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FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

MINUTES OF NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Baltimore Hotel, Kansas City, Mo.

November 17-23, 1933

(The meetings of the Board of Trustees extended through the period indicated; the first meeting was held at 10 a.m. on November 17 and the remaining sessions followed at the call of the President until the close of the Convention. The minutes, therefore, show a running account of the actions taken, but are not divided by days or sessions.)

The meeting of 1933 Board of Trustees was called to order by the President, Vernon Howell, at 10 a.m. on Friday November 17. All members of the Board were present except Henry Groseclose, who was absent on account of illness, and Paul McCutcheon, who arrived later in the day.

The minutes of the previous Board of Trustees meeting and the minutes of the Fifth National Convention were read and approved.

The first item of business to be taken up was the reviewing of applications for the American Farmer degree. Each one of the eighty individual records were read, studied and passed upon by the boy members of the Board. Dr. Lane and Mr. Ross were available during the day to assist in interpreting data submitted by applicants as necessary, but took no hand in the scoring or selection of the candidates. The Board worked far into the night and most of the following day on the American Farmer applications.. At the conclusion the following active member candidates were agreed upon to be recommended to the delegates as those most worthy of the highest degree in the F.F.A. for 1933:

Norman Crawford, Marion, Ala.  
Fred William Harper, Paris, Ark.  
Marvin Simpson, Vilonia, Ark.  
James Wright, Stephens, Ark.  
Alan Maki, Fortuna, Cal.  
George Nicholas, Petaluma, Cal.  
Walden Denny, Auburn, Cal.  
Joe Wilson, Valley Ford, Cal.  
John Elbert Kite, Shasta, Cal.  
James Conley, Frederica, Del.  
Waldo Emerson Bishop, Aucilla, Fla.  
David Newton, Norman Park, Ga.  
Marion Winge, Lyons, Ga.  
Waichi Ouye, Hakaiau, Hawaii  
Elmer Frost, Jerome, Idaho  
Robb/ert Copper, New Holland, Ill.  
Donald Peach, Walnut, Ill.  
Paul Powell, Jerseyville, Ill.  
Judson P. Mason, Elgin, Ill.  
Kenneth Meyers, Angola, Ind.  
Ronald Boyd, Bassett, Iowa  
Charles Steward, Dana, Iowa  
Elmer Dawdy, Washington, Kans.  
William Fuller, Miltonvale, Kans.  
George Clements, Owensboro, Ky.  
Aloysius Reisz, Owensboro, Ky.  
Lucien P. Laborde, Marksville, La.  
Wesley B. Sâaid, Logansport, La.  
Charles Hoke, Walkersville, Md.  
Willis McCulloch, Beaverton, Mich.  
Waino Kortesmaki, Cloquet, Minn.  
Maurice Dankenbring, Sweet Springs,  
Mo.  
Robert Mills, Jr., Booneville, Mo.  
Robert Stewart, Miles City, Mont.  
Morrison Loewenstein, Kearney, Neb.  
Arell Wasson, Wilcox, Neb.

William Lee, Fallon, Nevada  
Alex C. Alampi, Williamstown, N.J.  
Paul M. Kuhnley, Las Cruces, N. Mex.  
Herbert W. Smith, Rochester, N.Y.  
George A. Turner, Jr., Horseheads, N.Y.  
Harry Graves, Cavalier, N. Dak.  
Earl W. Miller, Georgetown, Ohio.  
Homer King, Orville, Ohio  
Earl Rosenberger, Fremont, Ohio.  
Bobby Jones, Radnor, Ohio.  
Emil Belitz, Wellston, Okla.  
Edwin Taylor, Kingfisher, Okla.  
Ray P. Burton, Perkins, Okla.  
Howard J. Smith, Canby, Ore.  
Chester N. Stephens, Dayton, Ore.  
Clinton L. Pease, Eighty-Four, Pa.  
Kenneth S. Perdue, North East, Pa.  
Raymond Ellis, Canton, S. Dak.  
J. W. Ezell, Jr., Antioch, Tenn.  
Alex Fitzgerald, Trenton, Tenn.  
H. Kai Grissim, Lebanon, Tenn.  
Ewell Perry, Joe/ton, Tenn.  
John H. Gilbert, Cotulla, Tex.  
Bobbie Thurman, Cisco, Tex.  
Doyle E. Cardon, Smithfield, Utah.  
Ashby S. Brumback, Middletown, Va.  
William A. Brooks, Stuarts Draft, Va.  
J. Sam Buchanan, Chatham Hill, Va.  
Thornton Oliver, Suffolk, Va.  
Hilton Rector, Seven Mile Ford, Va.  
Charles L. Prater, Ellensburg, Wash.  
Lenley B. Wooten, Chelan, Washington.  
Stuart Watts, Maxwellton, W. Va.  
Bernard Donkersgoed, Baldwin, Wis.  
Arley Heinze, Portage, Wis.  
Joseph Capron, Powell, Wyoming.  
Carl Shopbell, Dansville, Mich.

