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JOINT MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AND

NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Alexandria, Virginia

January 28-31, 1985

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MINUTES
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Monday Afternoon January 28, 1985

The meeting of the Board of Directors and National Officers of the Future Farmers of America was called to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Washington Room of the National FFA Center, Alexandria, Virginia, by the National FFA President, Steve Meredith. All members were present with the exception of Mr. F. J. Doering.

Board of Directors

*Floyd J. Doering, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Madison, Wisconsin
Thaine D. McCormick, Chief, Programs Branch, Division of Vocational Education Services, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC
Duane M. Nielsen, Deputy Director, Division of Innovation and Development, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC
C. W. Reed, State Specialist, Agribusiness Education, Montgomery, Alabama
Les Thompson, Program Specialist, Accountability Branch, Division of Vocational Education Services, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC
Lee Traver, Chief, Bureau of Agricultural Education, Albany, New York
J. W. Warren, Chief, Services Section, Division of Vocational Education Services, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC
Donald E. Wilson, State Supervisor, Department of Education, Sacramento, California

Ex-Officio Members

Larry D. Case, Chairman of the Board, and Senior Program Officers, Agriculture, Division of Vocational Education Services, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC
C. Coleman Harris, Secretary, Board of Directors, and Program Officer, Agriculture, Division of Vocational Education Services, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC
David A. Miller, National FFA Treasurer, and Section Chief, State Department of Education, Baltimore, Maryland

Board of National Officers

Steve Meredith, National FFA President, Glendale, Kentucky
Michael Gayaldo, National FFA Secretary, Kelseyville, California
Mike Barrett, National FFA Vice President, Mead, Nebraska
Graham Boyd, National FFA Vice President, Pinetown, North Carolina
Nanci Mason, National FFA Vice President, Collins, Mississippi
Brad Bass, National FFA Vice President, Mt. Vernon, Texas

*Mr. F. J. Doering was unable to attend the meeting.

Consultants

William E. Drake, Professor and Coordinator, Agricultural and Occupational Education, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
Clinton O. Jacobs, Professor Agricultural Education, University of Arizona, Tuscon, Arizona
Gary W. Leske, Associate Professor, Agricultural Education, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota
Edwin L. Love, Professor, Agricultural Education, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas
Walt Schuh, President, NVATA, Bow, Washington
Myron Sonne, President Elect, NVATA, Letcher, South Dakota
Ralph Thomas, Vice President, NVATA, Woodward, Oklahoma
Craig Wiget, Vice President, NVATA, Mt. Blanchard, Ohio

Others present for all or portions of the meeting

Wilson W. Carnes, Administrative Director, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia
Robert W. Cox, Executive Director, National FFA Alumni Association, Alexandria, Virginia
Dennis Shafer, Director, National FFA Supply Service, Alexandria, Virginia
Glenn D. Luedke, Director of Advertising, The National FUTURE FARMER magazine, Alexandria, Virginia
John M. Pitzer, Senior Editor, The National FUTURE FARMER magazine, Alexandria, Virginia
Michael Wilson, Managing Editor, The National FUTURE FARMER magazine, Alexandria, Virginia
Ted E. Amick, Program Specialist/Contest, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia
Tony Hoyt, Program Specialist, Leadership, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia
Cameron Dubes, Director of Information, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia
Lennie Gamage, Program Specialist/International, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia
Robert A. Seefeldt, Program Specialist/Awards, FFA, Alexandria, Virginia
Jay Householder, President, National FFA Alumni Association, Junction City, Ohio
Eldon Witt, Past President, National FFA Alumni Association, Roanoke, Illinois
Sam Stenzel, Executive Director, NVATA, Alexandria, Virginia
Bernie Staller, Executive Director, National FFA Foundation Office, Madison, Wisconsin
Kim Havens, Assistant Executive Director, National FFA Foundation Office, Madison, Wisconsin
Steven R. Greene, Assistant Executive Director, National FFA Foundation Office, Madison, Wisconsin
Douglas Butler, Assistant Executive Director, National FFA Foundation Office, Madison, Wisconsin

1. INVOCATION -- The invocation was given by Steve Meredith, National FFA President.

2. SEATING OF NEW MEMBERS OF BOARD -- The new National Officers and consultants were officially seated by Dr. Case. They are:

National Officers -- Steve Meredith, National FFA President; Michael Gayaldo, National FFA Secretary; Graham Boyd, National FFA Vice President, Eastern Region; Mike Barrett, National FFA Vice President, Central Region; Nanci Mason, National FFA Vice President, Southern Region; and Brad Bass, National FFA Vice President, Western Region.

New Consultants -- Ralph Thomas, Vice President, NVATA, Oklahoma; Craig Wiget, Vice President, NVATA, Ohio; Edwin L. Love, Professor, Agricultural Education, University of Arkansas; and Clinton O. Jacobs, Professor, Agricultural Education, University of Arizona.

3. BRIEFING ON BOARD PROCEDURES -- Dr. Case explained the Board's function and purpose and stated that discussion was open to all.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -- Mr. Harris stated that the minutes to be approved are from the November 1984 Board Meeting and that no other meetings have been held since that time. Mr. C. W. Reed, Alabama, requested that the minutes of the November 1984 Board Meeting be corrected to show that he was in attendance at the November Board meeting.

MOTION -- It was moved by Mike Barrett (Dr.Nielsen)**, seconded by Brad Bass (Mr. Warren) and carried to approve the minutes as corrected.

5. SELECTION OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE GOVERNING COMMITTEE MEMBER -- Mr. James W. Warren and Mr. Thaine McCormick were appointed by Dr. Case.

6. EXPLANATION OF STANDING COMMITTEES -- Coleman Harris reviewed the agenda for the standing committees.

7. MEETING RECESSED -- It was moved by Brad Bass (Mr.Thompson), seconded by Mike Barrett (Dr. Nielsen) and carried to recess to standing committee work.

Tuesday Afternoon, January 29, 1985

The meeting was reconvened at 1:30 p.m. by Steve Meredith, National FFA President, with all members of the Boards present except Mr. Floyd J. Doering.

INVOCATION -- The invocation was given by Brad Bass, National Vice President, Western Region.

8. PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS -- The Board agenda was adjusted to include the report of the National FFA Alumni Association. Mr. Thompson distributed copies of "National FFA Contest Objectives" and "Criteria For Adding, Changing, and Dropping National FFA Contests" for information and future action (See Appendix A).

