



Illinois Extension Agricultural Association

Special points of interest:

- Be sure to check out the 2003 Spring ILJCEP meeting information on Page 7.



New members—2002:
Sean Evans, Omar Koester, Elizabeth Wahle

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President' Report—*Dennis Bowman*

I just got back from the IAA Annual Meeting. Jim Morrison was honored for his service to the board for the past year and I was introduced as coming on to the board. I even sat in on my first IAA Board meeting, which lasted about 25 minutes until they went in to Executive Session and sent the staff, the Young Farmer representative and myself out of the room. My first real Board Meeting will be December 18-20.

One of the meeting highlights was seeing Matt Montgomery receive the Illinois Farm Bureau Certified Crop Adviser Award. Nice job Matt! The surprise of the meeting was President Ron Warfield's announcement that he will not seek re-election next year. The opening keynote speaker was John Cassis an athlete, minister and motivational speaker that worked with the Chicago Bears from 1983 to 1995. He had some great stories. One that really struck me was about redwood trees. They tend to grow in thin soil and as such their roots don't grow deeper than 4 to 6 feet. How can a tree that is over 300 feet tall stand on such a shallow root system? Because, you don't see lone giant redwood trees, you see a grove or a forest of redwoods. The roots of these trees interlock forming a network that al-

lows the tree to withstand even great storms. If you look at it right your membership in IEAA makes you part of a similar network. Our programs, awards opportunities and leadership positions allow us to stand tall. We can also take comfort in the fact that this network is there to help us through the storms. Our "roots" reach out to others for support as well. The commodity groups, Extension Partners and Farm Bureau are all parts of this bigger network.

However, I think we have one thing over the redwoods; our roots also go deep.

Before I close I have a couple of special "thank you's": to Pete Fandel for getting the Email lists updated with changes and the revised addresses, to Rhonda Ferree for handling membership and chairing the Hort. Membership task force, to Robert Bellm for editing the newsletter and most of all to Jim Morrison for his leadership and friendship.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Membership Dues reminder—*Rhonda Ferree*

As of December 1st, we have 27 paid members including 3 new members: Elizabeth Wahle, Bruce Paulsrud, and Gregory Clark!

My records show that there are still about 30 outstanding memberships. Please send your membership dues by February 15th so I'll have time to prepare the NACAA paperwork. Better yet, take a few minutes and submit your payment today! The membership form is available on the IEAA website.

Membership dues for 2003 remain \$75.00. Checks should be made payable to IEAA, and mailed to:

Rhonda Ferree
Fulton County Extension Unit
15411 N. IL 100 Hwy, Ste C
Lewistown, IL 61542

President-elect's Report—*Marion Shier*

As President Elect, I am expected to attend two conferences representing IEAA. The first conference is the Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) that is being held February 2-4, 2003 in Kansas City. Vice-President Robert Bellm will also be representing IEAA at JCEP. If this years JCEP conference is anything like last years (and I see no reason to expect it to be significantly different), there will be a sharing of ideas, educational sessions, leadership sessions, and good discussions about what is happening in Extension the North Central Region. (This last discussion can be quite eye opening.)

The second conference that I will be attending is the PILD (Public Issues Leadership Development) Conference in May in Washington D.C. It appears that there are similarities with the JCEP meeting except that there will also be visits to Congressmen as well.

The last thing that I will mention is that I encourage all past members and prospective members to join your fellow Extension co-workers by joining IEAA. IEAA encourages members to excel in your profession, be recognized for your accomplishments, share ideas and methods, and take advantage of the camaraderie with new and longer tenured staff. We can always learn something from both ends of the tenure spectrum.

If you have not paid your dues, I encourage you to send a check for \$75 written to IEAA to Rhonda Ferree at 15411 N. IL 100 Hwy., Suite C, Lewis-town, IL 61542.

Remember, regardless of what organization you belong, what you get out of being a member of that organization is directly proportional to what you put into it!

Kudos for Matt Montgomery!

