

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

I. ON SITE ASSISTANCE – SCHOOLS – 1 COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS – 0 *Virtual

*Carriel Jr. High – O’Fallon

II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS PRESENTED – 0 PARTICIPANTS – 0

III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 18

- *Ag Ed State Staff Meetings(3)
- *Website Meeting with Programmers, Luke Allen, John Edgar
- *Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education (ILCAE) Meeting
- *St. Louis AgriBusiness Club Meeting and Professional Development
- *Educational Systems AFNR Program of Study Advisory Council Meeting
- *ISBE/FCAE Meetings with Andrew Klein(2)
- *Illinois Association of Community College Agriculture Instructors Conference
- *IAVAT Middle School Committee Meeting with State Staff
- *ISBE Board Meeting
- *MANRRS Meeting with Jesse Thompson and Diana Rodriguez, University of Illinois
- *Agriculture Course Matrix Meeting with David Osborne and Andrew Klein
- *Illinois Kit Curriculum Alignment Meeting with Sammie Burton
- *Illinois Agri-Food Alliance Working Group Meeting
- *P-20 Council College & Career Readiness Committee Meeting
- *IAVAT Board Meeting

IV. MILES TRAVELED – Auto – 566

V. OTHER ACTIVITIES – 19

- Prepared and Submitted FY20 Amendment #4 for FCAE Grant in IWAS
- Prepared and Submitted FCAE First Quarter Grant Periodic Report
- Continued to Update Data and Text for the 2020 Ag Education Annual Report
- Packaged and Shipped ILCAE Awards to Individuals
- Read Sexual Harassment Training Presentation and Submitted Survey for ROE #9
- Reviewed and Sent ILCAE December Post Meeting Email Message with Meeting Minutes
- Prepared Agenda for University Council Meeting and Sent to Members
- Worked Out Details with CASE Staff for THRIVE Professional Development
- Emailed Details for mAGic Kit Curriculum Revision Alignment with Penny Haase Wittler
- Registered for Illinois Farm Bureau Ag Legislative Roundtable
- Sent Teacher and Individual Informational Requests
- Ordered Color Copies of the 2020-2025 Ag Employment Study Reports and Sent to Program Advisors
- 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

The ILCAE annual meeting was well attended. Very happy to recognize **Debra Korte, Becky Ropp, DeLoss Jahnke, Senator, Scott Bennett, Senator Jil Tracy, Representative Sonya Harper, Representative Charlie Meier, Katie Pratt, and Bob Rohrer.** All honorees had kind and supportive comments for agricultural education and FFA. **The IAVAT Middle School committee is making great progress in developing an updated grant agreement and quality indicator application.** We have opportunities to build successful agriculture programs at the middle and jr. high schools.