



Illinois Extension Agricultural Association

President's Report—*Pete Fandel*

This year has just seemed to fly by. It's already almost August, and national meeting is just around the corner. So far, I know that at least 17 of our members and retirees will be attending the meeting. For those of you that have never attended a national meeting, I would highly recommend that you do. The national meeting gives you a better perspective of our association and why IEAA is structured as you see it. My wife and I started attending the national meetings 3 years ago, and now we will attend all of them as long as our schedules allow. It is very enjoyable and educational, plus you can develop friendships across the country.

Speaking of meetings, everyone should have the IEAA Fall Membership Meeting dates on their calendars—I hope!! If not, here they are. The meeting will be Tuesday and Wednesday, September 18 and 19 in Decatur, IL. Details should be in this newsletter. This is another meeting that you do not want to miss. At the last board meeting (July 6), the board voted to change the way we conduct some of our business, and you should be able to see these changes at our fall meeting. All members will want to attend this years fall meeting and find out how these new changes will make IEAA excel in the next year and beyond.

Important Reminder:

- The IEAA Fall Membership meeting will be held September 18-19, 2001 in Decatur. Mark your calendars now!

President -Elect's Report—*Jim Morrison*

As your President-Elect, I had the opportunity to attend the PILD (Public Issues Leadership Development) Conference on April 28-May 2 in Washington, DC. It is sponsored yearly by the Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP), which is comprised of the Extension organizations including NACAA. Attending from Illinois were Diane Baker, JoAn Todd, Lois Smith, Michelle Pride, and I. Approximately 240 Extension workers from across the country attended.

The conference included general sessions, workshops, meetings of individual Extension associations, and visits with Congressmen.

Discussion at the NACAA meeting centered on the AM/PIC in Albuquerque, financial situation of the organization, update on national donors and committee appointments, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce/ Outstanding Young Farmer.

Some breakout, workshop sessions I attended included Diversity and the Extension System, Water Resources and Waste Management Issues, and the closing session on Marketing the Benefits of Extension.

One of the highlights was the day spent visiting with Congressmen. The Illinois group met with a staff member for Senators Durbin and Fitzgerald and we met personally with Representatives Evans, Johnson, Shimkus, and Manzullo. All were familiar with at least some aspect of Extension.

I encourage others to attend. It was a good experience and I thank IEAA for the opportunity.

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Fall IEAA meeting set for Decatur—*Stu Ellis*

You are invited to a "Decatur Experience" September 18 and 19 for the Fall IEAA meeting. You'll get a chance to relive the past and focus on the future during a variety of special programs and events, hosted by Extension in Macon County.

The highlight of the meeting will be a tour of the ADM Hydrofarm, which includes vegetable, herb, and fish production, made possible with excess heat and carbon dioxide from ADM's primary ethanol production unit. We'll hear from Executive Vice President Larry Cunningham about ADM's new product initiatives, and you'll be treated to a soy protein lunch at the Randall Research Center, compliments of ADM.

The program will also focus on value-added initiatives. Lynn Clarkson, owner of Clarkson Grain at nearby Cerro Gordo, will describe his efforts to enroll farmers throughout the Midwest into organic production. We will also look at new initiatives for identity preservation and product traceability in agriculture with a panel presentation.

Food consumption, in addition to food production, will also be on the agenda. You're invited to arrive by Noon on Tuesday, September 18 for a thrasher's lunch prepared and served by HEA in Macon County. Tuesday night will feature a pork chop barbecue, sponsored by the Shelby County Pork Producers. Wednesday's lunch will be that delightful experience of finding out just how good soy protein can be prepared by the ADM kitchens.

Make sure you allow enough time to participate in our entire "Decatur Experience."