Mr. Wilson Carnes, Administrative Director, distributed copies of the new expense voucher form and explained that FFA is asking that expenses for meals be broken down by breakfast, lunch and dinner and reimbursement will be for actual cost not to exceed \$16 per day. Mr. Carnes also stated that reimbursement for use of personal car is now 20 1/2 cents per mile. Board members were also asked to attach a copy of their plane ticket to the expense form.

**Parentheses indicate joint action by the National FFA Officers and Board of Directors.

9. NVATA REPORT -- Mr. Walt Schuh, President, NVATA, updated the Board on the recent NVATA convention held in New Orleans (See Appendix B). Mr. Schuh also commended Dr. Case on the work he has done and stated that the NVATA is willing to assist him in whatever way possible. Mr. Schuh extended his congratulations to the new National Officers and reminded them that they represent the entire FFA membership. He extended his best wishes for a very successful term of office.

MOTION -- It was moved by Michael Gayaldo (Mr. McCormick), seconded by Mike Barrett (Mr. Reed) and carried to accept the NVATA Report.

10. NATIONAL OFFICER UPDATE REPORT -- Nanci Mason, National FFA Vice President, Southern Region, summarized the national officers' orientation held at the National FFA Center in December 1984. Graham Boyd, National FFA Vice President, Eastern Region, reviewed the Greenhand Motivational Conference held in Missouri and sponsored by MFA. Each officer gave a short summary of their visit to their experience states (Nebraska, Washington, Illinois, Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee). National President Steve Meredith told the Board of his participation in the 1985 Presidential Inauguration. Brad Bass, National Vice President, Western Region, reviewed the national officers' visit to Oklahoma for the Sophomore Motivational Conference. Mike Barrett, National FFA Vice President, Central Region, gave a short summary of the upcoming International Tour to Japan and visits the officers will be making on the Business and Industry Tour. Michael Gayaldo, National FFA Secretary reported on the 1984-85 National Officer Team Goals (See Appendix C).

11. AATEA REPORT -- Dr. Gary W. Leske brought greetings to the Board on behalf of the AATEA. He expressed appreciation to the Center staff for the fine SOE workshop held this past summer, commented on the successful Ag Ed Research meeting held in New Orleans, stated it was a pleasure to work with Board members and a great pleasure to see the high quality of national officers this year.

MOTION -- It was moved by Brad Bass (Mr. McCormick), seconded by Mike Barrett (Mr. Thompson) and carried to accept the AATEA report.

12. INTERIM REPORT OF THE TREASURER -- Mr. David Miller, National FFA Treasurer, reported on the FFA Consolidated Statement of Income and Expense for the four-month period of September 1, 1984 through December 31, 1984. He stated that the financial condition of the organization is good but we need to continue to watch it closely. Mr. Miller presented the Preliminary Budget for 1985-86 to the Board and explained it in detail. The budget will be presented at the July Board meeting for final approval. The 1985-86 budget will be a balanced budget based on certain assumptions. One assumption is to increase the price of the FFA jacket by \$1.00 above other cost increases which might be incurred.

Mr. Dennis Shafer presented background information and figures on the pricing of the FFA jacket and the recommendation of the Management Review Team and the NASCO consultant. The proposed increase was discussed in the Finance Committee and will be presented to the Board by that committee. Another concern is the fact that the 4-H now has a jacket very similar to the FFA jacket which is manufactured by the same company that makes the FFA jacket.

MOTION -- It was moved by Brad Bass that a committee be appointed by Steve Meredith to look into the jacket situation. There was no second. The motion failed.

MOTION -- It was moved by Michael Gayaldo (Mr. Thompson), seconded by Mike Barrett (Mr. Traver) and carried to accept the Interim Report of the Treasurer.

13. NATIONAL POSTSECONDARY AGRICULTURE STUDENT ORGANIZATION (PAS) -- Dr. Case reported on the meeting held in October and the upcoming meeting on March 18-21 to be held in Jackson, Mississippi. Dr. Case commented that the organization is making good progress.

MOTION -- It was moved by Brad Bass (Dr. Nielsen), seconded by Nanci Mason (Mr. McCormick) and carried to accept the National Postsecondary Agriculture Student Organization report.

14. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT - CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS -- Mr. Lee Traver, chairman, gave the report of the committee.

MOTION -- It was moved by Graham Boyd (Mr. Traver), seconded by Mike Barrett (Mr. McCormick) and carried that the Board of Directors direct the strategic planning committee to address a revision of the active membership degrees with qualification based on achievement of stated competencies.

MOTION -- It was moved by Mike Barrett (Mr. Thompson), seconded by Michael Gayaldo (Mr. Warren) and carried that the following amendment to Article V, Section B, Paragraph One (1), be submitted to the strategic planning committee to address and consider. Strike the words regularly and vocational agriculture and insert in place of vocational agriculture the following statement: "a state approved program for vocational or pre-vocational education in agriculture".

Article V, Section B, Paragraph One (1) would then read as follows: "Any student who is enrolled in a state approved program for vocational or pre-vocational education in agriculture is entitled to become an active member of any chartered FFA chapter."

MOTION -- It was moved by Mike Barrett (Mr. Reed), seconded by Michael Gayaldo (Mr. Traver) and carried that the report of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee be accepted.

MEETING RECESSED -- It was moved by Graham Boyd (Lee Traver), seconded by Mike Barrett (Thaine McCormick) and carried to recess the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Wednesday Morning, January 30, 1985

The meeting was reconvened at 8:30 a.m. with all members of the Boards present, with the exception of Mr. F. J. Doering.

INVOCATION -- Graham Boyd, Eastern Region FFA Vice President, gave the invocation.

ADJUSTMENTS IN AGENDA -- President Meredith asked if there were any program adjustments to be made at which time the following action was taken:

15. MOTION RE: FFA JACKET STUDY -- It was moved by Brad Bass (Dr. Nielsen), seconded by Mike Barrett (Mr. Wilson) and carried that a committee be appointed to investigate the current price and quality of the FFA jacket, and that the committee consist of two national officers and two persons appointed by Dr. Case. (The committee appointed to report back to the Boards on Thursday morning were: Brad Bass, Mike Barrett, Les Thompson and Lee Traver, Chairman.)

16. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS -- STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL & HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT -- Mr. Warren, Chairman, introduced Lennie Gamage who gave the report on international activities and the program outlook for 1985. He stated that in 1984 we had 140 FFA members going overseas and 194 people coming into our country on the regular program, plus 26 young people on the USAID funded project in Panama for a total of 360 on programs varying from 3-12 months' duration. He next reported on the planned 2-week National Officers' trip to Japan, Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China to begin February 6. He said that the tour would concentrate on international trade relations with Japan which would give the officers an opportunity to view importing, processing and distribution of American agricultural products. Mr. Gamage reported that currently the FFA has three proposals pending with the U.S. Information Agency for grant support in 1985. He stated that if the pending proposals are approved, plus the Foundation Scholarship money amounting to approximately \$20,000, that there would be over \$200,000 available for FFA members in the program during 1985.

Mr. Gamage next reported on the Hall of Achievement saying that 13 cents of each member's dues annually for a four-year period are going into the Endowment Fund for the Hall and stated that presently there is a balance of \$220,000 in this Fund.

Activities for the Hall this year include completely replacing the Achievers' display with artifacts from each honoree installed at the 1984 convention, and updating of the time line exhibit with some of the current activities and adding to that portion of the Hall. He ended his report by stating that the Hall will be completed in time for the Washington Conference Program.

Mr. Warren concluded the report with the committee's recommendation: That the Board of Directors endorse the delegate International Program Committee report and further encourage the Washington Conference Program planning committee to implement recommendation #6 which reads:

"6. Request that the WEA time be reinstated into the Washington Conference Program."

MOTION -- It was moved by Michael Gayaldo (Mr. Thompson), seconded by Nanci Mason (Mr. Traver) and carried to accept the recommendation.

MOTION -- It was then moved by Graham Boyd (Mr. Thompson), seconded by Nanci Mason (Mr. Reed) and carried to accept the committee's report.

17. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT -- PUBLICATIONS, INFORMATION AND SUPPLY SERVICE -- Mr. Don Wilson, Chairman, gave the committee's report and then presented their recommendations:

NATIONAL FFA MAGAZINE PHOTO CONTEST -- That the Board of Directors approve a proposed National FFA Photo Contest for the Magazine and request that the Foundation Board of Trustees approve this proposal for special project funding.

MOTION -- After discussing this proposal and rewording one of the contest guidelines, it was moved by Michael Gayaldo (Mr. Warren), seconded by Brad Bass (Mr. McCormick) and carried to accept this recommendation.

SUPPLY SERVICE ITEMS -- That the Supply Service Director be allowed to chose new items recommended by the 1984 delegate committee which he feels are appropriate and marketable. (Chairman Case explained that this was referring to any new items to be listed in the catalog.)

MOTION -- It was moved by Brad Bass (Mr. Warren), seconded by Michael Gayaldo (Mr. McCormick) and carried to accept this recommendation.

NATIONAL FFA AGRICULTURAL COMPUTER SERVICE -- That the Board of Directors approve the formation of a National FFA Agricultural Computer Service and request of the Board of Trustees a line of credit (as per proposal) from the Foundation reserves to establish this project.

MOTION -- It was moved by Nanci Mason, seconded by Michael Gayaldo and carried to accept this recommendation. Mr. McCormick moved to sustain, seconded by Dr. Nielsen but did not carry. Chairman Case called for the vote which resulted in: Ayes - 3; Nays - 4. MOTION FAILED.

A short discussion ensued on this matter wherein several different concerns were expressed; mainly, whether this was the proper role for the National FFA Organization? It was also the consensus of the group that the matter needed further study.

MOTION -- It was moved by Michael Gayaldo (Mr. Wilson), seconded by Mike Barrett (Lee Traver) and carried to accept the committee's report.

18. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT -- POLICY -- Mr. McCormick, Chairman, gave the report on the Policy Committee meeting and presented their recommendations:

REVIEW OF OPERATING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN FFA ORGANIZATION AND THE FFA FOUNDATION -- That a progress report on the development of policy clarifying the relationship of the National FFA Foundation and the National FFA Organization be given at the July Board meeting, with the final report given at the January, 1986, Board meeting.

(Mr. McCormick stated that this action was a commendation of Dr. Case and Mr. Staller in this area and that this action expressed confidence in a good working relationship between the two groups.)

MOTION -- It was moved by Mike Barrett (Mr. Reed), seconded by Brad Bass (Mr. Warren) and carried to accept this recommendation.

OPERATING POLICIES (BOARD OF DIRECTORS) -- To amend the National FFA Policy, section B, item 13 (on page 4), lines 9 and 10, by striking out 3 and inserting 4. The policy as amended now reads:

"When the U.S. Department of Education can no longer provide four (4) qualified Board members, the National FFA Organization and the U. S. Department of Education shall implement the memorandum of understanding pertaining to FFA Board membership signed by the Assistant Secretary of Vocational and Adult Education and the National FFA Advisor on July 22, 1982. When a teacher becomes a full-voting Board member, under the agreement between the National FFA Organization and the U. S. Department of Education, the number of teacher consultants to the Board will be four (4), likewise when a teacher educator is appointed to the Board, the number of consultants will be four (4)."

MOTION -- It was moved by Brad Bass (Mr. Wilson), seconded by Mike Barrett (Mr. Traver) and carried to accept this recommendation.

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING -- That the National FFA Board of Directors consider eliminating the November Board meeting.

MOTION -- After discussing the pros and cons of this recommendation, it was moved by Graham Boyd (Mr. Wilson), seconded by Nanci Mason (Mr. Traver) and carried to accept this recommendation and continue to study the feasibility of eliminating the November Board meeting.

MOTION -- It was moved by Brad Bass (Mr. Warren), seconded by Graham Boyd (Mr. Reed) and carried to accept the report of the Policy Committee.

(It was recommended that the new chairman of the Policy Committee be made aware of page 5 in the Policies, and also that the Board materials be mailed out early enough prior to the meeting so that the Policy Committee can review the policies and bring them up to date.)

19. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS -- STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONTESTS AND AWARDS -- The committee report was presented by Mr. Thompson, Chairman, which included the following recommendations:

AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE -- That the National FFA Board of Directors submit to the National Delegate Assembly (1985) the following amendment to Article 7, Section A of the FFA Constitution:

"Those states filling their quota may submit up to two (2) additional ranked qualified American Farmer candidates to be put into an applicant pool to fill the national quota."

MOTION -- It was moved by Graham Boyd (Mr. Wilson), seconded by Nanci Mason (Mr. Warren) and carried to accept this recommendation.