Matt Montgomery of rural Havana in Fulton County is the recipient of the 2002 Illinois Certified Crop Adviser Award. The honor was presented at the Illinois Farm Bureau annual meeting December 8-11 in Chicago. The award is given by IFB, in cooperation with the Illinois Certified Crop Adviser Board, and recognizes an individual who has performed superior service for his farmer clients in nutrient management, soil and water management, integrated pest management, and crop production.

Menard County Farm Bureau nominated Montgomery for the award. Sangamon County Farm Bureau, Lincoln Land FS, and the Menard County Soil and Water Conservation District also supported his nomination.

Montgomery is a certified crop specialist and Unit Educator in Crop Systems for Sangamon and Menard counties. During 2000 and 2001, he coordinated a grape colaspis insecticide plot to develop thresholds that allows local producers to estimate when pest control is needed. Montgomery also developed a lab session on soybean cyst nematode management that now reaches two-thirds of the Sangamon-Menard agriculture school programs.

Montgomery served as treasurer of the Illinois Extension Advisors Association in 2000-01. He is also active with the Land of Lincoln Farm Safety 4 Just Kids program and the Sangamon-Menard Agricultural Education Partnership.

"Matt is enthusiastic about his job and about working with farmers and others," said Menard County Farm Bureau President Brian Bell.

"Matt has not only met farmers' needs but has been instrumental at looking ahead and preparing for what farmers will need in the future as it relates to crop advice and research," said Sangamon County Farm Bureau President Kenneth Metcalf.

The Certified Crop Adviser Award is designed to increase awareness that farmers and their service people strive to do their best in making economically and environmentally sound cropping decisions.

Individuals considered for the Illinois Certified Crop Adviser Award must be nominated by county Farm Bureaus or by an active member who knows of the CCA's qualifications. The county Farm Bureau president must sign the nomination.

The Illinois Certified Crop Adviser Award is given annually at the IFB annual meeting. The Illinois winner is also considered for the national Excellence in Crop Advising award, sponsored by the American Farm Bureau Federation in association with the American Society of Agronomy. The national award is given annually at the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting.

Excerpted from Illinois Farm Bureau News, Nov. 2, 2002

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District News

East-Central:

The East-Central District IEAA meeting dates are:

April 4, 2003

Location - Livingston County

Host - Marion Shier

Tour - Artificial Insemination Facility

June 6, 2003

Location - Champaign County

Host - Dennis Bowman

Tour - Turfgrass Management ;-)

November 7, 2003

Location - Effingham County

Hosts - Tim Laatsch, Ed Ballard

Tour - (TBA)

West-Central:

The West-Central District has scheduled an "Organic Tour" on August 8, 2003. The tour will have several stops, including the Wettstein farm (crops & livestock) and the Henry Brockman farm (15 acres of organic vegetables).

The tour will finish around noon at the Furrow's Winery, where there will be a catered box lunch. A winery tour will be held after lunch.

Other scheduled District Meetings:

February 14, 2003, 9:00 a.m.—Telenet to begin planning upcoming fall meeting.

April/May—Natural Resources Tour in Peoria area, Bob Frazee—coordinator

June—Monsanto and U of I Research Center, Monmouth area, Sean Evans—coordinator

Southern:

The Southern District would like to thank Pike's Hunting Club for hosting the November 9th meeting. The tour of the facilities and discussion of economic development activities and alternative land management was quite informative.

Future meeting dates are:

January 23, 2003—Mt. Vernon

April 4, 2003—TBA

June 6, 2003—TBA

August 8, 2003—Rend Lake

September 2, 2003—Pike's Hunting Club

November 4, 2003, TBA



Past NACAA DSA recipients recognized at the 2002 Fall Association meeting:

Front row: Ed Ballard, Ron Waldrop, Jim Schuster, Paul Wirth, Chris Doll, Dennis Eplin.

Back row: Ron Cornwell, Rick Keim, Dennis Thompson, Mike Plumer, Larry Casey, John Church, Stan Eden, Dave Fischer, Bill Brink, Marion Shier, Ruth Hambleton, Robert Bellm.



Mike Plumer (middle) and John Church (right) were recognized at the 2002 Fall Association meeting for 25 years of service to Extension.

Griffin Awarded 2002 IEAA Scholarship

Terry Griffin was awarded the 2002 IEAA Scholarship on December 18th. Terry plans to use the funds toward costs of taking ECON 5056, graduate level Econometrics at Western Illinois University.

