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Sent to: State FFA Advisors and Executive Secretaries
Head Teacher Educators in Agricultural Education

Sent by: H. N. Hunsicker, National Advisor, Future Farmers of America *H. N. H.*

Subject: Transmittal of Minutes of Joint Meeting of FFA Board of Directors
and National Officers, July 29-31, 1974; and Minutes of the
Annual Meeting of the FFA Foundation Board of Trustees,
August 1, 1974

I am enclosing for your information a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of National FFA Board of Directors and National Officers, as well as a copy of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees. You may wish to review these minutes with your State FFA Officers as well as with members of your staff. Attention is especially called to the attached proposed Amendments to the FFA Constitution and Bylaws. It is very important that these amendments, and rationale for each, be discussed with your State Association's voting delegates to the upcoming Annual National FFA Convention.

The next meeting of the FFA Board of Directors and National Officers will be held October 13 and 14, 1974, in Kansas City.

Important Notices

1. Ladies Luncheon - Please inform the wives of your State staff and Teacher Education staff members who may be attending the National FFA Convention that they are invited to a luncheon at the Hotel Continental on Wednesday, October 16, at 12:00 noon. This Ladies Luncheon will be sponsored by Safeway Stores. The mothers, wives, sisters and girl friends of the National FFA Officers, Regional Star Farmers and Regional Star Agribusinessmen will be the honored guests. However, it is important that Mrs. Reniker of the FFA staff be informed of the names of the ladies who will be attending by not later than Friday, October 11, or at the FFA Headquarters Office in Kansas City (Municipal Auditorium) by not later than noon Monday, October 14. (See enclosed postcard)
2. The U. S. Census Bureau officials have requested the assistance of Vocational Agriculture/Agribusiness Supervisors, Teacher Educators, and Teachers in acquainting students and adult farmers with the content of the forms and procedures to be used in making the 1975 U. S. Census of Agriculture. The Census officials greatly appreciated the effective help in this connection with the 1970 Census, and they are in hopes it will be continued again this year. The U. S. Census Bureau is preparing lesson plans (guidelines) for use by high school, post secondary and adult

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farmer instructors. These lesson plans, along with the new Census forms, will be mailed to all supervisors not later than November. The material will need to be distributed to teachers immediately.

3. Attention Head Supervisors and Teacher Educators !! Please send me by return mail a complete list of personnel on your respective staffs as of September 15, 1974. Our clerical staff hopes to compile the 1974-75 Directories October 1 to 20. Be sure to give correct title, mailing address, zip code and telephone number, including your area code. In addition, will the Teacher Educators please indicate whether their respective departments are attached to the School of Education, the School of Agriculture, or a combination of both.
4. Our telephone numbers at USOE are (202) 245-9824 and 245-9813. The number at the National FFA Center is (703) 360-3600.

Enclosures

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

FOR CONSIDERATION BY DELEGATE BODY

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

1974 NATIONAL CONVENTION

TO THE CONSTITUTION

Proposal A - Requirements for State Farmer Degree

Article VI, Section D, Item 8, amend by striking out "2%" and inserting "3%" to read as follows:

"Each State Association shall be entitled to elect at least 10 qualified individuals annually; where State membership exceeds 500, not more than 2% (3%)* of the total State membership may be elected...."

*(Note: Any State Association, in the judgement of its delegates, may be more restrictive but may not exceed the amended quota.)

Proposal B - Number Official (Voting) Delegates to the National Convention

Article XI, Section B, amend by deleting the figure "10,000" in two places and substitute the figure "2,500" in each place to read as follows:

"Each State Association is entitled to send two delegates from its active membership to the National Convention plus one additional delegate for each 10,000 (2,500) active members or major fraction thereof above the first 10,000 (2,500)"

TO THE BYLAWS

Article III, Section B, amend by adjusting "the four regions as set up by the National Board of Directors to include the following States:"

Northeast
Region (15)

Connecticut
Delaware
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New York
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
Vermont
West Virginia
*North Carolina
*Ohio
*Virginia

Southern
Region (10)

Alabama
Arkansas
Florida
Georgia
Louisiana
Mississippi
North-Carolina
Oklahoma
Puerto Rico
South Carolina
Tennessee
Texas
Virginia
*Hawaii

Central
Region (12)

Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
Nebraska
North Dakota
Ohio
South Dakota
Wisconsin

Pacific
Region (12)

Arizona
California
Colorado
Hawaii
Idaho
Montana
Nevada
New Mexico
Oregon
Utah
Washington
Wyoming
*Oklahoma
*Texas

Furthermore the name of the "North Atlantic Region" be changed to the "Northeast Region".

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- * Indicates States transferred in from another Region.
-- Indicates States transferred out.