Honorary American Farmer candidates were passed upon next. Several names were mentioned and after much discussion the following names were agreed upon as those to be recommended to the delegates to receive this honor:

Carl Gray, President, Union Pacific Railroad  
L. J. Taber, Master, National Grange  
J. C. Wright, Assistant U. S. Commissioner of Education  
Ray Fife, President, American Vocational Association  
F. M. Simpson, Commercial Research Department, Swift & Co.  
E. P. Taylor, Editor, Agricultural Leaders Digest  
Ray Cuff, Livestock Commissioner, Kansas City Livestock Exchange  
M. H. McDonald, Teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Park River,  
North Dakota.  
State-Adviser of the winning State Association.

Time was taken at this point to go over the opening and closing ceremonies and the 4th degree raising ceremony in order to be ready for the regular convention sessions. President Howell designated the officers to take the place of those absent and to rotate at the Vice President's station during the convention.

The next item of business was the Public Speaking Contest, including the broadcast. Plans, as made by the Executive Secretary, were checked and approved. Final arrangements were made after a trip to the New Power and Light Company Auditorium. The event was scheduled for Monday at 7:30 p.m.

The delegate credentials were next checked over and placed in the hands of the Student Secretary. He was also instructed to obtain those missing from the States represented and to have a full report ready for the opening convention session.

Attention was called to the fact that each officer was to help in making the convention run smoothly and he was charged by President Howell with the responsibility of participating and directing discussion on the floor of the convention. It was pointed out that although the

officers had no vote, they were entitled to speak on any subject which came up on the floor and that the President must depend on them for backing especially on matters which had been acted upon by the Board.

The music for the convention was discussed and special entertainers including the Fredericktown Ohio band, were assigned to appear at various places during the week.

Recommendations from States relative to possible officer material for 1934 were presented and discussed. It was decided to turn over this material to the committee on nominations.

The State Association Contest was discussed. The Executive-Secretary called attention to the fact that the records were ready to be judged by the Board of Trustees. The boy officers, at the direction of the President, studied the annual reports of each State Association and after hours of painstaking work made the following selections:

First, Louisiana

Second, Oregon

Third, New York

Fourth, Iowa

The Executive Secretary was asked to present his report which was read and discussed at some length. Many of the problems discussed at later sessions were derived from this report which was adopted as read and the Executive Secretary was instructed to present it to the delegates as prepared.



The treasurer's report was read by the President and was approved. Due to the absence of the treasurer, Vice-president Fitzgerald was designated to read this report before the convention.

In connection with a discussion of adult organizations of the F.F.A. it was the sense of the meeting that the Board of Trustees was opposed to such organizations at the present time.

Mr. Ross asked for permission to bring up two matters for consideration at this time. He explained that he was revising a little book entitled, "Elementary Agriculture of Wyoming," which he had written several years ago and that he would like to display the insignia of the F.F.A. in one of the chapters of this book as an illustration of an important aid to agriculture. Permission was granted. Mr. Ross then explained that he had been thinking of preparing a short history of the F.F.A. and publishing it at his own expense, the idea being to put out an inexpensive little publication to answer the thousands of questions coming in about the F.F.A. Permission was granted and the members expressed themselves as being highly in favor of ~~such~~ such an undertaking.

