 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

23. **ADJOURNMENT**

   There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

24. **EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH SENIOR MANAGEMENT**

   No motions in the Executive Session of the Board.

   

   C. Coleman Harris, Secretary

   Larry D. Case, Chairperson

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