

MINUTES OF THE F.F.A. NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Washington, D. C.

July 17-26, 1943

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The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in Dr. Spanton's office by President Marvin Jagels of Idaho. Others present for the Board meeting were: Vice Presidents Walker, Stelter, and Meyer, Student Secretary Hendrix, Regional Agents Clements, Pearson, Johnson, and Lane, National Adviser Spanton, Mr. Elam, and Acting National Executive Secretary Tenney. The opening ceremony was presented by the officers.

The names of the boys who have been recommended for the American Farmer Degree by the National Officers and Regional Advisers were presented.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that the following doubtful candidates be approved for the American Farmer Degree:

Karl Hume Luthy of Illinois  
Glen N. Alexander of Kentucky  
Warren C. Hibbs of Kentucky  
Vernon C. Montgomery of Kentucky  
Harvey S. Martin of Missouri  
Joseph E. Auman of North Carolina  
Percy Crunkilton, Jr. of Ohio  
Paul M. Heins of Ohio  
Arden F. King of Ohio  
Edward S. Thackston of South Carolina  
Charles S. Thompson of Tennessee  
Angus Dickson of Texas  
Leonard R. Pedigo of Texas  
Robert C. Peterson of Wisconsin

It was moved by Vice President Meyer, seconded and carried, that the application of Susumu Miyashiro of Hawaii be rejected because of his being in the middle third of his class.

Because of lack of leadership activities and State association participation, it was moved by Vice President Stelter that Robert M. Hill of Kentucky not be recommended for the Degree. Motion was seconded and carried.

It was moved by Vice President Stelter, seconded and carried, that Fred G. Taylor of Kentucky not be recommended for the Degree because of failure to meet the scholarship requirement.

Because of five errors appearing in his application, it was moved by Vice President Stelter, seconded and carried, that George E. Fogle of Michigan not be recommended to receive the Degree.

It was moved by Vice President Stelter, seconded and carried, that the application of Harlan Remus of Michigan be rejected because of incomplete records.

It was moved by Vice President Stelter, seconded and carried, that the

application of Arthur Jaquette of Michigan be rejected because it did not show three continuous years of supervised farming.

It was moved by Vice President Stelter, seconded and carried, that the application of Lynden McClurg of Wisconsin be rejected because of an incomplete report to the extent that the record did not show he had met the constitutional requirements on leadership and cooperative activities.

It was moved by President Jagels, seconded and carried, that the application of Wilson W. Webb of Delaware be rejected because he did not meet the scholarship requirements.

It was moved by President Jagels, seconded and carried, that the application of Willis Wiehe of Ohio be rejected because of too many errors.

It was moved by Vice President Walker, seconded and carried, that the application of Morgan Lee of Alabama be rejected due to errors in excess of 5 percent of the total labor income.

It was moved by Vice President Walker, seconded and carried, that Herman W. Galin of Alabama not be granted the degree because of six errors in his application.

It was moved by Vice President Walker, seconded and carried, that the application of David Crawford of Alabama be rejected because he does not have a farm in operation at the present time.

It was moved by Vice President Walker, seconded and carried, that the application of James Pay of Arkansas be rejected because he does not have \$553 invested productively.

It was moved by Vice President Walker, seconded and carried, that the application of Marvest Lawson of Arkansas be rejected because he has not shown the necessary leadership experience.

It was moved by Vice President Walker that the application of Benjamin Rodriguez of Puerto Rico be rejected because he will not have been out of school for 12 months before the next national convention. Motion seconded and carried.

It was moved by Vice President Walker, seconded and carried, that the application of Don M. Manier of Tennessee be rejected because of four mathematical errors.

It was moved by Vice President Walker, seconded and carried, that the application of Clarence A. Powell of Tennessee be rejected because of scholarship.

It was moved by Vice President Walker, seconded and carried, that the application of Larry L. Boswell of Texas be rejected because of poor leadership.

It was moved by Vice President Walker, seconded and carried, that the application of Rafael Marrero of Puerto Rico be accepted subject to revision by the National Advisory Council.

It was recommended by the National Board of Trustees that the new American Farmer application blank call for the farming program now in operation.

In revising page 3 of the application, it was recommended that it be necessary for a boy to show his farming program, including all enterprises and scope.

At the top of pages 6 and 7 of the application supplementary practices are called for. There is some duplication and confusion between an improvement project and a supplementary farm practice. It was recommended by Regional Adviser Johnson that a definition of both of these terms be placed on the page where it is used.

It was recommended by Regional Adviser Pearson that the section pertaining to leadership be revised to war conditions.

It was recommended by Student Secretary Hendrix that the applicant be asked to sign the American Farmer application, and that it also be countersigned by his parent or guardian. He also suggested that one blank be provided for answering the question concerning the applicant's marriage status.

It was moved by Vice President Walker, seconded and carried, that the revision of Miscellaneous 2928 read: "that the upper 40 percent means numerical rating or major fraction nearest that percent."

It was moved by President Jagels, seconded and carried, that it be recommended to the National Advisory Council to interpret the constitution to read: "one of the qualifications for the American Farmer Degree be that the boy must have continuous active membership for the 36 months prior to the national convention, and be an active member of the F.F.A. at the time of the national convention at which the Degree will be granted."

A brief discussion was held on the advisability of preparing a John Doe American Farmer application.

Vice President Stelter recommended that supplementary materials not be sent in from the States with the applications. It was suggested that this recommendation be made from the National Office.

President Jagels stated that requests had been made by various States to continue the State Association Awards. Dr. Spanton explained that the Association awards had been voted down at the 15th National Convention.

The Wyoming Association suggested that the Green Hand film be cut down to 45 minutes showing time in order to be available for classroom use. It was decided that this would be impractical.

It was agreed that a discussion would be held with the members of the Advisory Council concerning the fundamental F.F.A. activities which should be maintained.

It was suggested that pictures of the national officers be made after their election to office and forwarded immediately to the States.

It was recommended that one of the three National Public Speaking Contest judges be a teacher of speech.

President Jagels suggested that points be allowed for errors in words of manuscript and that other points be broken down for more accurate grading.

It was moved by Vice President Stelter, seconded and carried, that the Board of Trustees go on record as favoring one person, other than the judges, asking questions at the National Public Speaking Contest.

It was moved by Student Secretary Hendrix, seconded and carried, that the Board of Trustees authorize the Regional Agents to hold their Regional Public Speaking Contests at least two days prior to the National Convention in Kansas City in order to cut down travel expense.

It was moved by Vice President Walker that Dr. Sigmund Skard, of the Congressional Library who escaped from Norway since the invasion by the Germans, be secured as the speaker for the Vocational Banquet. Motion was seconded and carried.

It was recommended that the large papier mache emblem manufactured by the Interstate Company be made more colorful.

Respectfully submitted,

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National Student Secretary

A. W. TENNEY  
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