



Illinois Extension Agricultural Association

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President's Report—*Dennis Bowman*

I hope you are having a good summer. It seems like it is going by pretty fast.

I want to thank the Illinois delegation to the NACAA Annual Meeting/Professional Improvement Conference in Green Bay for showing up in such force. My count was 27 active members, 6 life members, 14 spouses and 14 kids. All those blue shirts serving breakfast looked great. Thank you all for pitching in and making it a great event. Special thanks to Pete Fandel for coordinating the breakfast and shirt purchase. We also need to thank Dr. Campion and Glenn Seeber for hosting our State's Night Out. It wouldn't hurt to drop them a thank you note.

Remember make your reservations for the IEAA Fall Meeting at Nauvoo, Sept. 16 and 17. The Western Region and the Cost Recovery Committee have put together a great agenda.

IEAA and Extension will be co-sponsoring the Farm Progress Show Soil Judging contest on September 23. We will need to provide help for reg-

istration and supervising the at the soil pits that morning. The Farm Progress Show will be in Vermilion County this year. Mark your calendar I will be asking for volunteers as the details are finalized.



President Dennis Bowman and President-elect Marion Shier served as IEAA voting delegates during the heated Galaxy III debate.

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2003 NACAA Communications Award Winners—*Mike Roegge*

Congratulations to the following IEAA members who placed in the 2003 NACAA communications awards as either a national finalist or a regional finalist.

To refresh your memory, there is one national winner, three national finalists, and up to 8 regional finalists for each category.

From the hundreds, if not thousands of applications, these are the top.

Congratulations and a job well done!

- **Stu Ellis**—regional finalist, radio
- **Stu Ellis**—national finalist, personal column
- **Rhonda Ferree**—regional finalist, feature story
- **Jim Morrison & Dave Feltes**—regional finalists, team newsletter
- **Dave Robson**—national finalist, publication
- **Susan Meeker**—national finalist, web page

Bowman Receives NACAA Distinguished Service Award

N. Dennis Bowman was recognized on Thursday, July 17, 2003 by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents at its 88th Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference in Green Bay, Wisconsin by receiving the Association's Distinguished Service Award. The award is presented to the top one percent of the County Agents with more than 10 years of Extension service from each state.

Bowman has worked 22 years with Extension, currently serving as Extension Educator, Crop Sys-

tems at the Champaign Extension Center. He has chaired many committees, has held the office of Treasurer, and is currently the President of IEAA.

The selection was made by extension educator peers in Illinois and endorsed by the Associate Dean, Dennis R. Campion. This year, eighty-one individuals from throughout the United States were presented the NACAA Distinguished Service Award.



NACAA President Steve Monk presents Dennis Bowman with the Distinguished Service Award Plaque.

Solomon Receives NACAA Achievement Award

Stanley (Jay) Solomon was recognized on Tuesday, July 15, 2003 by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents at its 88th Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference in Green Bay, Wisconsin by receiving the Association's Achievement Award. The award is presented to the top one percent of the County Agents from each state that have less than ten years service in the nation's Cooperative Extension Service.

Solomon has worked nine years with Extension coming to Illinois from Missouri in September of 1999. As the only off-campus Engineer on the state Extension staff, located in the East Peoria

Extension Center, Solomon has taken the initiative and leadership role in coordinating various programs throughout Illinois. These programs include management intensive grazing, livestock building ventilation, livestock handling facility design, and safe electricity. In addition, he has been active in indoor air quality and natural resource issues.

The selection was made by extension educator peers in Illinois and endorsed by the Associate Dean, Dennis R. Campion. This year, fifty-seven individuals from throughout the United States were presented the Achievement Award.



NACAA President Steve Monk presents Jay Solomon with the Achievement Award Plaque.

Oswald Receives Scholarship Award

Congratulations Dean Oswald!

Dean Oswald was awarded the 2003 IEAA scholarship. The scholarship supported Dean's trip to the American Forage and Grassland Council annual meeting in Lafayette, LA.