In Terry's application he stated, "I am taking ECON 506 to increase my abilities in economic statistical estimation, inference, and forecasting." Terry feels the course information will be useful in his position as an Extension professional "to better understand the data generated from applied research and thus increase the quality of Extension programming and publication."

Terry was the only applicant this year and therefore received the entire allotted scholarship amount, which is 10% of the 1991 Funds or \$400.00. Per requirements of the scholarship criteria, Terry will submit a brief report to the Scholarship Chair (Rhonda Ferree) detailing what he learned from this course.

IEAA Scholarships are awarded yearly to individuals or teams. 2003 scholarship applications are due June 1, 2003.

Congratulations Terry!



Terry Griffin—2002 NASA Study Tour winner being congratulated by President Jim Morrison. Terry is also the 2002 IEAA Scholarship winner.

2002-2003 IEAA and NACAA Councils/Committees and Award Opportunities

Program Recognition Council:

Sr. Chair—Ruth Hambleton; Jr. Chair—Ellen Trainor

Communications—Mike Roegge
 Extension Programs—Ron Waldrop
 4-H and Youth—Joe Schwamberger
 Professional Excellence—Mark Hoard
 Public Relations—Dale Baird
 Recognition and Awards—Rick Keim
 Scholarship – Chair is current IEAA Treasurer,
 Rhonda Ferree

Award Responsibility:

- *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*

Other Committee Members: Stan Eden

Professional Improvement Council:

Sr. Chair—Rhonda Ferree; Jr. Chair—Tim Laatsch

Agronomy/Pest Management—Russ Higgins

- *Applied Science and Technology Seminar*
- *Agricultural Economics—Ruth Hambleton*
- *Cotton Marketing and Dairy Price Risk workshops*
- *Animal Science—Dave Fischer*
- *Study Tour*

Forestry/Natural Resources—Tim Laatsch
 Horticulture—Rhonda Ferree

- *Study Tours*

Aquaculture—Russ Higgins

Extension Development Council:

Sr. Chair—Dennis Epplin Jr. Chair—

Public Relations & Ag Issues—Dennis Epplin

Early Career Development—
 Administrative Skills Development—
 Teaching & Education Technology—Jim Endress

Award Responsibility:

- *Ag Ambassador Program*
- *Sustainable Ag Workshop*

Resource and Program Development:

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

Pete Fandel—Chair
 Jim Morrison
 Dennis Epplin

Life Member Committee

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

IEAA Advisory Representatives:

Soybean Program Operating Board—Ike Leeper

Illinois Soybean Association—Terry Griffin

Illinois Corn Growers Association—Mike Plumer

Illinois Corn Marketing Board—Pete Fandel

FBFM—FBFM Educators

IL Forage & Grassland Council—Ruth Hambleton

Illinois Pork Producers Association—John Fulton

Illinois Sustainable Ag Society—Gary Letterly

Illinois Wheat Association—Tim Laatsch

Illinois Beef Association—Ed Ballard

Ag Literacy Coalition—Don Meyer

Illinois Electrification Council—Jay Solomon



2002 NC Regional Team Newsletter winners
 Front row: Dennis Epplin, Ruth Hambleton, Omar Koester.

Back row: Robert Bellm, Dennis Thompson—ICIA, Dave Fischer, Mike Plumer, Mark Hoard.



Robert Bellm—2002 DSA winner being congratulated by President Jim Morrison



John White receives the 2002 IEAA Friend of Agriculture Award from President Jim Morrison.



Floyd Giles receives 2002 IEAA Hall of Fame Award from President Jim Morrison



Chris Doll receives 2002 IEAA Hall of Fame Award from President Jim Morrison

Minutes of the IEAA Board Meeting, Nov. 15, 2002—*pending Board approval*

Telenet meeting of IEAA board called to order at 9:08am, by Dennis Bowman, president. In attendance were: Marion Shier, Jim Morrison, Robert Bellm, Dennis Epplin, Mark Hoard, Rhonda Ferree, Tim Laatsch, Gary Bretthauer, Ruth Hambleton, Jeff West and Mike Roegge.