It was suggested by the Adviser that State Advisers Davies of Colorado and Otto of Arizona be invited to come to the Board of Trustees meeting in order to discuss certain problems which apparently were causing difficulty within these State Associations. The suggestion was unanimously adopted.

The following committees in addition to the constitutional committees were decided upon:

1. Radio
2. Revision of Manual
3. Chapter contest and State reports
4. Public speaking contest
5. Song contest
6. Uniforms
7. Resolutions

It was agreed that matters pertaining to these activities should be referred to these committees as far as possible and that suggestions should be made on the basis of Trustee action by the Board members on the committee.

It was agreed that suggestions should be made to committees appointed as follows:

Nominating - That the committee interview persons whose names had been suggested as officers prior to making up the nomination slate.

Chapter Contest - Keep prizes the same, devise some means of increasing participation and check over the rules carefully in an attempt to improve the set-up of this contest.

State Report Form - Check items called for on present form and make recommendations as to desirable changes and improvements.

Public Speaking Contest - Check over rules and score sheet with a view to recommending desirable changes; make some provision of participation by Hawaii and Puerto Rico and keep prizes the same.

Radio - Devise ways and means of improving the present broadcasts, continue financial aid to the States and get increased participation both from performers and listeners.

Program of Work

1. Emphasize rural fire prevention and participate in Fire Prevention Week.
2. Emphasize Home Improvement.
3. Have a national Father and Son Banquet night with appropriate programs.
4. Encourage State Association Radio broadcasts.
5. Members cooperate in eradication of pests and noxious weeds.
6. Encourage F.F.A. State and Sectional fairs.
7. Cooperate with Department of Agriculture and especially the AAA.
8. Continue emphasis on conservation of natural resources.
9. Continue national radio broadcasts.
10. Continue present national contests and possibly add an essay contest.
11. Get all States into the F.F.A. organization. (Only 2 to come in.)
12. Encourage more F.F.A. camps.
13. Set goal for 100 percent State representation at Kansas City next fall.
14. Publish a revised manual.
15. Publish Proceedings of Sixth National Convention.
16. Encourage more State publications.
17. Encourage wider use of official ceremonies at meetings.

Considerable time was taken at this point on the matter of the revised national F.F.A. constitution. Work on this problem had been done at the spring meeting of the Board and the final draft was ready to read and study. After hours of work it was decided to submit the constitution to the delegates in the following form:

## CONSTITUTION

### Article I. NAME AND PURPOSES OF THE ORGANIZATION

Section A. The name of this organization shall be the Future Farmers of America. Members and local chapters are hereinafter referred to as the F.F.A.'s.

Section B. The purposes for which this organization is formed are as follows:

1. To develop competent, aggressive, rural and agricultural leadership.
2. To strengthen the confidence of the farm boy in himself and his work.
3. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations.
4. To create and nurture a love of country life.
5. To improve the rural home and its surroundings.
6. To encourage cooperative effort among students of vocational education in agriculture.
7. To promote thrift among students of vocational education in agriculture.
8. To promote and improve scholarship.
9. To encourage organized recreational activities among students of vocational agriculture.
10. To supplement the regular systematic instruction offered to students of vocational education in agriculture.
11. To advance the cause of vocational education in agriculture and in the public schools of the United States and its possessions.

### ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION

Section A. The Future Farmers of America is a national organization of affiliated State associations which are, in turn, composed of local chapters in schools having organized instruction in vocational agriculture under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts.

Section B. Local chapters of Future Farmers of America shall be established only in schools where organized instruction in vocational agriculture is given under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts.

Section C. Delegates from local chapters shall meet in State convention, organize, adopt a State constitution not in conflict with the national constitution, elect officers, set up a program of work, and then apply to the National Executive-Secretary for membership in the national organization. Upon receipt of a charter from the national organization the State Association, its chapters, and the members thereof, will be recognized as members of the Future Farmers of America.

