

# ICAE / ILCAE Meeting

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IAA Building, Bloomington, IL  
Davisson Conference Room / GoToMeeting Conference Call  
January 10th, 2014  
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

- 1. Welcome and Introductions – Dave Cattron, Jim Craft, Kevin Daugherty, Dean Dittmar, Harley Hepner, Bill Johnson, Chris Kendall, Debra Korte, Vern McGinnis, Dave Mouser, Jay Runner, Bill Schreck, Kay Shipman, Jess Smithers, Dr. Dick Steffen, Al Zwilling**

**Attendance via GoToMeeting/Conference Call: Andrew Bowman, Mindy Bunselmeyer, Jacob Butcher, Al Dietz, Mike Massie, Heather Miller, Tammy Miller, Connie Niemann, Seb Pense, Jamie Powers, Katie Pratt, Richard Treat, Joe Webel, Don Moffitt.**

- 2. Approve Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda by Bill Schreck, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dick Steffen; motion passed.**
- 3. Approve Minutes of October 25, 2013 Meeting – Motion to approve the minutes by David Mouser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kay Shipman; motion passed.**

## **4. Discussion Items**

- Illinois Ag Legislative Day – State Capitol – March 6, 2014
  - Breakfast at State House Inn at 7:30 a.m. – **Members were provided with info about the annual Agriculture Legislative Day. Those who plan to attend need to inform Jess Smithers so that registration may be submitted within the next 10 days. Bill Schreck, Vern McGinnis, Allen Dietz, Dick Steffen, Harley Hepner, and Jess Smithers expressed an interest to attend. An email invitation to the IL Ag Legislative Day will be sent to all ILCAE and ICAE members.**
- Advocacy: ISBE FY2015 Budget Public Hearings Report – **A report regarding ISBE FY15 budget hearings was shared. A total of 43 individuals testified on behalf of agricultural education at the five budget hearings throughout the state. More individuals testified on behalf of Ag Ed than any other ISBE line item – Early Childhood was the next highest at 25 individuals. It was also recognized that work needs to be done to educate urban and suburban legislators on agricultural education. Strategies discussed to improve advocacy included: assign ILCAE members to members of the House and Senate appropriations committees, identify those legislators who are part of the adopt-a-legislator program and build upon those relationships, and improve message through a quality “1-pager” document.**
- ICAE / ILCAE Symposium – “30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ILCAE” – **The ICAE / ILCAE Symposium will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup> in the Auditorium at the Illinois Department of Agriculture. The agenda for the symposium was discussed and it was determined that the agenda should focus on addressing Teacher Recruitment and Retention. The meeting will start at around 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. or 4 p.m. The lunch hour will include speakers / program to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ILCAE.**

## **5. Business Items**

- FY2015 Ag Ed Line Item Budget – **Harley Hepner provided a budget scenario recommendation for consideration. Discussion occurred on the proposed FY2015 budget and the budget review process by ICAE. Dr. Steffen moved that in future years the executive committee shall review the budget (with dollar amounts for specific projects) prior to approval by ICAE membership and also recommended the approval of the presented FY2015 budget. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Allen Dietz. Motion passed.**
- Teacher Recruitment and Retention
  - Growing Agriculture Science Teachers Grant – **Harley Hepner provided a summary of the GAST grant which led to a discussion on ways to maximize the effectiveness of the grant. Despite various outside factors affecting recruits choices, it was determined the grant had value to continue given its aim and the importance of**

**recruitment and retention. It was determined that an earlier release date would be preferable. Harley Hepner assured the group that he would work toward releasing the grant sooner in the fall of FY15 assuming allocation of funds.**

- (ii) Status of Teacher Recruitment / Retention Meeting sponsored by the IL FFA Alumni – **The group discussed at length the factors contributing to our challenges associated with teacher recruitment and retention. The FFA Alumni is willing to sponsor but not plan an event to bring all stakeholders together to discuss strategies to address teacher supply concerns. Bill Johnson moved that ILCAE serve as the lead entity to plan and facilitate the teacher recruitment and retention discussion as part of the ICAE Symposium. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Schreck; motion passed.**

**6. Business Issues (based on the Strategic Plan sections) - Time Permitting – Due to insufficient time reports were not presented**

- a. Agricultural Awareness in Education / Ag Career Exploration
  1. IL Agriculture in the Classroom Report – Kevin Daugherty, AITC Education Director
- b. Secondary Agricultural Education Programs
  1. FFA Report – Sam Detwiler, State FFA President
  2. IAVAT Report – Toni Saso, IAVAT President
  3. ISBE Report – Harley Hepner, Agriculture Education Principal Consultant
  4. FCAE Report – Jess Smithers, FCAE Coordinator
  5. FFA Alumni Report – Jim McCray, IL FFA Alumni President
- c. Postsecondary Agricultural Education Programs
  1. IACCAI Report – Jeff Hawes, IACCAI President
- d. Baccalaureate / Graduate Education in Agriculture / Agriculture Teacher Education Programs
  1. Illinois State University – Dr. Steffen
  2. Southern Illinois University – Dr. Pense
  3. University of Illinois – Dr. Clark, Dr. Thieman, Debra Korte, Gary Ochs
  4. Western Illinois University – Dr. Baker
- e. Adult Education in Agriculture Programs
- f. State Leadership Team for Agricultural Education

**7. Future Meetings**

- a) April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 - ICAE / ILCAE Symposium at the Illinois Department of Agriculture
- b) June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. – Decatur Conference Center (IAVAT Conference)

**8. Adjourn – Dave Catron moved to adjourn at 12:30 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Steffen; motion passed.**