



Illinois Extension Agricultural Association

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President's Perspective—James Morrison

I hope your early summer is going well. Seemed like we did not have much of a winter, no spring, then an early summer, then winter, then rain and floods, and frost.

Thanks to all that attended the Spring Membership meeting in Peoria on March 7. Know it was a long meeting, but several important items were accomplished. One of which was inducting Jim Looft and Susan Meeker into membership. Welcome! Approved for membership (and to be inducted at our Fall Membership meeting) were Omar Koester, Amy O'Leary, and John Pike. Since then, Martha Smith and Sean Evans have paid their dues for the first time-again, welcome! Believe our current membership is 56.

At the July board meeting, the decision on the "Hall of Fame" and "Friend of Agriculture" recipients will be made. Be sure to discuss this at district meetings and have your director bring names to the July 12 board meeting in Springfield. The presentation will be made at the Joint Association Awards

luncheon, October 17, during Annual Extension Conference.

John Church was selected to serve as the NC Vice-Chair for Forestry and Natural Resources committee for NACAA. His two-year term will begin with the NACAA meeting in Savannah this summer. Two other IEAA members applied for NACAA committee assignments, but I have not heard if either was selected. It is good to have Illinois represented!

Dennis Bowman, Pete Fandel, and I represented IEAA at the Illinois Agricultural Legislative Day in Springfield on March 20. Representing other Extension associations were Pennie Crinion and Judy Taylor. Very few legislators were present due to elections being held the previous day. We did distribute material and had the opportunity to visit with representatives from other agriculture-related groups and organizations. I have a few copies of the 2002 Sponsor Directory

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2002 Membership Update—Rhonda Ferree

Membership continues to grow!

As of June 6th, we have 56 paid members, including seven new members.

Two Districts have contacted me for a listing of their members. Let me know if you need a membership listing.

Broken down by District, our membership includes:

- 6 from the Northwest,
- 13 from the South,
- 12 from East Central,
- 18 from West Central,
- 6 from Northeast, and
- 1 on Campus.

Illinois to Co-host Breakfast at 2003 NACAA Meeting—*Pete Fandel*

This is just a note to let our membership know that IEAA is going to co-host the Wednesday breakfast with Kansas at the NACAA meeting in Green Bay, Wisconsin in 2003. We will need everyone in our association to help out.

This breakfast will involve serving between 2500-3000 people in about two hours. Fortunately, we do not have to do all of the serving. I have been working with the Kansas association for the past year on securing arrangements for this breakfast.

We have contracted with Kris Cakes to serve pancakes, sausage, coffee and orange juice.

We have also secured 1500 cartons of milk from a local Green Bay dairy. Our job will be to serve refills, and clean up between shifts. If you are not familiar with Kris Cakes they are a nationwide company that specializes in serving large groups. They "put on a show" as they cook the pancakes right in front of everyone.

As this coming year progresses we will keep you informed about the 2003 meeting. For now, just plan on attending---the NACAA meeting will likely not get any closer than it will be in 2003. If you have not been to a national meeting, this will be your chance to see what it's all about.

President's Perspective—*cont.*

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(name, address, phone, etc. of the ag-related organizations that sponsor the event); just let me know if you want a copy.

We have had some questions on the IEAA scholarship (funded by the annual interest earned on monies from the 1991 NACAA meeting in Peoria). The board will address those questions at the July meeting and provide information to you shortly afterwards. Stay tuned!

NACAA Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference-July 28-August 1, Savannah, GA-hope you are planning to attend! Several of our members will be recognized and giving presentations. I have requested a list of folks from Illinois that have registered and will share that when it is received. See the following article on items that voting delegates will decide. The Illinois group will be dining out on July 30 as that evening is designated as States Night Out. Any good ideas for a restaurant in Savannah? Let me

Eden Says "Goodbye"

I have enjoyed my association with all of you. In the future, I will be attempting to duplicate the efforts you see in the attached picture!

I certainly appreciate all the support we have received over the past 42 years. My e-mail address is edensre@MSN.com. If I can be of help, just let me know. I'll plan to send an occasional report if we find some interesting things in the field.

Thanks for all your hard work to make the University of Illinois Extension a strong and well recognized source of unbiased research proven educational information.