### Article III. MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Membership in this organization shall be of three kinds: (1) Active; (2) Associate; (3) Honorary.

Section B. Active membership. Any male student who is regularly enrolled in all-day, day-unit, or part-time vocational agriculture class is entitled to active membership in the Future Farmers of America organization upon receiving a majority vote of the members present at any regular chapter meeting. A member may retain his active membership for three years after completing his systematic instruction in vocational agriculture and high school.

Section C. Associate membership. After three years active membership following the completion of his systematic instruction in vocational agriculture, a member automatically becomes an associate member of the Future Farmers of America. Any former male student of vocational agriculture may be elected to associate membership upon receiving a majority vote of the members present at any regular chapter meeting.

Section D. Honorary membership. Instructors, school principals, superintendents, business men, farmers and others who are helping to advance vocational agriculture and the F.F.A. may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

### Article IV. MEMBERSHIP GRADES AND PRIVILEGES

Section A. There shall be four grades of membership, based upon achievement. These grades are: (1) Green hand; (2) Future Farmer; (3) State Farmer; and (4) American Farmer.

**Section B. Green Hand Degree. Qualifications for election:**

1. Be regularly enrolled in a class in vocational agriculture.
2. Possess facilities for, and have, a satisfactory program of supervised farming.
3. Recite from memory the Creed of the Future Farmers of America.
4. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of a local chapter of Future Farmers of America.

**Section C. Future Farmer Degree. Qualifications for election:**

1. Completion of at least one year of systematic instruction in vocational agriculture and membership in the F.F.A., with a satisfactory program of supervised farming.
2. Earn and deposit in a bank, or otherwise productively invest at least \$25. (Note: Any modification of (2) must be approved by the State adviser.)
3. Be regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture with an amplified supervised farming program.
4. Be familiar with the provisions of the local and State constitutions of Future Farmers of America.
5. Be able to lead a group discussion for ten minutes.
6. Receive a majority vote of the members present at a regular local chapter meeting of Future Farmers of America.

**Section D. State Farmer degree. Qualifications for elections:**

The qualifications for election are left to the various State associations. The following qualifications are minimums:

1. Satisfactory completion of at least two years of systematic instruction in vocational agriculture and membership in the F.F.A. with an outstanding supervised farming program in operation.
2. Pass some occupational test supplied by the State staff.
3. Earn and deposit in a bank, or productively invest at least \$200. (This may include the \$25 saved while advancing to the grade of Future Farmer.)
4. Be familiar with parliamentary procedure by having held office in a local chapter, or by having passed a satisfactory test in parliamentary procedure.
5. Be able to lead a group discussion for 40 minutes.
6. Make the school judging team, debating team, or some other team representing the school.
7. Show marked attainment in scholarship in all school subjects.
8. Possess qualities of leadership as shown by having held responsible positions in connection with student and chapter activities.

9. Each State shall be entitled to elect ten qualified individuals, but where the State membership exceeds 500, not more than 2 percent of the total State membership may be elected (fractions counted to the nearest whole number). Written records of achievement verified by the local adviser shall be submitted to the State adviser by the local executive committee at least one month prior to the State convention. The Adviser will then review the records and submit his findings to the State Executive committee. This committee will nominate at the regular State convention the candidates who have been found most worthy to receive the honor. Briefs of these records shall then be read by a member of the Executive Committee when the students are nominated. The delegates shall then proceed to elect to the "Third degree" the number of candidates to which the State is entitled.