INCREASING THE VISIBILITY AND USE OF NATIONAL FINALISTS IN PROFICIENCY AWARDS

-- To postpone until the July Board of Directors meeting, the FFA's Sponsor's Advisory Board recommendation for "Increasing the visibility and use of National Finalists in Proficiency Awards."

MOTION -- After a short discussion of additional recognition and visibility for regional proficiency winners, it was moved by Brad Bass (Mr. Wilson), seconded by Mike Barrett (Mr. Warren) and carried to accept this recommendation.

NVATA'S POLICY RESOLUTIONS DISCUSSED -- Mr. Thompson then reviewed three items of concern that were discussed at the NVATA's December meeting in New Orleans:

(1) That the National FFA recognize the National Chapter Award as the top award for chapters and elevate this award to the highest recognition level. (Mr. Thompson said that the committee hadn't taken any action on this resolution and that Mr. Schuh had stated that he would like to take this item back to the NVATA's spring meeting for further direction and discussion and bring it back to the July meeting.)

(2) That an American Farmer allotment pool be created. (He said that the committee had acted upon this resolution. See motion under American Farmer degree.)

(3) That the National FFA Board be made aware of the NVATA's continuing support of a National Parliamentary Contest. (He stated that there is a committee working on this that will meet in the spring.)

REPORT ON "CRITERIA FOR ADDING, CHANGING, AND DROPPING NATIONAL FFA

CONTESTS" -- Mr. Thompson next gave a progress report on information that Dr. Alan Kahler, Iowa State University, had summarized regarding "Criteria for Adding, Changing, and Dropping National FFA Contests" as well as "Objectives for National FFA Contests" which represented the consensus of thinking of 40 key people who are directly related to the contest program in some way. He stated that the final report on this should be received from Dr. Kahler in May so that it can be presented at the July Board Meeting.

DELEGATE COMMITTEE'S REPORT -- Mr. Thompson next brought to the Boards' attention the recommendation of the delegate committee's report on contests:

"As technology advances in agriculture, we, the committee, feel that it is necessary that the Board of Directors continue the study of ag business test and the firm possibility of a job interview contest may be implemented to the states within two years or time allotted by the Board."

He stated that the committee did not consider the process of gathering data in regard to this; however, Dr. Leske stated that there is a project underway looking at the broader issue of an activity or a contest proposal relative to agribusiness and that research is designed to gather information from the states to see what they are doing relative to this area. Chairman Case asked whether this was a matter for the Research Committee to consider? Dr. Leske stated that he didn't think it had to go through the Research Committee since they are just gathering information at this point.

Dr. Jacobs stated that the national contests set a precedence on curricula at the local level and stated that any research that is conducted should deal directly with what are the competencies that the contest reflects as far as a vocational occupation. He further stated that if we aren't vocationally-minded to maintain that goal then our local level will suffer.

MOTION OF NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CONTESTS DISCUSSED -- Mr. Thompson then discussed a motion made by the National Advisory Committee on Contests in Kansas City this past November which read:

"To drop the 'special funding' clause of Poultry and Milk Quality and Dairy Foods Contests."

MOTION -- It was moved by Brad Bass (Mr. Warren), seconded by Nanci Mason (Mr. McCormick) and carried to accept the report of the Contests and Awards Committee.

Before the group recessed, Mr. Wiget challenged them to take a closer look over lunch at their actions regarding the Computer User Group.

The meeting was recessed at 11:50 a.m.

Wednesday Afternoon, January 30, 1985

The meeting was reconvened at 1:35 p.m. with all members of the Boards present except Mr. F. J. Doering.

20. REPORT OF NATIONAL FFA FOUNDATION SPONSORING COMMITTEE -- Mr. Bernie Staller, executive director, gave a report of the activities of the committee. He reported that even though the number of sponsors has decreased, the General Fund and special projects have increased.

Mr. Staller reported the results of a survey of former FFA national winners and gave an update on the Ag Ed Network. He also told of plans for 1985 which includes a new brochure and a new newsletter. He requested input from the Board regarding state requests through the National FFA Foundation, Olympic-style endorsements and non-contribution fund raising. He gave a short visual presentation on the Development and Endowment program.

Mr. Steve Greene gave a detailed visual explanation of Planned Giving and the benefits to the donor and the FFA.

MOTION -- It was moved by Brad Bass (Mr. Thompson), seconded by Nanci Mason (Mr. McCormick) and carried to accept the report of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee and commend them for their excellent work.

21. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT -- LEADERSHIP -- Dr. Nielsen, chairman, thanked the members of the committee and gave the report of the committee.

MOTION -- It was moved by Mr. Warren (Graham Boyd), seconded by Mr. Thompson (Nanci Mason) and carried unanimously that the Board of Directors approve increasing the National FFA Officer scholarships from \$2,000 to \$4,000 per scholarship. The Board of Directors request the FFA Foundation to finance these scholarships through general fund, endowment fund, as a special project or any combination of the three. This is to take effect at the upcoming 1985 national convention.

MOTION -- It was moved by Michael Gayaldo (Mr. McCormick), seconded by Mike Barrett (Mr. Traver) and carried that the national organization implement a fund-raising drive to help in the restoration of the Statue of Liberty which will challenge each FFA chapter in the nation and Puerto Rico to donate \$20 to this fund.

MOTION -- It was moved by Mike Barrett (Mr. McCormick), seconded by Brad Bass (Mr. Thompson) and carried that a letter be prepared by the national officer team, printed at the National FFA Center and sent to the FFA Foundation for mailing to appropriate chapters for the purpose of increasing support for vocational agriculture and the Future Farmers of America.

MOTION -- It was moved by Nanci Mason (Mr. Wilson), seconded by Brad Bass (Mr. Warren) and carried to approve the Program of Activities Section V, Convention, and Section IX, Leadership, and page 1, Section I, Administration as amended.

Dr. Nielsen reported that the WCP was in great shape, convention planning was ahead of schedule and the national officers would visit 100 cities on the national officer tour.

MOTION -- It was moved by Brad Bass (Mr. Thompson), seconded by Graham Boyd (Mr. Traver) and carried to accept the report of the Leadership Committee.

22. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS -- Mr. Wilson Carnes, Administrative Director, welcomed the new National Advisor and the new Director of the FFA Supply Service. He expressed appreciation to Mr. McCormick for filling in as National Advisor. He also expressed high hope for the future.