Sincerely,
Stan Eden



Did You Know?

In 1969 our association changed its name from

Illinois Farm Adviser Association
to
Illinois Extension Adviser Association.

In November 1995, our current name was adopted:

Illinois Extension Agricultural Association.

2002 NACAA State Award Winners & Regional Finalists—*Robert Bellm*

Congratulations to the following IEAA members who were state winners and/or regional finalists in the following NACAA award categories:

Communications Awards:

Personal Column

Rhonda Ferree

Newsletter, Individual

Robert Bellm

Slide/Computer Graphics

Robert Bellm

Direct Mail Piece

James Morrison

Publication

Terry Griffin

Fact Sheet—Regional Finalist

Mike Plumer

Radio

Amy O'Leary

Learning Module—Regional Finalist

Terry Griffin

James Morrison

Ed Ballard

Newsletter, Team—Regional Finalist

Dennis Epplin

Robert Bellm

Omar Koester

Mark Hoard

Ruth Hambleton

Dave Fischer

Mike Plumer

Poster Presentations:

John Church—*Land Use Related Watershed Issues: Informing Local Officials and the Public.*

Dean Oswald, Terry Griffin, and Jay Solomon—*Utilizing Precision Farming Technologies to Design and Implement Management Intensive Grazing Systems.*

Mark Hoard—*The Effects of Variable Grazing Intensities of Corn Residues on the Overwintering Survival of European Corn Borer.*

Distinguished Service Award

Robert Bellm

Action Award

Matt Montgomery

Remote Sensing & GIS

Decision Support Seminar

Terry Griffin—National Winner

Animal Science Committee

Pre-AM/PIC Seminar & Tour

Dean Oswald

Search for Excellence in

Crop Production

John Fulton

Search for Excellence in Environmental Protection Through Responsible Use of Pesticides (Rural)—Regional Finalist

John Fulton

Several award categories went unfilled due to lack of applicants. . . . were YOU guilty of not applying?

Items Voting Delegates Will Decide at NACAA AM/PIC—*James Morrison*

Dennis Bowman and Jim Morrison are the voting delegates (Rhonda Ferree is alternate) from Illinois at the 2002 NACAA Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference (AM/PIC). The voting delegates will decide the following:

Two states are bidding to host the AM/PIC in 2006: Kentucky/Ohio and South Carolina.

Two by-laws changes will also be decided. The first relates to Article I-Membership.

Current

Section 1. Life Membership- a former member of NACAA who has retired or is retiring from the Cooperative Extension Service may apply for life membership. (Rev. 8 -80).

Proposed

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The second relates to Article IX-Committees.

Current

Section 3. There shall be a Policy Committee composed of past national Presidents who are active members of the Association. All matters of a policy nature are to be referred to the Policy Committee before action by the Voting Delegates.

Proposed

Section 3. There shall be a Policy Committee composed of past national Presidents who are active members of the Association. A past national President who is a life member may be nominated by the vice President and approved by the board as Policy Committee chair, if an active past national President is not available to serve. All matters of a policy nature are to be referred to the Policy Committee before action by the Voting Delegates. (Rev. 7-02)

Let Dennis or Jim know if you have thoughts on any of the above items.

Northern District News—*Joe Schwamberger*

On Friday April 12, 2002 the annual IEAA Retiree's Banquet was held at Maxson's restaurant in Oregon. Attendees included Mr. & Mrs. Jim Neuschwander, Mr. & Mrs. Al Golden, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Hayward, Mr. & Mrs. Stan Smith, Mr. & Mrs. John Slayten, Mr. & Mrs. Byron Hutchens, and Mr & Mrs. Larry Casey.



IEAA Life members and their spouses enjoy lunch!

Also attending the luncheon were Jim Morrison, Gary Brethauer, Wes Winter, Russ Higgins, and Joe Schwamberger.

The guest of honor was Stan Eden, who recently retired from the University of Illinois Extension, after 42 years of service. Russ Higgins presented Stan with a Norman Rockwell art print, which was signed by everyone in attendance. On behalf of the Northern District IEAA members we would like to extend best wishes to Stan and his family.



