



Illinois Extension Agricultural Association

President's Perspective—James Morrison

Summer is fast slipping away. Know it has been a busy time for all. Hope you have taken time to enjoy picnics, ball games, fishing, or other summer opportunities.

Make plans now to participate in the Fall Membership meeting, September 26 and 27 at Rend Lake. Details are in this newsletter. Our business meeting on the 27th will include installation of officers and directors, recognition of award winners, and new member induction. IEAA members in the Southern District have worked hard to prepare a good meeting for us. You will enjoy the hospitality, surroundings, and activities. Support your Association by attending!

As IEAA President, I continue the tradition of my predecessors by serving on the IAA (Illinois Agricultural Association or Farm Bureau) Board and attend their monthly meetings in Bloomington. Recent discussion has centered on the Illinois Grain Code, Ag Policy Endowed Chair at the University of Illinois, wildlife issues, and the GROWMARK Board

restructuring. The board has asked questions about the impact of the state budget on Extension.

Dennis Bowman, Pete Fandel, and I represent IEAA on the Illinois Joint Council of Extension Professionals (IJCEP). In addition, IJCEP consists of the officers from the other 3 Extension associations. The spring IJCEP meeting will be March 6 and 7, 2003 at the Hickory Point Golf Course, Forsythe, IL (just north of Decatur). Our IEAA Spring Membership meeting will be held during those 2 days. Mark your calendar now—more details will be forthcoming.

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Fall Association Meeting—Robert Bellm

The Southern District is looking forward to hosting the Fall Association Meeting here in beautiful southern Illinois. If you have not yet made your room reservations, please do so as soon as possible.

On Thursday afternoon, you will have your choice of one of the following tours: Fish

processing facility near Pinckneyville, or the local wineries located near Mt. Vernon.

For complete meeting details, see the agenda located on page 4.

Scholarships Available—*Rhonda Ferree*

Scholarships are available from IEAA and NACAA for all members. According to the NACAA website the scholarship program maintains the high standards of Extension in public service and education by improving the professional knowledge and skills of individuals or groups.

NACAA scholarship applications are due each June 1 to the state chair. In Illinois, that is the treasurer (currently Rhonda Ferree). The scholarship application is found online at http://www.cas.psu.edu/docs/COEXT/regions/southeast/cumberland/nacaa/prof_imp.html There is also a link to it from our IEAA website (<http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/ieaa/default.htm>) under AWARDS.

IEAA also has scholarship money available through our 1991 National Meeting Reserve Funds with 10 percent of the annual interest

allocated to scholarships each year. Several of our current members have received scholarships in the past, including Jim Endress, Wes Winter, and Dennis Epplin.

This year, IEAA scholarships are due by December 1st, 2002. In the future, IEAA scholarship applications will be due June 1st to match the NACAA deadline. Contact Rhonda Ferree for an application.

Please take advantage of this opportunity. Remember that you must make a contribution to the NACAA scholarship fund by June 30 of the previous year in order to receive a NACAA scholarship. A scholarship auction is held at each annual meeting where purchases go toward scholarship contributions.

Did You Know?

The NACAA scholarship was started in 1962. A scholarship fund drive began in 1972 so members could receive funds to offset the expenses of a study leave. The initial goal for Illinois was \$3,600. We reached that goal in the spring of 1977.

2002 NACAA AM/PIC Savannah View!



The city of Savannah, GA is one of the major shipping ports located on the eastern seaboard.

Those members attending the 2002 NACAA AM/PIC could stroll along the riverwalk and watch the frequent passage of container-ships entering and leaving the port.

In fact, if you were staying at the Hyatt Regency or the Marriot Riverfront hotels, the ships would pass at eye-level just outside of your window!

Gleanings from the NACAA AM/PIC in Savannah, GA—July 28-Aug 1—*James Morrison*

Illinois had 14 members, 5 life members, 14 spouses, and 13 children attend.

Glenn Seeber, representing Extension administration, provided supper for the Illinois group on July 30.

Russ Higgins will serve as North Central Vice-Chair for the Public Relations committee and John Church will serve as North Central Vice-Chair for the Forestry & Natural Resources committee. Russ and John will serve from 2002 –2004.

Award winners from Illinois were:

- Distinguished Service Award-Robert Bellm
- Fact Sheet-Regional Finalists-Mike Plumer
- Learning Module/Notebook-Regional Finalists-Dean Oswald, Ed Ballard, & Jim Morrison
- Team Newsletter-Regional Finalists-Dennis Eplin, Robert Bellm, Omar Koester, Mark Hoard, Ruth Hambleton, Dave Fischer, & Mike Plumer
- Poster-Extension Education-Dean Oswald, Terry Griffin, Sean Evans, & Jay Soloman, "Utilizing Precision Farming Technologies to Design and Implementation Intensive Grazing Systems" (North Central region winner)
- Poster-Extension Research-Mark Hoard, "The Effects of Variable Grazing Intensities of Corn Residues on the Overwintering Survival of European Corn Borer" (honorable mention)
- Poster-Extension Education-John Church, "Land Use Related to Watershed Issues: Informing Local Officials and the Public"
- Search for Excellence in Environmental Protection Through Responsible Use of Pesticides (rural)-John Fulton, Regional Finalist

- Remote Sensing & GIS Decision Support Seminar, Terry Griffin, National Winner
- We also had several members recognized as state winners in the communications awards, Search for Excellence in Crop Production (John Fulton), and Animal Science Committee Pre-Tour & Seminar (Dean Oswald).

Illinois was recognized for a 5.77 percent increase in membership. Total membership in NACAA for 2002 is 3,978.

The scholarship auction raised \$5,713, an increase of more than \$2,000 from the 2001 auction.

The voting delegates selected Cincinnati (Ohio/Kentucky bid) as the site for the 2006 meeting, July 23-27.

The voting delegates also approved two bylaw changes:

- Life Membership-"A former member of NACAA who has retired or is retiring from the Cooperative Extension Service may apply for life membership. Members who resign prior to retirement may, upon approval from the respective state association, be granted life membership status."
- Policy Committee Chair-"There shall be a Policy Committee composed of past national Presidents who are active members of the Association. A past national President who is 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."

Plan to attend the 2003 NACAA AM/PIC in Green Bay, WI on July 13-17. Illinois and Kansas will be hosting breakfast on July 16. We need your help with this effort. Pete Fandel is the Illinois chair for this meal function. Be watching for more information.

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
skeet, 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:

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Or call (618)242 9310





Illinois Extension Agricultural Association

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- Tim Laatsch
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- 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.