Section E. American Farmer Degree. Qualifications for election:

1. Satisfactory membership for at least three years in the F.F.A.
2. Hold active membership and the degree of State Farmer for at least 12 months previous to the national convention at which nominated for the American Farmer degree.
3. Possess demonstrated ability to farm by having conducted an outstanding program of supervised farming throughout the period of vocational training and active membership in the F.F.A.
4. Be engaged in a farming occupation or have definite plans for becoming a farmer.
5. Earn and deposit in a bank, or otherwise productively invest at least \$500. (In cases where the applicant had assisted in the support of dependents, the amount so expended, in the judgment of the National Board of Trustees, may be considered as an investment.)
6. Possess demonstrated ability to work with others by having participated in some agricultural cooperative enterprise or movement.
7. Be recommended by the National Board of Trustees and receive a majority vote of the delegates present at a National Convention of Future Farmers of America.
8. Be in the upper third of his class in scholarship during the period of his instruction in school.

Section F. Associate and honorary members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office except that of Adviser in the State and local organizations, and that of Executive Secretary, Treasurer, and Adviser, in the national organization. Exceptions to this provision are permitted during the first year of a State association or chapter's existence.

Section G. Only members who have been elected to the degree of American Farmer are eligible to hold national office. One year after the State association has been chartered all State officers shall have attained the State Farmer degree. Officers in the local chapters must not rank lower than the grade of Future Farmer after the organization has been established in any given school for one year or longer.

Section H. Associate and honorary members are eligible for election to any degree provided they have done outstanding work in advancing vocational agriculture and the organization of Future Farmers of America.

#### Article V. OFFICERS

Section A. The officers of the national organization shall be a president, four vice-presidents (one from each administrative region of the United States), secretary, executive secretary, treasurer, and an adviser. These officers shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices and shall constitute the Board of Trustees of the national organization. They shall have full authority and control over the organization, subject only to such regulations and by-laws as may be adopted by the national organization of Future Farmers of America. The officers of the national organization shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates at the annual National Convention, except that the National Adviser shall be the Chief of the Agricultural Education Service of the Office of Education, United States Department of the Interior, and the Executive Secretary shall be a member of that service.

Section B. The officers of the State Associations shall consist of a president, vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, adviser and reporter. These State officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at a regular State convention of Future Farmers of America.

Section C. Officers of the local chapter shall be elected annually at a regular meeting of the local chapter.

#### Article VI. MEETINGS.

Section A. A convention of the national organization of Future Farmers of America shall be held annually. The time and place shall be determined by the National Board of Trustees.

Section B. The several State conventions shall be held annually and at least 30 days prior to the meeting of the National convention of Future Farmers of America at a time and place to be determined upon by the State Executive Committee.



Section C. Local chapters shall hold their meetings monthly or more often throughout the calendar year, and at such time and place as may be decided upon by the Executive Committee of the local chapter.

Section D. Each State association is entitled to two delegates to the National Convention.

Section E. Each local chapter shall be entitled to two delegates to the State Convention.

#### ARTICLE VII. DUES

Section A. Active membership dues in the national organization shall be fixed by the National Board of Trustees on the basis of a budget submitted by said Trustees and approved by a majority vote of the delegates present at the National Convention of Future Farmers of America.

Section B. Membership dues in State Associations shall be fixed by the State Executive Committee, subject to approval by a majority vote of the delegates present at the State convention of Future Farmers of America.

Section C. The dues of any local chapter shall be fixed by a majority vote of the membership of that chapter.

#### Article VIII. AMENDMENTS

Section A. Amendments to the national constitution shall be submitted in writing by State Associations at any annual National Convention of Future Farmers of America. These proposed amendments must be reviewed by the National Board of Trustees which shall, in turn, submit them to the delegates in National Convention with recommendations. Amendments may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.

Section B. By-laws may be adopted to fit the needs of any State Association, providing they are not in conflict with the State or national constitution. The national constitution may be the constitution for all State Associations and local chapters. Flexibility may be obtained through by-laws for each State Association and local chapter.

#### Article IX. INSIGNIA

Section A. The insignia of the Future Farmers of America shall be made up of four symbols, namely, (1) the plow, representing tillage of the soil, the basis of modern agriculture; (2) the owl, representing wisdom; (3) the rising sun, representing progress; and (4) cross section of an ear of corn, representing common agricultural interests, since corn is native to America and is grown in every State. The insignia shall carry the three letters "F.F.A." and shall be surmounted by an eagle with shield, arrows, and olive branch. Insignia and emblems shall be uniform for all States.