Russ Higgins & Joe Schwamberger present Stan Eden with retirement gift from the IEAA

President-elect Report—"Communicating with Washington" - *Dennis Bowman*

One of the surprising things I discovered at the Public Issues/Leadership Development Conference (PILD) was that if you want to communicate with your Washington Congressman you should not mail them a letter.

Because of the extra security after Sept. 11th it can take over a month for U.S. Postal mail to reach their offices. According to Washington staffers, currently the best way to communicate with your congressional representatives is to write your letter and FAX it. You can easily find information, such as the FAX numbers, of your congressional officials online at www.senate.gov or www.house.gov. You can also e-mail, but the insiders recommended the FAX approach.

When the Illinois PILD delegation was scheduling our legislative visits we had to FAX our request to each office. I didn't know the

proper format for such a letter but now I do. Letters should be addressed as follows:

The Honorable (full name)
United States (Senate or House of Representatives)
Washington, DC 20510 (Senate) or 20515 (House)

Dear Senator or Representative (full name)

If you are writing about a specific issue be sure and put your main point in the first paragraph. Be courteous, to the point and include specific examples that support your position.

If you want to address another issue write another letter

Fall Association Meeting—*Robert Bellm*

Plans are being finalized for the 2002 Fall IEAA membership meeting. This year's meeting will be held September 26-27 at the Season's Lodge and Conference Center at Rend Lake. Take Exit 77 off of I-57, and go south past the Southern Illinois Artisans Center to Season's.

Committee chairs should plan to hold their meetings beginning at 10:00 a.m. on the 26th. The afternoon of the 26th will be devoted to two tours. One tour will consist of two local wineries, and possibly some local vineyards. The other tour will be to the state-of-the-art fish processing facility near Pinckneyville.

Friday evening there will be a BBQ supper hosted by local agrichemical sponsors. After the BBQ, there will be an opportunity to participate in some shooting sports activities at the Rend Lake trap range.

The general membership meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on the 27th.

For those of you planning on arriving the evening of the 25th, there are numerous activities to keep you entertained, including golfing, fishing, and sightseeing in beautiful southern Illinois.

More information on the area can be found at:

Season's Lodge:
<http://www.rendlake.org/lodging-dining/seasonslodge.shtml>

Rend Lake:
<http://www.rendlake.com/>
or
<http://www.rendlake.org/>

The complete agenda is listed on the following page. Please RSVP to Ruth Hambleton.



Season's Lodge at Rend Lake



Season's Lodge pool

IEAA FALL MEETING

September 26 & 27, 2002

Seasons Lodge at Rend Lake
conveniently located just off I-57 at exit 77

Schedule of Events:

Thursday, September 26

10:00 a.m. Committee Meetings

Noon Lunch together

1:00 choose from one of two tours. Fish Co-op
or Wine Industry.

5:00 p.m. barbecue at picnic shelter on the lake.

Friday, September 27

8:30 a.m. IEAA Business Meeting.

Noon Depart for home.

For those who have a ways to travel, arrive

Wednesday, September 25

Enjoy a round of golf, shoot
skeeet, or fish.

Call (800) 999-0977 to make room

reservations. Block of rooms reserved under
IEAA. Check out the rooms at their website
www.rendlake.org

Click on Seasons Lodge for specifics about the
hotel and area activities (golfing, fishing, boating,
shooting range etc.)

Within a three-mile radius, you can find:

- a lodge & fairway suites
- a 4½-star 27-hole golf course
- campsites and beaches
- boat rentals
- arts and crafts malls
- 19,000 acre lake.

E-mail IEAA meeting R.S.V.P with
your tour selection to:

hambletonr@mail.aces.uiuc.edu

Or call (618)242 9310





Illinois Extension Agricultural Association

Officers:

President - James Morrison
President Elect - Dennis Bowman
Vice President - Marion Shier
Secretary - Gary Bretthauer
Treasurer - Rhonda Ferree
Past President - Pete Fandel

District Directors:

North - Joe Schwamberger
- Jeff West
West Central - Jay Solomon
- Mike Roegge
East Central - Stu Ellis
- Tim Laatsch
Southern - Robert Bellm
- Mark Hoard

Newsletter Editor

- Robert Bellm

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

IEAA on The Web

[Http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/ieaa/](http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/ieaa/)

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.