Mr. Carnes reported on repayment of a loan from the Foundation, the agreement with the Alumni Association for free office space and participation in the Foundation. He also reported on the agreements with the NVATA, the American Royal and Kansas City.

MOTION -- It was moved by Graham Boyd (Mr. Warren), seconded by Mike Barrett (Mr. McCormick) and carried to accept the report on administrative matters.

MOTION -- It was moved by Dr. Nielsen (Brad Bass), seconded by Mr. Warren (Mike Barrett) and carried unanimously to express appreciation to Thaine McCormick for exceptional service to the Board and stepping in as National FFA Advisor.

23. NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE -- Mr. Traver gave the report of the committee.

MOTION -- It was moved by Michael Gayaldo (Mr. Thompson), seconded by Graham Boyd (Mr. Reed) and carried that the Board of Directors officially name the scholarship winners as presented in the report of the National Scholarship Committee.

MOTION -- It was moved by Nanci Mason (Mr. Warren), seconded by Graham Boyd (Dr. Nielsen) and carried that the Board of Directors allow New Mexico and Oklahoma to fill available scholarship awards during this transition year.

MOTION -- It was moved by Mike Barrett (Mr. Traver), seconded by Brad Bass (Mr. Warren) and carried to accept the report of the Scholarship Committee.

24. LEGAL ISSUES -- Mr. Wilson Carnes reported no active legal issues at this time.

MOTION -- It was moved by Graham Boyd (Mr. Reed), seconded by Mike Barrett (Mr. Thompson) and carried to let the minutes show Mr. Wilson Carnes presented the report and there were no active legal issues at this time.

25. REPORT NATIONAL FFA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION -- Mr. Woody Cox, Executive Director, introduced Mr. Jay Householder, President, and Mr. Eldon Witt, Past President.

Mr. Householder gave the report of membership of approximately 26,000. The preliminary budget was presented; the final budget will be presented at the July Board meeting. Alumni investments were also presented. A new FFA Alumni Manual sponsored by the Merck Company Foundation and the Alumni newsletter, now sponsored by Rhone-Poulenc, Inc. were presented for the Board's review. Mr. Householder requested suggestions and ideas from the Board for future programs.

MOTION -- It was moved by Brad Bass (Mr. McCormick), seconded by Nanci Mason (Mr. Thompson) and carried to accept the report and commend Woody Cox for his leadership.

The meeting was recessed at 4:25 p.m.

Thursday Morning, January 31, 1985

The meeting was reconvened at 9:15 a.m. with all members of the Boards present with the exception of Mr. F. J. Doering.

TV SPECIAL -- Mr. Cameron Dubes, Director of Information, announced a special television show entitled "Agriculture's Next Generation: A Conflict of Interest" which will air during the first week in March on 124 television stations across 37 states. The show, narrated by Eddie Albert, was filmed partially during the National FFA Convention and also features the FFA chapter of Chowcilla, California, and Carbondale, Illinois.

26. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT - FFA JACKET -- Mr. Traver reported for the special committee on the FFA jacket situation.

MOTION -- It was moved by Michael Gayaldo (Mr. Thompson), seconded by Nanci Nason (Mr. Wilson) and carried that the Board of Directors direct the Supply Service Director to actively pursue alternative suppliers of jackets in order to create a competitive contractual setting.

MOTION -- It was then moved by Mike Barrett (Mr. Traver), seconded by Graham Boyd (Mr. McCormick) and carried to accept the report of the special committee on the FFA jacket.

27. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT - RESEARCH -- Dr. Gary Leske, Chairman, reported that a request for proposal (RFP) concerning the Agribusiness Skills Assessments Activity was developed and disseminated to head teacher educators. The University of Minnesota proposal was funded. (See Appendix D)

Dr. Leske further stated that the Research Committee has initiated a plan to establish a FFA Research priority list. The purpose of this list is to encourage graduate students to select priority research topics relative to FFA and to allow the RFP process to become more timely. The committee will present a list at the July Board meeting.

Members of the Boards were requested to complete an "FFA Research Priority List" listing up to ten (10) research topics/problems that they felt should be undertaken in the next five years.

MOTION -- It was moved by Brad Bass (Mr. Warren), seconded by Mike Barrett (Mr. McCormick) and carried to accept the report of the Research Committee.

28. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT - FINANCE -- Mr. C. W. Reed, Chairman, recognized and commended the members of the FFA Finance Committee.

AIR CONDITIONER -- The air conditioner at the National FFA Center is 28 years old and has ceased to operate satisfactorily. The compressor unit is worn out and should be replaced.

MOTION -- It was moved by Mike Barrett (Mr. Thompson), seconded by Brad Bass (Mr. Warren) and carried that the Administrative Director be authorized to spend \$17,311 from the 5% set-aside capital reserve fund to replace the air conditioner compressor in Building 1 of the National FFA Center.

EXTERIOR PAINTING -- It was reported that the exterior areas of the Center have not been painted for several years.

MOTION -- It was moved by Nanci Mason (Mr. Traver), seconded by Brad Bass (Mr. McCormick) and carried that the Administrative Director be authorized to spend up to \$1,500 from the 5% set-aside capital reserve fund to repaint the exterior areas of the Center as specified in the Russell Booth painting proposal.

RESURFACING DRIVEWAY AND PARKING AREAS -- It was stated that the present blacktop surface is beginning to crack and is badly in need of repair. Two bids have been received. To resurface all of the areas would cost approximately \$39,156.

MOTION -- It was moved by Brad Bass (Mr. Thompson), seconded by Nanci Mason (Mr. McCormick) and carried that the Administrative Director be authorized to spend \$39,156 from the 5% set-aside capital reserve fund to resurface the parking lots, driveway and related areas at the National FFA Center as specified in both items 1 and 2 of the December 7, 1984, bid by Proffit Bros. Paving.

MOTION -- It was then moved by Mike Barrett (Mr. McCormick), seconded by Graham Boyd (Mr. Warren) and carried that the Administrative Director be authorized to spend up to \$500 to improve and add to foundation plantings in the immediate front of the National FFA Center building.

REPLACEMENT TRACTOR -- Mr. Reed further reported that during the committee meeting it was stated that a new tractor was needed. The tractor presently owned was purchased in 1969 and to replace the motor would cost \$1,000.