Tuesday, September 18	
12:00 Noon	Thrasher's Lunch Courtyard, Extension Conference Center
1:00 p.m.	Specialty and Organic Crop Production--Lynn Clarkson Illini Room, Extension Conference Center
2:00 p.m.	Value added initiatives, product traceability--panel discussion Illini Room, Extension Conference Center
3:00 p.m.	IEAA Business meeting Illini Room, Extension Conference Center
5:30 p.m.	Hotel check-in
6:30 p.m.	Pork Chop Barbecue Dinner Courtyard, Extension Conference Center
7:30 p.m.	Legislative Update--Sen. Duane Noland (invited) IEAA history--Stuart Hawbaker (invited)
Wednesday, September 19	
	(Breakfast on your own)
9:45 a.m.	Board buses at the Randall Research Center
10:00 a.m.	Tour ADM Hydrofarm
12:00 a.m.	Soy protein lunch Randall Research Center
1:00 p.m.	Product and marketing initiatives at ADM--Larry Cunningham Randall Research Center
2:00 p.m.	Depart for home

Lodging has been reserved at the Country Inn & Suites in Forsyth, at the I-72 and Route 51 Interchange. Make your reservation by calling 217/872-2402. A block of 25 rooms has been reserved under the name of "U of I Extension" **until September 1**. Room and tax totals \$64.90. Other Forsyth hotels are: Baymont Inn (217/875-5800), Comfort Inn (875-1166), Hampton Inn (217/877-5577), Fairfield Inn (217/875-3337), Ramada Limited (217/876-8011). Closer to the Extension Conference Center is the Sleep Inn (217/872-7700) at I-72 & Route 48, which has rooms for \$64 + tax. Attendees are responsible for making their own room reservations and payment arrangements.

The location for all activities on Wednesday, September 18 will be at the Extension Conference Center on the northeast corner of Decatur. Consult the map on our Internet website at <http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/macon/map.html> for complete directions. Information about the ADM locations will be provided on September 18.

Participants must pre-register for the Fall IEAA meeting by completing the official registration form and fax it to 217/877-4564 no later than Friday, September 7. Late registrants cannot be guaranteed meals.

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

Your name _____

Guest name (if attending) _____

Extension office _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Number of meals needed:

9/18 Lunch _____

9/18 Supper _____

9/19 Lunch _____

University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need a special accommodation to participate in this meeting, please call 217/877-6042.

2000 Hall of Fame Winner

Dr. Marshall "Mac" McGlamery was presented with the 2000 IEAA *Hall of Fame Award* at the Spring Association meeting in Effingham. For all of you who know and love Mac, here are two photos for your scrapbook!



JCEP Publication Reinitiated—*Jim Morrison*

Representatives of the 4 Extension associations in Illinois met July 9 to discuss the revival of a former publication "Issues in Action". This single page document was first printed by the Extension Home Economists with the purpose of informing state legislators and others of Extension programming in the late 1980's. It was distributed twice yearly.

As a result of recent Extension funding by

state legislators, the group felt it was appropriate to renew the effort of keeping legislators informed of current programming. The committee will meet again on July 30 via Telenet to discuss title, format, schedule, editor, cost, etc.

If you have thoughts on this publication (or wish to be involved with it) contact Jim Morrison.

"Issues in Action" will help keep state legislators informed.

IEAA Committees Need You! - *Jim Morrison*

Two years ago the NACAA Board decided to have state committee contacts go into effect at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting-Professional Improvement Conference. The following page lists the IEAA councils and committees for 2000-2001. They are designed to align with the structure used by NACAA.

As you can tell, these members will "move up" to the council senior chair position: Ruth Hambleton for Program Recognition Council, Rhonda Ferree for Professional Improvement Council, and Bob Curry for Extension Devel-

opment Council. Larry Casey will remain as chair of the Life Member committee. At our Fall Meeting in September at Decatur we will need to select a Jr. Chair for the Program Recognition, Professional Improvement, and Extension Development councils.

Contact persons are also needed for the various committees under each Council. This will also be discussed at our Fall Meeting in Decatur. If you would like to continue another year as the contact person for a committee, please let Jim Morrison know as soon as possible.

"Why not consider volunteering to serve on an Association committee this coming year?"

2000-2001 IEAA and NACAA Councils/Committees and Award Opportunities

Program Recognition Council:

Wes Winter—Sr. Chair; Ruth Hambleton—Jr. Chair

Committee Members: John Church, Dale Baird, Joe Schwamberger, and Tom Ward

Communications
Extension Programs
4-H and Youth
Professional Excellence
Public Relations
Recognition and Awards

Scholarship – Chair is current IEAA Treasurer (Matt Montgomery)

Award Responsibilities:

DSA, AA, and Action (IEAA only)

Communications (radio, slide set, direct mail piece, etc.)

