

ILCAE/ICAE Meeting Minutes

Prairie Capitol Convention Center, Springfield Illinois

June 11, 2009, 9:21am

Members present: Sarah Hileman, Mary Bush, Mike Massie, Stacy Stremsterfer, Connie Niemann, Tammy Miller, Al Dietz, John T. Kabat, Dave Mouser, Tom Jennings, Bill Schreck, Dave Cattron, Gordon Ropp, Seb Pense, Jay Runner, Bill Johnson, Karen Fraase, Don Meyer, Don Moffitt, and Richard Treat

Meeting called to order at 9:21 am by Chairman Mike Massie.

First item of business: Jay Runner discussed agriculture education line item budget split w/group. Please see hand out for detailed information. Discussion from group: Tammy Miller asked for clarification on administration cost going down. It was explained that the administration line in the budget was an agreed upon reduction of assistance to the post-secondary position at the Illinois FFA Center.

Motion moved and properly seconded to accept the proposed budget. Al Dietz made the motion to approve the budget. Stacy Stremsterfer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Illinois Director of Agriculture Tom Jennings was asked by Chairman Massie to share a few comments about the budget situation facing the Department of Agriculture. He reported that the Department was allocated 115 million dollars during the last fiscal year. At this time of the meeting he reported the Department was working with a budget of 84 million dollars for the coming fiscal year FY10. That represented a 27% decrease from the previous year. A general discussion about the Illinois State budget ensued.

Report from the nomination committee: Connie Neiman moved to elect Dave Mouser as the Chairperson of the Illinois Committee for Agriculture Education (ICAE) and Stacy Stremsterfer as the Vice-Chairperson. Motion passed.

Sarah Hileman gave a short report concerning possible meeting dates and location for the Fall ILCAE/ICAE meeting. Suggestions included: FY10 Meeting is planned for late October – early November at Wagner Historic Farm in

Glenview, Illinois. The FY11 Meeting is planned to be held in November in Chicago Thurs. & Fri. during the Illinois School Board Conference. It was suggested that planning be started to make attendance possible for people coming from urban and rural locations.

Next item of business: ILCAE Award nominees were suggested from the participants at the meeting. Nominations were taken for award winners in the categories of Legislative, Media, Agri-Business and Perry Schneider Special Recognition.

Bill Johnson nominated: Martha Blum at Illinois AgriNews for media recognition and, Yvonne Foss Grundy County AITC coordinator for the Perry Schneider Special Recognition

John Kabat nominated: Senator John O. Jones from Mt. Vernon Illinois for legislative recognition.

Sarah Hileman nominated Chicago city Alderman Ed. Smith for legislative recognition.

Al Dietz nominated Senator John Cullerton.

Discussion followed.

John Kabat moved to close nominations and award the legislative award to Sen. Cullerton. Dave Mouser seconded. Motion passed.

Karen Fraase moved to close nominations and award the Perry Schneider award to Julie White, CMU Communications and Yvonne Foss. Dave Catron second. Motion passed.

Karen Fraase moved to close nomination and award the Media award to Martha Blume. Dave Catron seconded. Motion passed.

Motion was moved and seconded to recognize Susie Morrison, ISBE for the Education Award and Dannette Ward, Monsanto, for the Agri-Business Award. Motion passed.

A motion was made from the floor that in the future the Perry Schneider Award will include AITC coordinators. The committee can nominate up to 3 total coordinators for the award. The Chairman appointed a committee which includes: Karen Fraase, Connie Neiman, and Stacy Stremsterfer.

Chairman Massie asked Illinois Representative Don Moffett to share some of his perspectives on the current budget process in the State of Illinois. Discussion followed.

Chairman Massie then asked Harley Hepner to share some of his perspectives on the current budget process at the Illinois State board of Education. Discussion followed.

Future meeting dates were suggested from the group. Members suggested Tuesdays or Thursdays are good days for meetings. Afternoons around 1:00 pm were preferable to morning meetings.

Future Meeting Dates:

Sept. 10 @ 1 pm

November - TBA

Jan 12 @ 1pm

A motion was made from the floor to adjourn. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting minutes submitted by Sarah Hileman, Urban FCAE Program Advisor