

**FACILITATING COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION – STATEWIDE
DECEMBER, 2019, SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR DEAN DITTMAR**

I. ON SITE ASSISTANCE – SCHOOLS – 0

COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS - 0

II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS PRESENTED – 0 PARTICIPANTS – 0

III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 9

St. Louis AgriBusiness Club Meeting and Professional Development, St. Louis, MO
National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) Conference, Anaheim, CA(4 days)
Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, Chicago(2 days)
New Website Maintenance Meeting with Tyler and Laurie Weighat Graphics, Countryside
Illinois Workforce Innovation Board (IWIB) Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Career Pathway
Conference Call Meeting
ROE Leadership Team Meeting and Professional Development, Champaign
2019 Annual Report Meeting with Rod Roberts, Champaign(2)
ITCS Curriculum Inventory Meeting, Urbana
Ag Ed State Staff Meeting and Christmas Party with FFA Center Staff, FFA Officers, & Parents,
Springfield

IV. MILES TRAVELED – Auto – 1048 Air – 3551

V. OTHER ACTIVITIES – 15

Continued to Update Data and Text for the 2019 Ag Education Annual Report
Interviewed Four Candidates for the District 1 Program Advisor, Champaign
Negotiated with Candidate for District 1 Program Advisor
Received and Reviewed Final Improving Ag Education Grant Reports
Marketing Teaching Agriculture Display, Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, Chicago
RFD Radio Interview with Rita Frazier
Prepared and Sent Save The Date ILCAE Meeting Email Message
Sent Teacher and Individual Informational Requests
ICAE, ILCAE, IAVAT, CAERT/CEC, FCAE Individual Member and Team Phone Calls
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

It was an honor to receive the NAAE Region IV Outstanding Cooperation Award in Anaheim. Thank you to the IAVAT Board for nominating me and the recognition. Outstanding professional development was presented at the NAAE conference which is all worth replicating for our Illinois ag teachers. **Congratulations to Parker Bane elected to be NAAE President in 2020.** Rich Guebert outlined an aggressive agenda for Illinois agriculture and empowered members at the annual Farm Bureau Convention in Chicago. **I was very pleased with the interest level and quality of candidates for the District 1 Program Advisor vacancy.**