Search for Excellence in: Crop Production, Responsible Use of Pesticides (ag and urban), 4-H and Youth, Farm and Ranch Financial Management, and Livestock Production

Poster Sessions-applied research and Extension education categories

P.R.I.D.E. program

Professional Improvement Council

Bill Brink—Sr. Chair; Rhonda Ferree—Jr. Chair

Committee Members: Stan Eden, Gary Bretthauer, and Kevin Brooks

Agronomy/Pest Management - Russ Higgins

Applied Science and Technology Seminar

Agricultural Economics

Cotton Marketing and Dairy Price Risk workshops

Animal Science - Dean Oswald

Study Tour

Forestry/Natural Resources

Horticulture - Rhonda Ferree

Study Tours

Aquaculture

Resource and Program Development

(previously called Policy in IEAA, and comprised of the 3 immediate past IEAA presidents)

Jim Endress, Chair

Ron Waldrop

Dennis Epplin

IEAA and NACAA Councils/Committees (cont.)

Extension Development Council

Jim Endress—Sr. Chair; Bob Curry—Jr. Chair
Committee members: Don Meyer and Ron Waldrop

Public Relations & Ag Issues
 Early Career Development
 Administrative Skills Development
 Teaching/Communications

Award Responsibility:
Ag Ambassador Program
Sustainable Ag Workshop

Life Member Committee

Larry Casey—Chair
 2740 E. State Highway 33
 Newton, IL 62448
 Phone 618-783-2534
 Email caseyljd@psbnewton.com

Conservation Expo 2001—*Pete Fandel*

By the time you read this newsletter many of you will have read or seen some advertising for the Conservation Expo or Land Improvement Contractors Association Expo (LICA). But, if you have not seen any advertising, or have not heard of this event, then here it is.

The LICA show is basically a small farm progress show, all geared to earth moving equipment and conservation practices. During the three-day event dozens of conservation structures will be built on a working farm to prevent erosion. This year the Expo will be in Tazewell County on the Blye Farm and Illinois Central College's Farm from August 28-30.

The West Central IEAA members are planning to have an in-service and meeting at this event, however, we would like to invite all IEAA members to attend on Wednesday, August 29. We will be meeting at 9:30 in the headquarters tent. We will then go through the tours as a group. If you would like to join the West Central Region, please let us know before the event.

Pete Fandel
 Jay Solomon
 Trent Torrance

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IEAA Board Meeting Minutes—July 6, 2001

President Fandel called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with the following officers and directors present: Fandel, Morrison, Montgomery, Bretthauer, Ballard, Epplin, Higgins, Solomon and retired member Casey.

Solomon moved, Morrison seconded to approve minutes of May 4, 2001 board Telenet as corrected and carried.

Solomon moved, Higgins seconded to approve treasurers report as presented by Montgomery and carried.

Old Business:

1. Members planning to attend NACAA meeting in Albuquerque are Epplin, Wellman, Crisel, Casey, S. Hawbaker. Brooks, Higgins, Bretthauer, Morrison, Winter, Church, Schuster, Eden, and Endress.
2. Several options for appropriate items for NACAA scholarship auction were discussed. After considerable discussion, Epplin moved, Ballard seconded to authorize spending of up to \$25 by Larry Casey for local artist "original" artwork and up to \$50 by Jim Morrison for local artist picture and carried.
3. 2003 NACAA meeting in Wisconsin was discussed. Fandel reported that contract with Chris Cakes for Wednesday breakfast has been signed. IEAA members will be required to help host breakfast. Unless special arrangements can be made, hosting duties will likely prevent members from participating in regular educational tours.
4. Morrison will participate in ESP Telenet on July 9, since there are still no volunteers for committee.
5. July 16, 2001 is the deadline for articles for IEAA Newsletter to be e-mailed to Bellm.
6. Ballard moved and Morrison seconded to present 2001 Hall of Fame Award to Hank Hannah and carried.
7. Montgomery moved and Epplin seconded to present 2001 Friend of Agriculture Award to IdoA Director Joe Hampton and to present USDA Peoria Research Lab with a special recognition award and carried.