During the AFGC board meeting Dean and Roger Staff with NRCS made a presentation on behalf of the Illinois Forage and Grassland Council to host the 2005 AFGC Annual meeting in Bloomington, Illinois. The board accepted the request. Dean says that he is sure the IFGC will be contacting IEAA for support in their efforts.

Dean found the sessions on pasture management and the impact of clovers on livestock production to be especially beneficial to him as an educator. The purpose of this scholarship is to increase competency as an Extension worker and Dean was able to do that with this meeting.

Additionally, since attending this conference Dean has written articles in the *Quad Cities Extension Newsletter* and *Agro-Ecology* published by the college of ACES Sustainable Agriculture Program. The articles dealt with the benefits of incorporating clovers into grazing programs.



Dean Oswald—2003 IEAA Scholarship recipient.

Judith Joy Selected as 2003 Friend of Agriculture

Judith Joy grew up in New York City and received her B.S. and M.S. from the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell with a major in botany. Judith began doing the farm news at the Centralia Sentinel in 1967.

Others recognize Judith for her excellent work. She is the recipient of the Jake Davis "Friend of Conservation Award", Marion County SWCD; the first "Friend of Agriculture Award" in Marion County, 1998; Illinois Soybean Association and United Soybean Checkoff Board Award for Excellence in Print Media, 1999; Illinois Commodity

Conference, Excellence in Print Media, 1999; and Southern Illinois Agri-Business Club Award, 2002. Judith is a Fellow of the Great Lakes Environmental Journalism Training Institute at Michigan State University, 2003.

Judith serves on numerous advisory committees including the University of Illinois Department of Agriculture, Illinois EPA Task Force on Non-Point Sedimentation and Pollution, and the Ohio River Water Sanitary Commission.

National Outstanding Young Farmer Program—*Scott Daniell, NACAA*

The **National Outstanding Young Farmer** program began unofficially in 1920 and has become one of the country's top national programs for participants to learn about agricultural issues and activities from our National Farm leaders. NOYF is proudly sponsored by John Deere and administered by the United States Junior Chamber. The program enhances the image of American Agriculture, NACAA, and is a wonderful leadership training for our young farming community. NACAA has a lot to be proud of with this outstanding program, which honors some of the country's finest farmers. These are the leaders that will help guide us through issues in biotech agriculture, Agri-security, environmental litigation and agriculture land use zoning coexistence.

County Extension agents should begin talking with their young farmers as soon as possible to identify potential applicants for 2004. **The dead-**

line for submission for NOYF is October 1, 2003 but I would like for state PR and Ag Issues chairpersons to submit possible applicants to their regional PR and Ag Issue vice-chairs by September 1. The 25 OYF finalists that will be chosen around December 2003 will travel to San Antonio, Texas in February 2004, all expenses paid, for national competition.

As National Chair for Public Relations and Agriculture Issues, I am proud of the collaboration between John Deere, the U.S. Junior Chamber and the National Association of County Agricultural Agents and encourage all of you to submit an application through your state association. Keep in mind that the following application is confidential and will be mailed directly to the Junior Chamber of Commerce. No financial information will be seen by anyone other than our National judges.

Extension Retirees Get-Togethers—*Larry Casey*

There are two opportunities for Extension retirees and their significant others to get together to catch up on what is going on in everyone's lives and enjoy a good meal.

August 28, 2003

Heritage House Restaurant
3851 south Sixth St.
Springfield, IL
Time: 11:00 am
Contact: Larry Casey
618-783-2534
caseyljd@psbnewton.com

October 17, 2003

Giant City Park Lodge
Time: 11:00 am
Contact: Jean Skinner
618-643-3055

Both meetings are open to all Extension Retirees and their significant others. Reservations aren't needed for the Springfield meeting, but it would be nice to know how many, and who is coming. Jean will need to have specific reservations. She has to have a meal count.

