

**The Ohio FFA Association
Board of Trustees' Meeting
March 26, 2002**

Isaac Kershaw called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2002, at the Ohio FFA Center, Columbus, Ohio.

Board members present included: Isaac Kershaw, agricultural education service; Steve Gratz, state FFA executive secretary; Mindy Dye, state FFA president; Anne Knapke, state FFA vice president; Marlene von Stein, state FFA secretary; Lucy Bowen, state FFA treasurer; Aftan Campbell, state FFA sentinel; Harold Niehaus, OAAE representative; Dena Wuebker, OAAE representative; Larry Seibel, OAAE representative; Dwayne Seikman, sponsors' board representative; and Bob Birkenholz, OSU representative.

Discussion of Minutes – November 14, 2001

Dena Wuebker moved and Larry Seibel seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the November 14, 2001, meeting. The motion passed.

Business Meeting

Dena Wuebker moved to grant the attached list of individuals the Honorary State FFA Degree. Dwayne Seikman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dwayne Seikman moved to grant the attached list of individuals the State FFA Degree, including the following additions:

Gina Rogers, Benjamin Logan FFA
Dennis Hays, Eaton FFA
Michelle Ralph, Elgin FFA
Michele Lahmers, Hillsdale FFA
Tiffany W. Snyder, Hillsdale FFA
Sarah Smith, Madison Plains FFA
Stacie Robbins, Miami Valley CTC FFA
Stacy Mullins, Northeastern FFA
Ashley Powell, Northeastern FFA
Brice Gahler, Oak Harbor FFA
Todd Endsley, River View FFA
Darrin Krise, Tri-Valley FFA
Jane Hoopes, Upper Sandusky FFA
Heather Swartz, Upper Sandusky FFA
Jill Meckstroth, Wapakoneta FFA

Harold Niehaus seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dena Wuebker moved to accept the attached list of American FFA Degree candidates. Mindy Dye seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Larry Seibel moved that beginning with the 2002-2003 school year all students applying for the State FFA Degree, the American FFA Degree, and Proficiency Award must score at least 75% of the points on a Ohio FFA Record Book Rubric. Marlene von Stein seconded the motion. Discussion was given on the present quality of record books and the need for a standard of record book completion. The motion passed.

Dena Wuebker moved to allow FFA chapters to submit more than one proficiency award application in a specific area at District Evaluation. Aftan Campbell seconded the motion. Discussion was given on decrease in number of proficiency applications, as well as the need to recognize more than one member of a chapter whose SAE is outstanding. Steve Gratz moved to amend the motion by striking out the words "more than one" and replacing with "no more than two." Lucy Bowen seconded the motion. Discussion was given on the concern of having too many applications to evaluate. The amendment passed. The motion passed as follows: To allow FFA chapters to submit no more than two proficiency award applications in a specific area at District Evaluation.

Dena Wuebker moved to revise or restructure the rubric for the Reporter's Contest. Harold Niehaus seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dena Wuebker moved to increase FFA membership dues for the Ohio FFA Association from \$5.00 to \$7.50 for the 2002-2003 school year. Harold Niehaus seconded the motion. Discussion was given on the need for such an increase with the possibility of other outside monies. The motion passed.

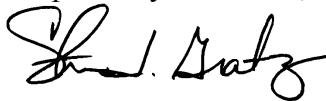
Steve Gratz moved that no corrections to any FFA award applications be permitted at any level of the evaluation process for students, teachers, and chapters beginning with the 2002-2003 school year. Harold Niehaus seconded the motion. Discussion was given on the need for quality preparation of applications as well as the needs of a beginning teacher. The motion passed.

Announcements were given from the OAAE, the Sponsors' Team, and the Teacher Educators.

The next meeting will be on October 23, 2002, at the Ohio FFA Center, Columbus, Ohio, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Marlene von Stein moved to adjourn. Anne Knapke seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven J. Gratz
Executive Secretary
Ohio FFA Association