Minutes from Aug 16th board meeting emailed previously by Gary B. Minutes of September fall meeting were emailed to Dennis. Corrections were discussed by Gary B. Motion to approve minutes made by Jim M. Seconded by Robert B. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report given by Rhonda F. Checking Account balance of \$7,885.57. Stan Eden renewed CD for '91 funds. 6-month term at interest rate of 2%.

Rhonda reported 24 members have paid '03 dues. There were 56 paid members in '02. She will send an email reminder in mid December current members to pay dues.

Dennis B. will be sending a letter of welcome to all new members of IEAA.

Motion to approve treasurer's report may by Robert B. Second by Jim M. Motion passed.

Rhonda provided update on scholarship applications- only one application received. She will ask NACAA for a list of all IEAA members eligible.

Standing committee reports:

Program Recognition Council- Ruth H.- DSA and Achievement Award applications will be sent via email to those who qualify. With closer proximity to Green Bay and National meeting, she felt there may be more individuals interested in applying. January 1st is the deadline for applications to her. Action award winners will be presented at the spring meeting.

Professional Improvement Council- Rhonda F.- Question on when junior chair moves into senior chair position. Discussion and past minutes indicated the junior chair named at spring meeting and takes office at fall meeting (to coincide with NACAA). So for this year, current senior chair will remain in position for an extra year, and junior chair will move to senior chair at fall '03 meeting. Junior chairs need to be named at spring meeting in Decatur.

Extension Development Council- Dennis E.- Dennis E. is junior chair.

Resource and Program Development Council- Jim M.- no report.

Life Member Committee- Robert B. reported he is updating life member list with each mailing. Question of who or where list files should be maintained. Robert will keep copy and also send to secretary.

Old Business

Fall meeting- Thank you to southern district for hosting an excellent fall meeting. All monies have been collected and bills paid with a small amount of income retained. For future reference, when determining dates for fall meeting, avoid dates of regional meetings. One minor change in minutes to reflect Ron Cornwell administered oath of membership to new members.

Green Bay Breakfast- Discussions on what type of identifying apparel the Illinois members should wear for breakfast. Issues such as logo use, copyright concerns, IEAA or U of I Extension, embroidered or other, etc. After discussion, Ruth H., Pete F. and Gary B. will evaluate and present options/recommendations at a later date.

Pictures taken at ILJCEP- Jim M. will send a note to David Riecks asking about use of pictures taken during awards luncheon. The cost will be divided among all the associations from the spring meeting account. When pictures are available, Jeff W. and Jay S. will post on IEAA web site. Robert B. will also use in newsletter.

New Business

Newsletter deadlines- Question on timing of newsletter. Like to get dates set now. Decided upon the following issue dates: Dec. 13, Feb. 14, May 16, and Aug 1. Robert B. as editor will need news items one week prior to issue dates.

Attracting Horticulture professionals- Dennis B. indicated that of the various subject matter educators in extension, perhaps horticulture educators represent the largest team in which to draw potential IEAA members, as we only have a handful of current members. Robert B. suggested we might utilize hort educators to serve on advisory boards (specialty growers, horseradish growers, etc.). Rhonda F. also active in recruiting hort members. She had sent a note to hort team asking about joining IEAA. The response back indicated a reluctance to join. Discussion on how we might make IEAA more attractive to hort educators included following ideas: include hort tours and events at IEAA district meetings, publicize hort tour in part of national meeting, current NACAA president is hort educator, need to push NACAA award opportunities. Dennis B. appointed a task force to come up with recommendations. Members include: Rhonda F., Jim M., Martha S., Dave R., Elizabeth W., Dennis B. and other officers as needed.

Green Bay talent review-Bill Million had sent a note to Dennis B. asking if IEAA would like help in recruiting youth for the talent review. He suggested he could contact the 4-H'ers who performed at the state fair as they may have an interest in Green Bay. Questions were asked about the eligibility of youth for the talent review. Perhaps contacting the Wisconsin committee chair for details. Dennis B. will contact Wisconsin for details and follow up with Bill M.

Committee Membership-Discussions on the list of councils and who chairs committees for each council. The list is incomplete in regards to district members. Dennis will send to district chairs to add district representation.

