

NATIONAL FFA CDE & AWARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

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The National FFA CDE & Awards Advisory Committee meets twice a year. Members on this committee represent AAAE (two members), NAAE, National FFA Organization (members), NASAE, FFA Board of Directors, and CDE Superintendents. Members of National FFA Organization staff serve to develop the meeting agenda, provide information, and assist with the operation of meetings.

The purpose of the committee is to review information brought forth regarding the conduct of Career Development Events (CDE), proficiency awards, degrees, student awards, and activities. Recommendations made are sent to the National FFA Board of Directors for action. On occasion, committee members are contacted to hear and review appeals filed by chapter advisors in regards to member participation in CDE's, and other student activities. Decisions are rendered and recommendations made which affect the conduct of activities.

From the January 2006 meeting:

- the committee appointed a National Chapter Award subcommittee to develop procedures and provide guideline would significantly enhance the program quality as well as participation,
- Acted on four issues dealing with national proficiency awards: (1) representation of award finalists at National FFA Convention; (2) completion of revision process; (3) judging process, and (4) perception of bias and inconsistency in proficiency award judging.
- Reviewed and acted on three issues regarding Career Development Events: (1) procedural error occurring in an event; (2) request for change in certification policy; and (3) issue of item substitution in a CDE.
- Considered American Heritage Award proposal.
- Reviewed proposal for increasing earning requirements of American FFA Degree
- Reviewed proposal to create a new Biotech/Genetics CDE.
- Reviewed proposal to create scholarship for Dairy Handlers Award.

From the October 2005 meeting:

- Review of Implementation of Dual Participation Policy and Procedure.
- Review of Implementation of Revisions for 2006-2010.
- National Chapter and H.O. Sargent convention reports.
- Special Needs Accommodation report
- Establishing Consistency to National Finals Judging