

# Illinois Committee for Agricultural Education (ICAE) Meeting

August 24, 2018 - Illinois FFA Center, Springfield 9:05 am - 2:30 pm

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

**Members:** Becky Ropp, Bill Harmon, Doug Hanson, Vern McGinnis, Jay Harris, Parker Bane, Amy Leman, Aimee Poskin, Rylan Rusk, Brad Pilcher, Dick Steffen. **Absent:** Kevin Daugherty

**Advisory:** Jennifer Waters, Megan Coy, Brian Houser, Jess Smithers, Luke Allen, Dean Dittmar, Mindy Bunselmeyer, John Edgar, Marci Johnson

## 2. Approve Agenda

Brad Pilcher moved to accept the agenda, Jay Harris 2nd; Motion passed.

## 3. Approve Minutes of March 20, 2018 Meeting

Vern McGinnis moved to accept the March 20, 2018 minutes, Doug Hanson 2nd; motion passed

## 4. Business and Discussion Items

### a. ICAE Committees

#### o Curriculum/Program Improvement

- Brian Houser discussed incentive funding grant questions such as
  - ✓ Affiliation fees being used on the application (Currently not allowed)
  - ✓ Suggestion was given to proceed to collect more information and pursue a possible change for FY20.
  - ✓ Amy Leman suggested that wording clearly state the difference between membership and services.
  - ✓ Dick Steffen moved to recommended to ISBE to allow affiliation fees be an allowable expense on the IFGA application. Doug Hanson 2nd; motion passed.
  - ✓ Brian discussed the list of non-allowable items
  - ✓ The ICAE advisory committee will meet develop a wish list submit to ICAE and present to Brain/ISBE at our November meeting
  - ✓ Brian discussed the Three Circle Grant
- Dean reported that the online curriculum (IL Virtual School) currently has 5 students.

#### o Human Resources

- Curriculum staffing and tech. Staffing needs are required. Becky recommended to have the HR committee look into these needs and report at the November meeting so we can determine how to proceed FCAE staff.
- Amy Leman moved to have a representative from the FCAE staff and the FCAE coordinator be members on the HR committee with Doug Hanson, Becky Ropp, and Amy Leman. 2nd by Amiee Poskin. Dick Steffen amended to say it include all FCAE staff on the committee. 2nd by Amiee. Motion passed

#### o Budget

- Becky suggested having a budget subcommittee meeting before the November meeting. The subcommittee will need to work with Brian and/or the ISBE consultant and the FCAE coordinator.
- Doug Hanson moved to recommend to ISBE a \$5 million dollar budget for FY20. Vern McGinnis 2nd; motion passed

#### o Nomination/Appointment

- Brad Pilcher suggested the nomination of Allyn Buhrow from Ashton Franklin Center as a new member.
- Dick Steffen stated that he will be resigning from ICAE as of June 30, 2019.

- Brad Pilcher moved to reappoint Rylan Rusk and Kevin Daugherty, and nominate Allyn Buhrow to the ICAE committee. Dick Steffen 2nd; motion passed.
- o Marketing/Public Relations
  - Becky informed the group to continue advocacy and to let her know if you are interested in going to an ISBE budget hearing meeting.

**b. Set Future Meeting Dates:**

- i. November 8, 2018- IL Dept of Ag
- ii. January 3, 2019- IL State Board of Education
- iii. March 6, 2019- TBA

**Recess**

Dick Steffen moved to recess for lunch at 11:55. Vern McGinnis 2nd; Motion Passed.

**Joint Meeting with ILCAE affiliate Reports**

- Becky Ropp started with introductions and recon meeting at 12:30.

**ISBE**

- Marci Johnson gave an update on the ISBE AG Consultant position
  - Marci is hoping to get someone identified and is proposing that the job be 1.5 people with Brian being part time.
  - The job posting is still on the ISBE website and will be there until filled.
  - Doug mentioned that there could be a possibility of contract work.
    - Marci will have to check and see what the contract salary/price would be
  - Perkins has been reauthorized with a plan due April 1st. Will include stakeholders

**FCAE**

- Update on AET training and how the process is going. Things are going well.
- AET helps meet some of the ESSA requirements
- 12 new or restarted ag programs
- 42 first year teachers- excited about the new teachers. Working well!
- Dean updated on the new curriculum (New Ag. Biology course/Animal/Plant sciences) possible roll out in the fall/spring.

**IAVAT**

- Over 150 at conference. Looking at redoing bids for conference
- Working with IHSA to get an amendment passed for middle school engagement
- Did receive a life insurance check in the remembering of Bill Johnson
- IACCAI host will be Lakeland College for the conference

**Legislative Report**

- Dorgan, Butcher, & Phelps (DBP) is working with Dale Fowler on Senate Bill 3622 to reverse the change of pension code from the 3% cap
- DBP was successful in ensure teachers were able to utilize a July 1 2018 start date on the three circle grant
- Agriculture Education Task force report was approved on June 27th
- HB751- Return to work for retired teachers to return to work without a pension penalty

**FFA/FFA Alumni**

- The FFA State Officers reported on WLC, Summer Leadership Training, State Fair, and upcoming STAR conferences.
- Still have openings for Competitive Events and Communication Specialists at the FFA Center
- 375,000 is the foundation goal. The Foundation voted to restructure into two divisions of local collections drive and sponsor drive. Nominating committee was also established

**University**

- Collaboration is great with university council members

Meeting adjourned after the affiliate reports at 2:30 pm.