New Business

1. Montgomery provided a list of IEAA members. Membership list needs corrections. Montgomery will recheck dues received and update list. A general discussion of membership, dues, and member benefits followed. The following suggestions were discussed:
 - Dues payable at Annual Conference.
 - A table/booth at annual conference promoting IEAA and member benefits. Pictures of past events and award winners should be included in display.
 - Use EIAA as tool to share information with other teams or organizations..
 - All organizations should establish calendar of scheduled meetings and events at Annual Conference.
 - IEAA past presidents should be invited to member meetings to share past history of organization. Fandel will contact Stu Hawbaker regarding history of IEAA.
2. Fandel shared letter received from NACAA regarding declining assets of organization and selection of committee chairs that will be among items discussed and/or decided at Albuquerque meeting.

Solomon moved, Higgins seconded to adjourn and carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Gary Bretthauer, IEAA Secretary

JCEP/ESP Benefits/Retirement Committee Minutes—June 7, 2001

Those in attendance: Martha Speir, Bob Harris, Dave Fisher, Charlotte Crawford, Kay Mayberry, Jim Endress, Bob Curry, and Kathy Seybert.

The meeting was called to order by Charlotte Crawford. There were no additional agenda items.

The following items were discussed:

1. Travel mileage increase July 1

Charlotte reported the good news that the mileage reimbursement will increase from 31.5 to 34.5 cents per mile on July 1, 2001.

1. Group long term health insurance option

Charlotte reported that this option will be available to staff and retirees in the fall. The open enrollment date is Sept. 1-Oct. 31, 2001. Coverage will be effective Dec. 1. Met Life is the carrier.

Kathy reported that information about this option should be available by mid July. She also stated that a federal policy would be available in 2002.

1. Repeat telenet for long term care insurance

There was consensus to offer a repeat telenet in mid September or later. Charlotte will relay information to the Consumer Economics work group. Charlotte will have dates in the ESP and other association newsletters.

1. CSRS retirement article in national newsletter

Kathy reported that the proposal discussed in the national newsletter is not yet legislation. Universities have been asked not to hire any more CSRS or FERS employees. There is no change at this point. Changes will not affect current CSRS employees.

1. PDO preparations

Will I Be Ready for Retirement?-Dave and Charlotte

Registration for this seminar to be held on November 7, 2001 is on-line. It will be held at the Champaign Unit office. Registration deadline is September 1. Follow-up telenet dates are confirmed for November 29 and December 6. Charlotte will talk to the Consumer Economics retirement work group to confirm plans for the program. Charlotte requested help from this committee for registration at the seminar. She also asked Dave Fisher to submit promotional articles to the association newsletters. Spouses can attend for a \$20.00 fee.

Estate Planning-Jim

Jim has asked Ellen to firm the arrangements in Effingham and Peru. He has made contacts with possible presenters. Jim will incorporate new legislation into the program. He will publicize it in For Your Information.

1. Annual Conference proposal

The committee proposed that Terry Jobin from the Faculty Staff Assistance Program be asked to address the human resources and services that are available to staff. Kay will relay this information to the Annual Conference committee.

Bob reminded the committee to let him know of retirees who need blankets.

The next meeting will be August 28th from 2-4pm. Code is 5237.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Mayberry, recorder



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Benefits of Joining IEAA

- Participate in defining the future of your profession
- Opportunities to become better acquainted with other NACAA members and staff on regional and national levels
- Recognition from colleagues for your educational programs and other activities
- Direct input into Extension policy that may affect your future
- Satisfaction of doing your part in the advancement of your profession
- Improvement of professional skills and abilities through Association activities



Goals of IEAA

The Pursuit of excellence in Extension Education by professionals interested in agriculture.

Objectives:

- To encourage the pursuit of professional improvement activities by IEAA members.
- To provide leadership opportunities for IEAA members.
- To recognize members for professional excellence.
- To provide professional improvement opportunities for IEAA members.
- To promote professional improvement by IEAA members.

Protect, enhance and promote the interests of Extension Professionals.

Objectives:

- To encourage participation in IEAA activities.
- To build coalitions with other Extension organizations in the advocacy of and in response to University administration, legislators, and other officials on matters impacting Extension professionals.
- To serve as a conduit between field staff members and administration.
- To provide a means for program development in all facets of agriculture.