MOTION -- It was moved by Michael Gayaldo (Mr. McCormick), seconded by Graham Boyd (Mr. Thompson) and carried that the FFA request authorization from the Board of Trustees to solicit the donation of a small tractor for mowing and related work at the National FFA Center.

MOTION -- It was then moved by Brad Bass (Mr. Wilson), seconded by Graham Boyd (Mr. Thompson) and carried to accept the report of the FFA Finance Committee.

29. PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR FY 1985-86 ACCEPTED -- It was moved by Brad Bass (Mr. Warren), seconded by Michael Gayaldo (Mr. McCormick) and carried to accept the preliminary budget for FY 1985-86 with the assumption that the 1985 National FFA Convention registration fee will be \$15.00, and the selling price of the FFA jacket will increase by \$1.00 above any other increases; subject to final approval at the July Board meeting.

30. FFA EMBLEM -- A discussion ensued regarding the use of the Official FFA Emblem and there was a consensus of both Boards that the emblem should always be used in tact without being defaced in any way, as stated in the official FFA Policies regarding the use of the FFA name and emblem.

31. STANDING OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS -- Mr. Harris reported Annual Reports have been received from the states with the exception of two (Utah and Vermont). He stated that he would follow up on this matter.

32. COMMENDATION - ROBERT C. WHALEY - MOTION -- It was moved by Mike Barrett (Mr. Warren), seconded by Graham Boyd (Mr. Reed) and carried that the National FFA Student Officers and Board of Directors go on record of commending Mr. Robert C. Whaley of the Robert C. Whaley Company for his dedication to The National FUTURE FARMER magazine and the FFA Organization.

Mr. Whaley represented The National FUTURE FARMER as Publisher's Representative on the West Coast since the magazine was established in 1952 and retired on December 31, 1984.

33. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - FFA GOVERNING COMMITTEE -- Mr. Warren presented the report. The committee submits the following nominees to the Board to be elected members of the Governing Committee for fiscal year 1985-86:

Dr. Larry D. Case, National FFA Advisor, Chairman
Mr. C. Coleman Harris, National Executive Secretary, Secretary

Members: Mr. Les Thompson - to complete the second year of his two-year term;
Dr. Duane Nielsen - to begin his two year term.

MOTION -- It was moved by Graham Boyd (Mr. Warren), seconded by Brad Bass (Mr. Wilson) and carried to accept and implement the report of the Nominating Committee.

34. NATIONAL FFA AGRICULTURAL COMPUTER SERVICE RECONSIDERED - MOTION -- It was moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Warren and carried to reconsider action on the National FFA Agricultural Computer Service:

"That the Board of Directors approve the formation of a National FFA Agricultural Computer Service and request of the Board of Trustees a line of credit (as per proposal) from the foundation reserves to establish this project."

The proposal again was discussed at great length.

MOTION -- It was moved by Brad Bass (Mr. Reed), seconded by Nanci Mason (Mr. Thompson) and carried to recess the meeting for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

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The meeting was reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with all members of the Boards present except Mr. F. J. Doering.

35. INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUEST -- Mr. Bill Dennis, Section Chief, Programs Branch, Division of Vocational Education, U. S. Department of Education, was introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

36. NATIONAL FFA AGRICULTURAL COMPUTER SERVICE -- Discussion on the proposal continued.

MOTION -- It was moved by Dr. Nielsen (Nanci Mason), seconded by Mr. Warren (Mike Barrett) and carried that the Board of Directors approve the implementation of a six-month design and field test to determine the feasibility of and design for a proposed NATIONAL FFA AGRICULTURAL COMPUTER SERVICE and request up to \$32,000 from the Board of Trustees to conduct this field test with a report, and decision on implementation, to be made at the July meeting of the National FFA Board of Directors.

37. ORAL REPORT FROM CONSULTANTS -- Myron Sonne expressed appreciation to the Board for the opportunity to share in the Board meeting. He commended the staff for a job well done, but felt when big decision needed to be made, such as the National FFA Agricultural Computer Service recommendation, this information should be in their hands in plenty of time to be studied.

MOTION -- It was moved by Mike Barrett (Mr. Wilson), seconded by Nanci Mason (Mr. Traver) and carried to accept the oral report from the consultants.

38. REMARKS BY DR. CASE -- In his closing remarks Dr. Case expressed appreciation to the FFA staff for their dedication and concern they have for agricultural education and the students of agricultural education. He also commended the staff for their preparations for the Board meeting, and expressed appreciation to the Board members, consultants and National Officers for their outstanding contributions. On behalf of the Board, he extended special appreciation to Mr. Don Wilson, Mr. Charlie Reed and Mr. Thaine McCormick for their services as they conclude their term on the Board of Directors.

39. REMARKS BY MR. WILSON -- Mr. Wilson indicated that he observed tremendous changes in the agendas of the Board meeting since his term in 1967. The changes that have occurred have made a big difference and the staff is certainly to be commended.

40. ANNOUNCEMENTS -- The FFA Foundation Board of Trustees meeting will be held Friday, February 1, 1985, at 7:45 a.m. at the Marriott Twin Bridges.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors and National Officers will be held July 15-18, 1985; the FFA Foundation Board of Trustees meeting will be held July 19, 1985.

41. ADJOURNMENT -- With no further business to come before the Boards it was moved by Brad Bass (Mr. Warren), seconded by Mike Barrett (Mr. Traver) and carried to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Larry D. Case, Chairman

C. Coleman Harris, Secretary

A P P E N D I X

MINUTES
FFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND
BOARD OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

Alexandria, Virginia
January 28-31, 1985

NATIONAL FFA CONTEST OBJECTIVES

(Preliminary Draft Copy)

1. What should be the educational objectives for all National FFA contests concerning "vocations and careers"? Vocations and careers refer to all aspects of future employment of contest participants.

Comments

- A D 1. Create an awareness of new technologies in industry.

Majority of those responding agree with the context of all these given objectives.

- A D 2. Promote acceptance of industry innovations.

Though, minor wording changes have been suggested.

- A D 3. Develop an appreciation of good workmanship.

- A D 4. Create an awareness of the requirements, responsibilities, opportunities, salaries, etc. of the major careers in industry.

Additional objective(s) you feel should be included:

5. Promote awareness and development of competencies, skills, abilities, and knowledge needed for employment in agricultural occupations related to the contest area. Affective and cognitive as well as psychomotor.
6. Create an awareness of the importance of quality productivity.
7. Develop positive attitude in students toward being successful in agricultural occupations.
8. Create an awareness of current industry standards, procedures, and technology.
9. Create awareness of the occupational opportunities and fields of interest associated with the contest area.
10. Develop and enhance the students' perception of the free enterprise and democratic systems.
11. Develop and encourage entrepreneurial skills related to the contest area.

