

**National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2004**

Larry D. Case, President, called the meeting of the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees to order shortly after 10:30 a.m. in Salon C of the Hilton Old Town Alexandria, Virginia. The individual members introduced themselves.

Those members of the Board present were:

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

John Rakestraw, CEO,

Tyler Grandil, Executive Secretary Representative State FFA Executive Secretary, Arizona Association FFA, Phoenix, Arizona

Terry Hughes, NAAE Representative; Region VI Vice President, Instructor – SUNY Cobleskill, Cobleskill, New York

Jeff Maierhofer, NAAE Representative, Instructor – Agricultural Education, Seneca High School, Seneca, Illinois

Christy Windham, Southern Region Vice President, National FFA Officer, Laurel, Mississippi

Angela Collins, Executive Secretary Representative, State FFA Executive Secretary, Dept. of Workforce Education, Little Rock, Arkansas

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

William (Buddy) Deimler, State Supervisor, Specialist, Ag. Ed. Utah State Office of Education, Salt Lake City, Utah

Nancy J. Trivette, State Supervisor, Program Leader, Ag Ed, NJ Department of Agriculture, Trenton, New Jersey

James Woodard, State Supervisor, State Director of Ag Education, State Department of Education, Atlanta, Georgia

Steven Harbstreit, USDE Representative, Associate Professor – Ag Education, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas

Horacio (Lacho) Garza, Jr., USDE Representative, Instructor – Agricultural Education, Sharyland High School, Mission, Texas

Coleman Harris, National FFA Executive Secretary, Education Program Specialist, Agriculture, Division of Vocational Technical Education, U.S. Department of Education, Washington D.C.

Marion Fletcher, National FFA Treasurer, Supervisor for Agricultural Education, State Department of Education, Little Rock, Arkansas

Unable to Attend:

Dwight Armstrong, Ph.D., 2005 Sponsors' Board Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, North American Nutrition Companies, Inc., Lewisburg, Ohio

Stacy A. Gartin, AAAE Representative, Professor, Department Chair, Agricultural and Environmental Education, West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia

David Lawver, AAAE Representative, Professor, Agricultural Education and Communications, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas

Others Present:

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

Kent Schescke, Director, Business and Partner Development Division, National FFA Organization

Pam Holbert, Executive Assistant, National FFA Headquarters Operations, Alexandria, Virginia

1. **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: Moved by Nancy J. Trivette, **seconded by** Angela Collins, **and carried** to approve the FFA Foundation Board of Trustees minutes of July 15, 2003 and the National FFA Foundation Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of October 29, 2003.

2. **Seating of New Members**

Larry Case declared Dwight Armstrong, Stacy Garton, Tyler Grandil, Terry Hughes, Jeff Maierhofer and Javier Moreno duly seated on the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees. (Note: Christy Windham is serving as President in place of Javier Moreno)

3. **Financial and Investment Reports**

Marion Fletcher reviewed the National FFA Foundation, Inc. State of Activities for the year ended 12/31/2003 Preliminary and Unaudited. (Attachment #1)

MOTION: Moved by Steve Harbstreit, **seconded by** Lacho Garza **and carried** to accept the Treasurer's Report

4. **FFA Live! Broadcast on RFD-TV hosted by Orion Samuelson, and live coverage of the 2004 National FFA Convention.**

MOTION: Moved by Steve Zimmerman, **seconded by** Tyler Grandil **and carried** to approve sponsorship for six one-hour televised programs and a live broadcast of the 77th National FFA Convention.

5. **Program Development and Direction**

MOTION: Moved by Nancy J. Trivette, **seconded by** James Woodard, **and carried** to approve seeking funding for the third thrust of diversity proposals as approved by the Board in July 2003—recruitment and retention.

MOTION: Moved by Steve Zimmerman, **seconded by** Jeff Maierhofer **and carried** to seek funding for an agricultural education proficiency award for implementation 2006.

MOTION: Moved by John Rakestraw, **seconded by** Coleman Harris **and carried** to approve FFA's no cost participation in the National Pork Board's Swine Management Distance Learning Program and request the National Foundation to secure special project funding.

MOTION: Moved by Steven Harbstreit, **seconded by** Terry Hughes **and carried** that the National FFA Organization will fund university graduate student research (Masters and Ph.D. levels) related to FFA issues/topics to be determined by FFA staff and communicated through an annual Request for Proposals (RFP).

6. **Report of the 2004 Chairperson of the FFA Foundation**

Chairman Rakestraw saluted Jerry Brase of Tractor Supply Company, 2003 FFA Foundation Chairman of the Sponsor's Board, for a very successful year in 2003. Jerry's group increased foundation funding by 4% on \$391,000 over 2002. Chair Rakestraw then focused on plans for 2004, which include activating a very fine and diverse sponsor's board. John further indicated that he was confident that 2004 would be another record year with the hard work of the FFA Foundation Staff and support and engagement of the Sponsor's Board.

MOTION: Moved by Christy Windham, **seconded by** Buddy Deimler **and carried** to accept John Rakestraw's report. Christy Windham thanked Mr. Rakestraw for his leadership and dedication to FFA and Agricultural Education.

7. **Report of the National FFA Foundation Office**

Kent Schescke updated the Trustees on staffing issues and projected a successful year in 2004.

8. **Funding Reports and Discussions with Related Groups**

No funding requests from The Council, NAAE or PAS.

9. **Presentation and Adoption of the 2004 Budget**

MOTION: Moved by Marion Fletcher, seconded by Angela Collins and carried to approve the 2004 National FFA Foundation Budget. (Attachment #2)

10. **Elections:**

Election of Executive Committee for 2004 (Larry Case, President; Coleman Harris, Secretary; Marion Fletcher, Treasurer; John Rakestraw; Javier Moreno – one (1) supervisor, one (1) teacher educator, one (1) executive secretary and one (1) teacher.

Supervisor	Nancy J. Trivette
Teacher Educator	Stacy Gartin
Executive Secretary	Tyler Grandil
Teacher	Terry Hughes

Election of a Vice President for 2004.

Vice President	Nancy J. Trivette
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11. **Retiring Trustees**

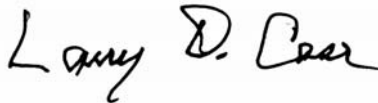
- Steve Zimmerman expressed that a valuable partnership has been developed with sponsors and what a wonderful benefit it is to students.
- Lacho Garza thanked the sponsors for their valuable support.

MOTION: Moved by James Woodard, seconded by Marion Fletcher and carried to send letters from the Trustees to last year's Sponsors Board praising them for a job well done.

The next meeting will be held July 13, 2004 (1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.) at the Crowne Plaza in Indianapolis, Indiana.

12. **Adjournment**

MOTION: Moved by Marion Fletcher, seconded by Lacho Garza and carried to adjourn the meeting.



Larry D. Case



C. Coleman Harris