Section B. All active, associate and honorary members shall be entitled to wear the insignia. All 'Green Hands' are entitled to wear a bronze emblem. All "Future Farmers" are entitled to wear a gold emblem. All members elected to the degree of State Farmer are entitled to wear a gold emblem, on a key. All members elected to the degree of American Farmer are entitled to wear the gold insignia on a key.

#### BY-LAWS

##### I. THE DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL OFFICERS

A. The President. It shall be the duty of the president to preside over all meetings of the National Convention of Future Farmers of America and over all meetings of the National Board of Trustees. The president shall call one meeting of the national convention each year on such date and at such place as shall be fixed by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees. He shall call special meetings of the national convention or of the Board of Trustees when requested to do so by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees. The president shall appoint all committees and may serve as an ex-officio member of these committees.

B. Vice-Presidents. It shall be the duty of the four vice-presidents, acting under the direction of the president, to look after the welfare of the F.F.A. organization in the four administrative regions of the country. In case the office of president becomes vacant by <sup>resignation</sup> resignation or otherwise, the first vice-president shall assume his duties, followed by the second, third, and fourth vice-presidents in the order named.

C. The Student Secretary. The student secretary shall perform the duties common to such an office, such as keeping an accurate record of the meetings of the national convention and of the meetings of the Board of Trustees, one copy of which shall be given to the executive secretary for the permanent files and one copy kept for his own files. He shall perform such other duties as he is directed to perform by the executive secretary or by the Board of Trustees.

D. The Executive Secretary. The executive secretary shall act as agent of the National Board of Trustees. He shall issue charters to States when ordered to do so by the Board and shall act as publicity agent for the organization. He shall keep the permanent records of the organization and have records of the membership and progress of the organization. He shall receive all reports from the State associations and inform the National Board of Trustees of any proceedings which appear to be in conflict with the provisions of the national constitution. He shall submit a budget of proposed expenditures to the Board of Trustees annually. He shall be in charge of arrangements for the annual convention and may perform such other duties as may pertain to the furtherance of the organization.

E. The Treasurer. The treasurer shall act as custodian of the funds of the organization, collect national dues, keep an accurate record of all receipts, bank deposits and disbursements, making an annual report on such matters at the national convention and such other supplementary reports as may be directed by the Board of Trustees. He shall pay out of the treasury

such funds as are ordered paid by the Board of Trustees on checks countersigned by the president. He shall furnish the Auditing Committee with an annual bank statement signed by an officer of the bank in which the funds are kept. He shall furnish a suitable bond, the amount to be fixed by the Board of Trustees.

F. The Adviser. The adviser is an ex-officio member of all committees. It is his duty to advise the board and committees on matters of policy, and assist the national officers in conducting meetings and carrying out programs. The adviser reviews all applications for the American Farmer degree and prepares a brief of the qualifications of the candidates to be submitted to the National Board of Trustees, with his recommendations.

## II. COMMITTEES

The president of the Future Farmers of America shall appoint three committees annually: The Nominating Committee; the Auditing Committee; and the Committee on Program of Work. Other committees may be appointed ~~for~~ as necessary.

The Nominating Committee shall, after careful consideration of the Future Farmers of America personnel, place in nomination the candidates for the various national offices.

The Auditing Committee shall audit the books of the treasurer.

The Committee on Program of Work shall set up the annual objectives and goals of the national organization and suggest ways and means of attaining them.

## III. REPORTS TO THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Each State Secretary shall submit the following information to the national executive secretary:

1. A list of the newly elected State officers immediately following each State convention.
2. A report on any changes in or amendments to the State constitution and by-laws immediately following each State convention.
3. A list of official State delegates to the national convention at least two weeks prior to the convention.
4. An annual State association report on forms furnished by the national executive secretary, giving such data on status, activities, and progress as may be deemed advisable and called for by the National Board of Trustees.

The F.F.A. year shall be July 1 to June 30.

