

**FACILITATING COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION – STATEWIDE
OCTOBER, 2020, SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR DEAN DITTMAR *Virtual**

I. ON SITE ASSISTANCE – SCHOOLS – 1 COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS - 0

SCHOOLS – Waterloo COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS –

II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS PRESENTED – 0 PARTICIPANTS – 0

III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 27

- *Ag Ed State Staff Weekly Meeting (3)
- Ag Ed State Staff Meeting, Springfield
- Lesson Study Project & Post 496/498 Meeting with University of Illinois, Amy Leman, Springfield
- Website Meeting, Springfield
- *Farm Family Assistance Meeting, SIUC, Karen Stallman
- *St. Louis AgriBusiness Club Webinar with IL and MO Directors of Agriculture
- *FFA Center Support through the Ag Ed Line Item with Mindy and John
- *ISBE Budget Hearing (3)
- *mAGic Kit Curriculum Revision Writers Meeting
- *FCAE Staff Meeting
- *IL Ag Ed Financial Taskforce Meeting
- *Health Insurance Meeting with Randy Butts and Casey Bolin
- *FFA Board Meeting
- *University Council Meeting to Discuss Grants to Students and Graduate Courses Not Allowed
- *Website and Data Meeting with Mindy Bunselmeyer, John Edgar, Luke Allen
- *Administrative Council Meeting
- *IAVAT Board Meeting
- *AFNR Program of Study Advisory Council Organizational Meeting with Educational Systems Staff
- *ELITE Conference
- *Parkland Board of Trustees Meeting
- ROE Leadership Meeting, Champaign
- ROE Diversity Professional Development, Champaign
- *National FFA Convention

IV. MILES TRAVELED – 614

V. OTHER ACTIVITIES – 19

- Prepared State Report for NASAE Eastern Region Meeting
- Prepared for ISBE Budget Hearings and Sent Information to ILCAE Members and Stakeholders
- Prepared FY20 End of Year Expenditure Report and FY21 Budget
- Communication with March Johnson, ISBE, on the FY21 Budget and Goals, Procedures, etc.
- Discussed AET Data Reports with Roger Hanagriff
- Started Updating Facts and Text for the 2020 Ag Education Annual Report
- Worked with Sonya Harper, Greg Webb, Luke Allen on Urban Ag Ed Webinar
- Sent Communication to ISBE Academic Consultants for Assistance to Align Standards for AITC Curriculum
- Sent Congratulation Email to Five ILCAE Advocacy Award Winners
- Sent Teacher and Individual Informational Requests
- Reviewed Pre-service Internship Grant for Ag Ed Majors
- ICAE, ILCAE, IAVAT, CEC, FCAE Individual Member and Team Phone Calls
- Reviewed Agribusiness Library Contract with CEC and Communicated with ISBE to Assist
- Assisted Susie Scott and Julie McCleary with Tasks
- Mentored and Assisted FCAE Staff with Projects
- Reviewed Staff Monthly Reports and Travel Reports
- Prepared for Presentations and Meetings
- Wrote and Sent Email Messages/Made and Returned Phone Calls
- Completed Monthly Reports

VI. COMMENTARY

Parkland Board of Trustees approved exemption for procurement to move forward in revising the agribusiness library. Challenged by projects that are no longer allowed in the FCAE budget and the FY21 FCAE grant is not approved so we are not in line to receive funding payments with the comptroller's office. **Urban AFNR webinar with Representative Sonya Harper and ADM involvement with Greg Webb will assist us in opening up new school AFNR programs.**