

Minutes
Wisconsin Association of FFA
Official Delegate Business Session
Wisconsin State FFA Convention
June 10, 2008
The Alliant Energy Center, Convention Hall D
Madison, WI

State FFA President Andrew Christenson called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Opening Ceremonies was performed. Those state FFA officers present included: Aaron Dietsche, Alex Patten, Nick Palkowski, Preston Green, Marie Mahaney, Brad Krueger, Whitney Peissig, Kaleb Santy, Sean VanderWaal and Derrick Papcke. Others present included Mrs. Jodi Meyer (serving as official advisor parliamentarian) and Mr. Jeff Hicken and delegates. This meeting was held in conjunction with the 2008 Wisconsin State FFA Convention.

The State Officers started the meeting by getting an official count of the delegates present at the business session. Each section was counted and a total was established.

Official Count of Delegates:

Section 1 - 26

Section 2 - 34

Section 3 - 38

Section 4 - 31

Section 5 - 29

Section 6 - 39

Section 7 - 35

Section 8 - 38

Section 9 - 22

Section 10 - 37

TOTAL - 329 (2/3 vote = 214)

There was a motion made by Joshua Gunderson of the Manawa FFA to approve the minutes of the 2007 State FFA Convention Delegate Business Session as written. The motion was seconded by Justin Cowell of the Spencer FFA. The motion was passed by the delegates with a voice vote.

There was a motion made by Abby Schulte of the Darlington FFA to approve the 2008-2009 budget as printed. The motion was seconded by Bethany Yuhasey of the West DePere FFA. The motion was passed by the delegates with a voice vote.

There was a motion made by Emily Lisowski of the Whitehall FFA to approve the 2008 list of 472 Wisconsin FFA members to receive their State FFA Degree. It was seconded by Kyle Krzewina of the West DePere FFA. The motion was passed by the delegates with a voice vote.

There was a motion by Amy Gunderson of the Hartford FFA, to accept Proposal #1 as read by the State Secretary.

"Submitted by Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors – State Constitution and Bylaws Committee

The Motion: Proposed Constitutional Change

Amend Article VII – Emblem

Section C: Insert the words "Middle School members are entitled to wear the regulation blue discovery pin;"

The article would then read: "Middle School members are entitled to wear the regulation blue discovery degree pin;

"Greenhands" are entitled to wear the regulation bronze emblem degree pin; "Chapter FFA" are entitled to wear the

regulation silver emblem degree pin; "State FFA Degree" are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem charm; and

"American FFA" are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem key."

Rationale: This proposal is presented in order that the Wisconsin Association of FFA Constitution matches the National FFA Constitution and recognizes the fact that Middle School members can be allowed to wear the official discovery degree pin as a recognized pin by the Wisconsin Association of FFA."

The motion to approve Proposal #1 as read was second by Jeana Peebles of the Bonduel FFA. This motion required a 2/3 vote to pass. There were 327 votes in favor and 2 votes opposed. The motion was passed by the delegates.

Skyler Reeson of the Portage FFA made a motion to approve Proposal #2 as read by the State Secretary.

"Submitted by: Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors – State Constitution and Bylaws Committee
The Motion: Proposed Bylaws Change
Amend Article IV Section B #1
Amend "A copy of the annual program of work" to read "A copy of the annual program of activities."
Section B would then read: "Section B. The following material shall accompany the application for chapter charter:
1. A copy of the annual program of activities.
2. A complete list of members.
3. A list of chapter officers.
4. A remittance to cover payment of state and national dues."

Rationale: This proposal is presented in order that the proper terminology is used in referring to the proper documentation required. No change in the intent of what is submitted is being considered. This is only a terminology change."

The motion to approve Proposal #2 was seconded by Cord Yager of the Mineral Point FFA. This motion required a 2/3 vote to pass. There were 328 votes in favor and 1 vote opposed. The motion was passed by the delegates.

There was a motion made by Greg Rotering of the Arcadia FFA to accept Proposal #3 as read by the State Secretary.

Submitted by: WAAE SAE Committee, recommended wording provided by the National FFA Amendment sent to State FFA Associations on February, 2008.
Motion: Proposed Constitutional Change
Amend Article V, Sections D, E and F
1. Add to Article V, Section D of the Wisconsin Association of FFA Constitution concerning the Chapter FFA Degree the following requirement: "Have participated in at least 10 additional, unduplicated hours of community service activities."
2. Add to Article V, Section E of the Wisconsin Association of FFA Constitution concerning the State FFA Degree the following requirement: "Have participated in at least 25 additional, unduplicated hours of community service activities within at least two different community service activities."
3. Change Article V, Section F, Item 6 of the Wisconsin Association of FFA Constitution concerning the American FFA Degree to read as follows: "Have a record of outstanding leadership abilities, have participated in at least 50 additional, unduplicated hours of community service within at least three different community service activities and have achieved a high school scholastic record of "C" or better as certified by the principal or superintendent."

Rational: National FFA is presenting recommendations for changes to the American FFA Degree as well as the other degrees members can earn in the FFA based on recommendations for the National FFA Convention delegates of previous years. Delegates at the previous National FFA Convention recommended adding a community service requirement in order to earn degrees in the FFA.

This proposal if passed would add the National FFA proposed constitutional amendments to the Wisconsin Association of FFA Constitution so that if passed by the Nation FFA Delegates at the 2008 National FFA Convention, Wisconsin FFA members can begin preparing for these requirements before they come into effect with the revisions of the American FFA Degree in 2011.

The WAAE SAE Committee has recommended that these requirements be phased in over two years for chapter and state FFA degrees. They recommend that the chapter degree requirement for community service be implemented during the 2008-09 school year. It is then recommended that the community service requirement for the State FFA Degree be implemented for the 2009-10 school year, so students applying by February 1, 2010 would need to include the State FFA Degree Community Service requirement in their state degree application.

These changes would be added to the Wisconsin Association of FFA Constitution as soon as National FFA would approve these changes at the 2008 National FFA Convention. If the amendments to the National Constitution would fail at the 2008 National FFA Convention, this amendment would be null and void.

The motion to approve Proposal #3 as read was seconded by Krissy Kontney of the Stevens Point FFA. There was discussion on the main motion.

Ben Giese of the Mayville FFA amended the main motion by reducing the community service hours by 50% of the proposed motion. If passed the Chapter Degree would require five hours of community service, the State Degree would require 12.5 hours, and the American Degree would require 25 hours of community service. The amendment was seconded by Elizabeth Hetke of the Bruce FFA. There was discussion on the amendment.

Ben Giese of the Mayville FFA moved to withdraw the amendment made to reduce the community service hours by 50% of the proposed motion. Joe Waldinger of the Sauk Prairie FFA seconded the motion. The motion to withdraw the amendment made was passed by the delegates with a voice vote.

The delegates proceeded to vote on the main motion, to accept Proposal #3 as read by the State Secretary. This motion required a 2/3 vote to pass. There were 277 votes in favor and 49 votes opposed. The motion was passed by the delegates.

The delegates then heard recommendations from the following committee chairs:

- State Convention Improvement Committee
- Chapter Officer Training Committee
- Publicizing State Awards and Programs Committee
- State Conference Improvements Committee

There was a motion made by Elizabeth Hetke of the Bruce FFA to adjourn the Delegate Business Session. The motion was seconded by Tia Kurowski of the Bonduel FFA. The motion was passed by the delegates with a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 am by President Andrew Christenson.

Respectfully submitted,
Whitney Peissig
2007-08 State FFA Secretary