#### IV. PROCEDURE FOR ELECTING NATIONAL OFFICERS

A Nominating Committee, consisting of two members from each of the four administrative regions and one at large, shall study and review the qualifications of all members under consideration for national office. This committee shall report during the national convention and the election of officers shall be by ballot with a majority vote of the delegates present.

The president and the student secretary shall be elected from the membership at large, but shall not be elected from the same administrative region for two successive years.

The election of vice-presidents shall follow a seniority cycle. The region from which the second vice-president comes during the current year shall be entitled to be a first vice-president the succeeding year and so on for the other regions.

#### V. PROCEDURE FOR ISSUING CHARTERS TO STATES

States shall apply through the national executive secretary for affiliation with the Future Farmers of America organization, using the form provided. Such applications shall be signed by the president, secretary, and adviser.

The following materials shall accompany the application for State charter:

1. A copy of the proposed constitution and by-laws.
2. A copy of the annual State program of work.
3. A complete list of local chapters, with statement of active membership of each.
4. A list of the State officers, with name, grade of membership, and address of each.
5. A check for \$5 to cover cost and engraving of State charter.

A charter shall be granted by the National Board of Trustees upon such application, provided the proposed State constitution is not in conflict with the national constitution of the Future Farmers of America, such charter to be signed by the national president and by the national executive secretary.

The delegates at any annual national convention shall have the power to suspend such charter upon receipt of evidence of infringement on the provisions of the national constitution by the State Association.

## VI. PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING STANDING OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERS

A State association shall be considered in good standing with the national organization of Future Farmers of America when the following conditions are met:

1. All current annual national dues paid into the national treasury by the date specified by the National Board of Trustees.
2. All reports submitted to the national executive secretary as requested.
3. State constitution not in conflict with the national constitution in any of its provisions.

An active member shall be considered in good standing when he attends local chapter meetings with reasonable regularity, shows an interest in, and takes part in, the affairs of the chapter, and pays his dues regularly.

It shall be the duty of the national executive secretary to report the standing of each State Association of F.F.A. to the National Board of Trustees at the annual convention. In case any State Association is not in good standing for a period of 12 months, the delegates in national convention shall have the power, upon recommendation of the National Board of Trustees, to withdraw or suspend the charter and refuse such State official representation at the annual National Convention. When and if such action is taken, the State Association in question and chapters thereof, shall be denied the regular privileges enjoyed by official State associations and chapters. By meeting the requirements for good standing a State Association may be reinstated at any time by action of the National Board of Trustees.

## VII. PROCEDURE FOR CHOOSING CANDIDATES FOR THE AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

1. State Associations may submit one candidate for the American Farmer degree for each 1000 members in the State Association, or major fraction thereof.
2. Election to the degree of American Farmer shall be from the candidates at large.
3. Not more than 75 candidates shall be elected to this degree annually.
4. The National Board of Trustees shall formulate annually a score card for selecting the candidates for the American Farmer degree. Copies of the score card shall be sent to each State adviser at least three months prior to the meeting of the national convention.
5. Applications for the American Farmer degree shall be forwarded by the State adviser to the national executive secretary at least thirty days prior to the national convention of F.F.A.
6. Neatly compiled applications must be submitted on the regulation forms prepared and distributed by the national executive secretary and must be accompanied by complete accurate records on the supervised farming program of the candidate.

### VIII. NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

There shall be a National Advisory Council of the Future Farmers of America composed of four State supervisors of agricultural education from the four administrative regions, elected annually, and the national adviser who shall act as chairman of the Council.

This National Advisory Council shall cooperate with and serve in an advisory capacity to the National Adviser of the Future Farmers of America on the administrative direction and supervision of the organization.

The National Advisory Council shall possess the power of approval at all times of the actions of the Board of Trustees and delegates to the national convention.

### IX. COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

Collegiate chapters of the Future Farmers of America may be organized in institutions recognized under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts. Such chapters shall be organized only for the sole purpose of training prospective teachers of vocational agriculture in their duties as local advisers of Future Farmers of America.