II. What should be the educational objectives for all National FFA contests pertaining to "basic skills"? Basic skills include cognitive (math, reading, etc.) and psycho-motor (guided responses, coordination, etc.).

Comments

A D 1. Develop mathematical skills.

A D 2. Develop communication skills.

A D 3. Develop decision-making skills.

A D 4. Application of basic skills
to contest.

Majority of respondents agreed with the context of these objectives. Some would prefer use of words "demonstrate" and/or "apply" instead of "develop."

Additional objective(s) you feel should be included:

5. Demonstrate and develop management and leadership skills necessary for leaders in agriculture.
6. Demonstrate and develop uses of common organizational and manipulative skills and abilities required in contest area that are related to those necessary in agri-business and industry.
7. Demonstrate and promote the use of scientific, problem-solving, and higher thinking skills and abilities through practical application with-in the contest area.
8. Demonstrate skills to differentiate between desirable and undesirable work, products, and/or outcomes in the contest area.
9. Demonstrate an awareness of and appreciation for skills needed in a contest and how they relate to the world of work.
10. Demonstrate ability to communicate in the terminology appropriate to the agri-business or industry related to the contest area.

III. What should be the educational objectives for all National FFA contests regarding "personal development"? Personal development includes training in matters such as self-esteem, sense of accomplishment, etc.

Comments

- A D 1. Develop a positive attitude towards lifelong learning.
- A D 2. Develop a sense of accomplishment in completing tasks.
- A D 3. Develop an awareness of self and the relationship between self and work.
- A D 4. Develop an awareness of personal interests and their role in decision-making.

Majority of respondents agreed with the context of these objectives.

Additional objective(s) you feel should be included:

5. Develop and enhance self-confidence and self-esteem by providing opportunities in the contest for students to defend their judgement through oral or written responses, completion of tasks, and recognition for work well done.
6. Develop and enhance leadership potential and management ability.
7. Promote the importance of good grooming and dress for a positive personal appearance.
8. Recognize the relationship between personal development and career development.
9. Develop the individual's awareness of their surroundings, ie. foods, products, materials, equipment, etc.
10. Promote and develop an appreciation for competition, fair play, and how to both win and lose gracefully.
11. Foster the development of a personal value system congruent with democratic ideals.
12. Develop and promote the importance of learning more about a specific area.
13. Develop awareness of personal interests and their role in completing tasks.
14. Provide an opportunity for students to interact with one another, business and industry people, etc.

IV. What should be the educational objectives for all National FFA contests regarding "sociological and cultural"? Sociological and cultural objectives involve getting along with and understanding differences in others.

Comments

A D 1. Develop an understanding of group interactions and relationships.

Majority of those responding agree with the context of all these objectives. Though, minor wording changes have been suggested.

A D 2. Identify social influences and their role in decision-making.

A D 3. Identify the social and cultural contribution made by agricultural knowledge.

A D 4. Develop an awareness of the economic impact and importance of agriculture.

Additional objective(s) you feel should be included:

5. Develop and enhance the importance of team work (working with others toward a common goal) and good relationships with others whether at work or otherwise.
6. Promote the ideals of honesty (in its broad aspect), respect, consideration, service, etc, to others.
7. Recognize the contributions made by agriculture to american culture, ie. lifestyles, business, industry, government, etc.
8. Recognize that competition is critical and essential to the competitive free enterprize system.
9. Recognize the contest area's importance in food, products, and materials and their effect on society.
10. Develop an awareness of the social and cultural contributions made to agriculture from other areas.
11. Recognize the impact of societal trends and issues on agriculture as related to the contest area.

V. What should be the educational objectives for all National FFA contests concerning "health and leisure"? Health and leisure criteria includes physical fitness, well-being, and use of leisure time.

Comments

- A D 1. Develop ability to use leisure time productively.
- A D 2. Identify safety procedures and health hazards in occupations within a contest area.
- A D 3. Identify agriculturally related activities that could be pursued during leisure time.
- A D 4. Identify relationship between physical fitness and performance.

Majority in agreement on objectives 1,2,& 4 with a slim majority agreement on 3. Several questioned the inclusion of this area and its objectives.

Additional objective(s) you feel should be included:

5. Recognize the relationship of well-being both physically and mentally to competitive abilities and success in work related endeavors.
6. Recognize the need for safety precautions and performing tasks safely.
7. Develop appreciation for and conservation of natural resources during leisure activities.
8. Develop an appreciation for agriculturally related activities that could be pursued during leisure time.
9. Develop an appreciation for working in a healthy environment as it relates to agricultural careers.
10. Develop skills and abilities, ie. cognitive, affective and/or psychomotor, which transfer to recreational and leisure activities.
11. Promote the development of leisure time activities in the local program of activities.

VI. What should be the educational objectives for all National FFA contests pertaining to "subject knowledge"? Subject knowledge refers to the technical agriculture knowledge needed in a contest area.

Comments

- A D 1. Identify technical agriculture knowledge needed in contest area.

The majority of respondents agreed with the context of these objective though citing word changes.

- A D 2. Demonstrate ability to apply the needed technical knowledge.

- A D 3. Develop awareness of cross-discipline technical agriculture knowledge needed.

- A D 4. Demonstrate techniques and/or skills that are needed.

Additional objective(s) you feel should be included:

5. Demonstrate ability to locate and properly use resource information and/or technical assistance required to complete tasks in pertinent areas of agriculture.
6. Recognize the effect of changing technical knowledge on our society and how it changes us over time.
7. Recognize the importance and effects of being an informed consumer and how consumer information has effected agriculture.
8. Demonstrate and develop students' understanding and skills in completing tasks common to occupations in agricultural areas focused on by the contest.
9. Demonstrate ability to synthesize and use contest area technical knowledge (competences) developed to solve problems in practical work simulations.
10. Recognize the importance of using the latest technical knowledge in the contest area.
11. Recognize the difference in real and artificial agricultural products related to the contest area.
12. Recognize the interrelationships between agricultural and other industries' technical knowledge.
13. Recognize the international scope of agricultural knowledge.
14. Demonstrate technical knowledge common throughout the country and not unique to a specific region as it applies to a specific contest area.