Board Minutes—*cont.*

Advisory member appointments- Dennis asked if there were any updates or changes that need to take place. Terms are for two years and some have not been updated. Dennis will send note to all current advisory members asking them to respond back with their interest in continuing to serve for one year. Tim L. volunteered to sit on wheat advisory board. Question on Jay S. serving on Illinois Electrification Council. Jim M. will check.

Web site update- Dennis B. asked about a request he had concerning posting of spring ILJCEP meeting information and Extension Partners information on IEAA web site. Discussion on why/what the interest. Extension Partners currently does not have a web site (we believe) and posting info on the organization would allow download of info and membership application for those interested. Is this a conflict of interest? Jim M. and Pete F. will contact Denny Campion for guidance. Dennis B. and Jay S. will work with ILJCEP to post spring meeting info on IEAA web site.

Board meeting schedules- the following dates were decided for future board meetings (all telenet and all beginning at 9:00am): Jan. 10, May 2, July 3, and August 15.

Advisory member reports- none

District Reports-

Southern- Mark H. asked about membership to IEAA by employees of research centers (Ron Hines, who was a past member). After discussion, conclusion was that if the individual met the requirements of membership, then they are eligible. There may be other potential members that fit into this category. John Pike is junior director.

East Central-Tim L. and Dennis B. -Tour of soybean plant in Mattoon at last meeting. District dates set and award nominations discussed. Tim is senior director and Ellen Trainor is junior.

West Central- Mike R. reported they are meeting via telenet this afternoon to plan '03 meetings and name junior director.

Officer reports

Dennis B.- ILJCEP meeting is March 6-7 near Decatur. PDO the afternoon of the 7th. IEAA association meeting scheduled for the 7th at 9:40 am. Breakfast that morning with agenda as follows: Pam Weber, an Extension Partners update, and working with the new Illinois legislative leadership.

Dennis asked if there was need to update the IEAA section of the Extension Partners brochure. Jim M. will make revision and send out to board for review.

Marion S.- Updates on conferences he has attended recently, including NELD and NCJCEP.

Robert B.- no report

Mike R.- no report

Rhonda F.- no report

Jim M.- Jim reported he will attend his last IAA board meeting next week and that he'll really miss them! He will attend the IAA annual meeting in Chicago in December and then turn the reins over to Dennis.

Additional reports-

Extension in action- no report

FSEAC- no report

ILJCEP- no report

Meeting adjourned at 10:48am.

Mike Roegge
IEAA Secretary

Bob Curry Retires After 27 Year Career

After 27 enjoyable years in Extension it is time for me to retire and take care of things I have let slip in my personal life -- see family while they still live -- enjoy my Granddaughter and take care of that to-do list my wife has made which keeps getting longer.

I have enjoyed working with many of you and regret I was not able to meet you all.

Best to you all and Happy Holidays
Bob

Sure I plan to play some golf, work in my wood-working shop, expand my garden and just have fun.

Joint Spring ILJCEP Meeting March 6-7, 2003

Hickory Point Golf Course Banquet Facility – Forsyth, IL
(North of Decatur off I-72)

Thursday, March 6, 2003

- 10:00 a.m. ILJCEP Board
- 10:30 – Noon – ESP Assoc. Meeting
- 11:30 – 12:45 p.m. Buffet Lunch Served **(need to sign up)**
- 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Managing Information Overload and Technostress by Laura Cornille-Cannady **(Register for the PDO)**
- 5:00 p.m. – Adjournment
- Dinner on your own

Friday, March 7, 2003

- 7:30 a.m. – Breakfast Buffet **(need to sign up)**
- 8:30 a.m. – Extension Partners, - Stu Hawbaker, Pam Weber,
Dr. Dennis Campion
- 9:30 a.m. – Coffee Break
- 9:40 a.m. – Noon – IEAFCS, IEAA, IEYPE – Association Meetings
- Lunch On Your Own & Safe Travels Home

To alleviate the stress, follow these simple steps:

1. Sign up for the PDO. <http://web.aces.uiuc.edu/pdo/> Managing Information Overload and Technostress on or before Feb. 24, 2003
2. Sign up for the ILJCEP Registration Form – attached by Feb. 24. Send to Pennie Crinion, 801 N. Country Fair Dr., Ste. F, Champaign, IL 61821.
3. If you are staying overnight – reserve a hotel room – held to Feb. 1, 2003 – see the list below.

