

**FACILITATING COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION - Statewide
MAY, 2020, SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR DEAN DITTMAR**

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

II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS PRESENTED – 0 PARTICIPANTS – 0

III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 19

Ag Ed State Staff Weekly Meeting Conference Calls(4)
FFA Board Meeting Conference Calls(2)
Administrative Council Meeting Conference Call
Legislative Committee Meeting Conference Call with Doug Hanson, Jesse Faber, Patrick Barry
IAVAT Board Meeting Conference Call
AITC State Coordinator Virtual Meeting
IL P-20 Council College and Career Readiness Committee Conference Call
ROE Leadership Team Meeting Conference Calls(2)
College Agriculture Instructor Virtual Meeting Call
Agribusiness Library Focus Group Contract Meeting Conference Call with Doug Falk
Mentoring Meeting Conference Call with John Heiser
Education Systems Center Conference Call with John Furr and Juan Jose Gonzalez
ILAgEd.org Website Contract Renewal Conference Call with Tyler Wiegat
IAVAT Legislative Committee Meeting Conference Call

IV. MILES TRAVELED – 0

V. OTHER ACTIVITIES - 16

Participated in Weekly Ag Ed State Staff Conference Call Chats with Ag Teachers
Reviewed FY19 CTE Curriculum Project Proposals, Worked with Susie Scott in Developing Contracts
Reviewed and Scored One Growing Agricultural Science Teachers(GAST) Grant Application
Prepared One Page Ag Ed Line Item Promotional Document for Legislators
Conducted ILCAE Curriculum Survey
Reviewed Options for FCAE to be an ISBE Professional Development Provider
Prepared Email Message on ILCAE Meeting Update and Doodle Poll
Mentored Staff on Reopening their Offices and Travel in June
Sent Teacher and Individual Informational Requests
Communicated with ILCAE, IAVAT, ICAE, FFA Alumni, CEC, FCAE Individuals
Assisted Susie Scott and Julie McCleary with Tasks
Mentored and Assisted FCAE Staff with Projects
Reviewed Staff Monthly Reports
Prepared for Presentations and Meetings
Wrote and Sent Email and Text Messages/Made and Returned Phone Calls
Completed Monthly Reports

VI. COMMENTARY

The State Legislature quickly worked to pass a state budget where the Ag Ed Line Item was maintained and level funded for FY21. Conference calls have similar discussions...how long can we wait before canceling an event, how can professional development and learning be changed to a virtual format, will schools be meeting in person this fall. Looking forward to be completed with the FY19 CTE curriculum responsibilities. **Agribusiness curriculum is in the process of review and in hopes of curriculum writing soon in the future.**