CRITERIA FOR ADDING, CHANGING, AND DROPPING
NATIONAL FFA CONTESTS

(Preliminary Draft Copy)

I. What criteria should be met when adding a new contest?

Comments

- A D 1. Forty or more states should be providing instruction in the area in which the contest is proposed.

Majority responding disagreed with criteria 1 because of number given. They agreed with the rest of the criteria, though some word changes were suggested.

- A D 2. Proposed national contests must be approved by the National FFA Contest Study Committee and the National FFA Student Delegate Contest Committee before being considered by the National FFA Board of Directors.

- A D 3. Specific educational benefits (minimum of three) not otherwise provided through existing state and local programs shall be stated in support of the proposed contest.

- A D 4. The content of the proposed new contest must be judged appropriate to existing conditions and trends in the industry it represents by a 10 member industry review panel.

Additional criteria you feel should be included:

5. Adequate resources must be available to conduct the contest (ie. financial (industry sponsorship), facilities, equipment, staffing, etc.) in a way that provides a quality educational experience for participants.
6. Twenty-five or more states must petition for a new national contest to the National FFA Board of Directors.
7. The new national contest must compliment the content and instruction of pertinent agricultural education areas taught in vocational agriculture classes nationally.
8. A panel of F.F.A. Teachers who teach in the proposed contest area must evaluate and recommend it to the Board.
9. Strive to maintain an equitable balance between production and agribusiness contests.
10. A national survey must be taken of all Vo-Ag departments and 85% of the schools within each state must approve it before being forwarded to the National FFA Board of Directors.

11. The contest content should reflect the instructional program of thirty or more states before being approved.
12. Specific educational benefits that are not provided in other national contests must be developed and presented before approval.
13. New contests should be added based on the number of students served by the instructional area rather than by state, with consideration given to increased numbers of students being taken out of school and the additional time away from school it would require.
14. Teachers or whoever should provide justification for a new contest based on its educational value for students beyond that accomplished by local and state levels.

II. What criteria should be met when discontinuing a national contest?

Comments

- A D 1. Less than 30 states are providing instruction in the area covered by the contest.

Majority disagreed with criteria 1 and 3, due mostly to number given. They agreed with criteria 2 and 4.

- A D 2. Contest content is outdated or irrelevant as perceived by a panel of industry representatives and a polling of past contest participants.

- A D 3. Less than 30 states are conducting a state contest and/or entering their teams in the national contest.

- A D 4. Contest is not in agreement with the contest objectives.

Additional criteria you feel should be included:

5. Lack of resources and/or support to provide a quality educational experience for participants.
6. The contest no longer is relevant to current instructional goals and objectives, and/or agribusiness and industry occupational needs as determined by research study.
7. The cost of a contest financially and time wise outweighs the benefits derived by the number of students participating.
8. Less than "from 20 to 45" state or associations are participating in the contest.
9. Contest deleted only after input from industry and/or agri-business people, vo-ag teachers, contest committee, and past contest participants has been received and approves its deletion.
10. Less than "x"% of the student enrollment in less than 30 states is in the instructional area covered by the contest.

III. What criteria should be used to change national contests?

Comments

- A D 1. The contest is not focused on skills and competencies required by workers in the industry which the contest represents.

Except for a split decision on criteria 2, the majority of respondents agreed with the rest of the given criteria.

- A D 2. The contest is not in tune with the majority of state contests.

- A D 3. The contest content is not in agreement with the contest objectives.

- A D 4. Evaluations of participating vocational agriculture teachers and students suggest changes in the contest.

Additional criteria you feel should be included:

5. The contest does not represent current skills or competencies needed in the current market place.
6. Contests reviewed to determine if too large, if so, then perhaps they should be split into other contests.
7. Evaluations by vocational educators (local, state, and national), agribusiness and industry representatives, sponsors, past participants, and other interested parties every one to three years are needed to update and/or redirect the contest.
8. Study committee should review contests yearly to determine if changes are needed.
9. Contest does not utilize application of knowledge gained or developed in the instructional program.
10. Contest change due to change in available resources.

NVATA REPORT TO THE NATIONAL FFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The NVATA completed a very successful convention in New Orleans where several policy resolutions were passed. Three resolutions were FFA items and were sent to this board for consideration and action.

The NVATA was instrumental in securing the passage and signing of the Carl Perkins Vocational Education Act. The NVATA also co-hosted a reception following the signing of the agreement between the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This agreement funds a study on Vocational Agricultural Education by the National Academy of Sciences.

This past week the NVATA Board of Directors met in Alexandria for the regular January board meeting. At this meeting we finalized the one and five year program of activities plan, developed a preliminary budget for 1985-86, and implemented the policy resolutions passed by the membership at the convention. During the board meeting, major areas of thrust and programs to be stressed during the regional leadership conferences were identified. A new addition to the board meeting was the attendance of the alternate vice presidents. It is hoped this will give the alternates a broader perspective of the NVATA and also provide more representation of the membership during the board meeting.

The NVATA would like to commend Dr. Larry Case for his dedication to Vocational Agricultural Education as Senior Program Officer, and want him to know the NVATA stands ready to assist him as needed.

The NVATA also wants to congratulate the National FFA Officers on their election to office and remind them that they represent the entire membership in this nation as they make their decisions during this board meeting. Our best wishes go to them for a successful meeting. Thank you.

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1985 NATIONAL OFFICER TEAM GOALS

I. Membership - continue to promote 100% membership as well as increased vocational agriculture enrollment

- A. encourage the development and utilization of promotional materials for creating interest and awareness in vocational agriculture and FFA programs
- B. seek out and share ideas for successful membership development
- C. continue to recognize 100% State Associations and Chapters that meet the standards of the 10+ award program
- D. encourage high school graduates to retain active membership until their final year of eligibility. (article 5, section b-National Constitution)

II. Image - "Keep Agriculture # 1" by projecting a positive image of vocational agriculture, The Future Farmers of America and the agricultural industry

- A. Stress the importance of the utilization of public relation materials available through the FFA Supply Service
- B. emphasize the proper use of the FFA jacket
- C. take advantage of every opportunity to serve as a spokesperson for the industry of agriculture

III. Chapter Resource system - Educate members in the application of the new Chapter Resource System

- A. through leadership conferences(NLCSOs, State Presidents' Conference and Washington Conference Programs)
- B. instruction for proper use in the FFA Magazine
- C. through National Officer travel assignments