Tell other Extension retirees about the meetings.

IEAA Fall Association Meeting Details—*Mike Roegge*

Schedule:

Tuesday, Sept. 16th:

10:00 am—12:15 pm

Nauvoo Firehouse. Cost Recovery & Grantsmanship Workshop (see details in the following article)

12:30 pm—1:30 pm

Buffet Lunch at Nauvoo Family Inn and Suites

1:30 pm—4:30 pm

Tour of historic Nauvoo

4:30 pm—5:30 pm

Tour and tasting at Nauvoo Winery

6:30 pm

Buffet dinner at Hotel Nauvoo.

Wednesday, Sept. 17th:

7:30 am—8:30 am

Breakfast Buffet at Nauvoo Family Inn and Suites

9:00 am—Noon

IEAA Business Meeting—Nauvoo Firehouse

If you still need a room, you can contact the Nauvoo Family Inn and Suites at 217-453-6527.

Sponsors for this years' meeting include: Colusa Elevator, Monsanto, Golden Harvest, BASF, and Ft. Dodge Animal Health.

1) Directions to the Nauvoo Fire Station: As you come into Nauvoo from Highway 94 South or East, you will be on Mulholland Street (Main Street). The Fire Station is east of the car wash toward the east end of Mulholland and on the north side of the street.

2) The Nauvoo Family Inn and Suites is at 1875 Mulholland (west of the fire station). It is on the north side of the street. You can't miss it--a nice brick two-story building.

3) Hotel Nauvoo (Dining) is located at 1290 Mulholland--one block east of the LDS Temple (right down town) and is on the south side of the street.

More information about historic Nauvoo can be found at the following web site, including restored sites that will be included on the tour.

<http://www.nauvoo.net/>



Brigham Young House—Nauvoo



Jonathan Browning home and gun shop—Nauvoo

Cost Recovery Workshop Offered at Fall Meeting—*Jim Morrison*

The focus of Tuesday morning's program is on the impact of cost recovery and grantsmanship on Extension agriculture programming. The planning committee, established at the Spring Meeting in Decatur, hopes this session will be pro-active and will provide the opportunity to visit with colleagues from other states, Extension administration, and share experiences from Illinois. *The program is not a PDO event.*

Tuesday, Sept. 16th:

10:00—10:30 am

Our Experiences with Cost Recovery - Rich Wrage— Agent, Iowa Extension; Glenn Rogers— Agent, Vermont Extension (via Tele-Net)

10:30—10:40 am

Questions & Answers

10:40 ***Break***

10:50—11:20 am

The Illinois Plan—Panel of Regional Directors giving an overview of the Strategic Agenda and responding to questions

11:20—11:30 am

Questions & Answers

11:30 am to 12 Noon

The Illinois Experience

- *Opportunities Afforded by Grants and Costs Recovery*—Mike Gray, Associate Dean for Extension Programs
- *Keys to Success with Utilizing Grants for Programming and Fiscal Operation*—Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant, Extension specialist

Noon—12:15 pm

Questions & Answers

12:15 pm

Adjourn



Wainwright Shop—Nauvoo



Nauvoo Mansion House



The calm before the rush at the Wednesday breakfast sponsored by Illinois and Kansas.



State's Night Out



State's Night Out.



Mark Hoard practicing for a second career as a milk-man.



Russ Higgins needs a beer, NOW!



Stan Eden and John Church at State's Night Out.



Jim Morrison and Jay Solomon.



Dinner at Packer Hall.



Paul Wirth and Mike Plumer discuss the finer points of cannon firing.



Orion Samuelson receives the Outstanding Service to Agriculture Award from NACAA President Steve Monk. Orion was nominated by IEAA President Dennis Bowman.



Everybody wants to be a comedian!



Rhonda Ferree, Derek, and Tyler enjoy the falls at Wolf River.



Even the kids had fun at Green Bay!



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 - Aaron Duffelmeier
East Central	- 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/>

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 .