The general plans for collegiate chapter work shall be developed by the National Board of Trustees but may be approved, altered, and revised by the delegates assembled in national convention.

All activities of collegiate chapters of Future Farmers of America and members thereof shall be in harmony with the purposes, principles, and ideals of the Future Farmers of America organization.

Collegiate chapters shall be chartered by and under the authority of State associations of Future Farmers of America in the States concerned.

The training work of collegiate chapters shall be carried on with the regular equipment and paraphernalia of the Future Farmers of America, except that members of collegiate chapters who were not F.F.A. members in high school shall not be entitled to wear the regular insignia of the Future Farmers of America.

The emblem for collegiate chapter members shall be determined by the delegates in annual convention upon recommendation of the National Board of Trustees.

Complete briefs of the Massachusetts situation with regard to their connection with the national organization were distributed to the Board members. These briefs contained a complete account of all mention in correspondence between the Massachusetts State office and the National Adviser and Executive Secretary since negotiations were started for a charter. Board members were of the opinion that Massachusetts had not acted entirely in good faith on the girl question although they were well aware that the State Adviser felt all obligations had been carried out. Board members reserved action until a later time.

After due consideration, it was moved, seconded and carried, that the following matters be referred to the delegates without recommendations of the Board of Trustees:

1. Additional membership degrees other than Green Hand, Future Farmer, State Farmer and American Farmer.
2. District F.F.A. organizations.
3. Specific action to be taken in connection with violation of certain provisions of the national constitution by the Massachusetts Association of F.F.A.
4. Participation of Hawaii and Puerto Rico in the Public Speaking Contest.
5. Question of investing surplus funds of the F.F.A. so as to be safe and secure.
6. Changes in contract prices for F.F.A. merchandise.

After due consideration it was moved, seconded and carried, that the following actions be recommended to the delegates by the Board of Trustees:

1. That the actual transportation expenses of one delegate from each State be paid from the 1934 budget in order to assist delegates in making the trip to the 1934 convention in Kansas City.
2. That the official F.F.A. flag salute be made by all members standing facing the flag with the right hand over the heart during the entire salute.
3. That no action be taken on an official F.F.A. uniform at this time.
4. That the present F.F.A. convention cap be made the official cap.
5. That a song section be included in the revised manual.
6. That no national F.F.A. publication be undertaken until economic conditions are better.
7. That all State associations not conforming in every way with the new revised constitution within a year will not be considered in good standing and shall be denied recognition and privileges of participating in any national F.F.A. event.
8. That the national organization not accept any notes in payment of dues but in instances where State dues have been paid in and banks holding the funds have failed, that the State not be denied participation in national events except that American Farmers be nominated on the basis of dues actually paid in to the National treasury.



9. That a chapter be considered inactive whenever the department of vocational agriculture of which it is a part is dropped and the school no longer classed as a Smith-Hughes school.
10. That national dues remain at 10¢ per member for 1934.
11. That the section in the national constitution which provides for male members be strictly enforced.
12. That the extra day provided for the convention this year be continued next year.

The following budget prepared by the Executive-Secretary was presented, discussed and accepted with instructions that the Executive Secretary present the budget when called upon to do so by the President:

Travel National Officers .....	\$1300.00
Seventh National Convention .....	700.00
Keys, American Farmers .....	385.00
National Awards .....	1950.00
General Printing .....	50.00
Special Printing .....	400.00
National Radio .....	650.00
National Office .....	350.00
Delegate expenses - Transportation .....	3500.00
	<u>\$9285.00</u>

The Board of Trustees went on record as being strongly against the L. G. Balfour Co. deducting uncollected State F.F.A. accounts from the royalties being paid to the national organization and that this company be asked to desist from so doing in the future.

Bills for payment were presented at this time and all bills presented were checked, approved and ordered paid by the Treasurer. It was moved and seconded and carried that the publicity expenses of the convention be limited to \$75.00.

W. A. ROSS, Executive Secretary

LEO PAULSEN, Student Secretary.