Registration Form

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Member Registration (check all that apply)

- IEAFCS IEAA IEYPE ESP
- Thursday lunch only, \$10
- Friday meeting and breakfast only, \$9
- Friday meeting only, \$5
- Full Registration, \$19

1st Time Attendee

- (less than 2 years Extension employment)
- Thursday lunch only, \$8
- Friday meeting and breakfast, \$5
- Friday meeting only \$4.00
- Full Registration, \$13

- Please write checks accordingly and make payable to **Epsilon Sigma Phi**.
- Mail registration to: Pennie Crinion, 801 N. Country Fair Dr, Ste. F, Champaign, IL 61821 **before February 24**.
- Make room reservations directly:

Baymont Inn 217-875-5800
5100 Hickory Point Frontage Rd
Decatur, IL 62526
\$49.00 gov. rate

OR **Fairfield Inn** 217-875-3337.
1417 Hickory Point Drive
Forsythe, IL 62535
\$54.00 gov. rate

(Block rooms only saved until February 1)

By filling out this form and sending in money is only good for Association – it does not cover the PDO.

ILJCEP PDO information

***Managing Information Overload and Technostress* is a PDO designed for all extension staff. Register today at the PDO website <http://web.aces.uiuc.edu/pdo/> Sign-up is needed on or before Feb. 24, 2003.**

In a single day you now deal with more information than a person in the eighteenth century encountered in a lifetime. Technology and all of its devices were pegged as the "great labor saving" tools of the twentieth century. However, a person can arrive at work today and find 15 voice mail messages, 30 e-mails and a stack of papers from the fax machine. And the morning has not even started!

Now that we are in the new millennium, we are finding ourselves bombarded by technology and the information it can deliver. As employees, we are expected to make quicker and better decisions using all of this information. The push to speed up and get more information goes on.

This informative and interactive workshop (but not overwhelming) will increase your awareness of information overload and technostress and provide strategies to deal with the glut of information and technology in our workplace.

Laura Cornelle-Cannady will:

- Define a typical day.
- Identify ten ways technostress may be impacting you.
- Share knowledge management.
- Identify trends and strategies in information management.
- Simplify computer-based communication and you.
- Provide tips for addressing e-mail overload.
- Assist others with information overload.
- Develop your plan for action.

Laura Cornille-Cannady is an owner of her own training and consulting firm. She started her career in higher education ending with her position as Associate Dean of Students for a small private Midwest University. While in higher education, Laura began her public speaking career that sparked her desire to enter the training and development field. She worked as an employment specialist, training specialist and became the Corporate Training Manager for a large Midwest manufacturing company.

Miscellaneous Dates & Deadlines

IEAA Board Meetings:

- January 10, 2003, 9:00 a.m.—Teleconference
- March 6-7, 2003, ILJCEP Meeting, Forsyth, IL
- March 7, 2003, 9:40 a.m.—Association Meeting
- May 2, 2003, 9:00 a.m.—Teleconference
- July 3, 2003, 9:00 a.m.—Teleconference
- August 15, 2003, 9:00 a.m.—Teleconference

IEAA Newsletter Deadlines:*

- February 14, 2003
- May 16, 2003
- August 1, 2003

**Please have all newsletter articles submitted to Robert Bellm by the listed deadline.*



Association members tour Pheasant Hollow Winery during the 2002 Fall Meeting.



After the tour, it was felt by all that "quality testing" should be done!



Illinois Extension Agricultural Association

Officers:

President - Dennis Bowman
President Elect - Marion Shier
Vice President - Robert Bellm
Secretary - Mike Roegge
Treasurer - Rhonda Ferree
Past President - James Morrison

District Directors:

North - Jeff West
- Russ Higgins
West Central - Mike Roegge
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East Central - Tim Laatsch
- Ellen Trainor
Southern - Mark Hoard
- John Pike

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.