

**FACILITATING COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION - - STATEWIDE
SEPTEMBER, 2020, SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR DEAN DITTMAR**

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

II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDED – PARTICIPANTS –

III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 21

- *Ag Ed State Staff Weekly Meetings(3)
- Ag Ed State Staff Meeting, Champaign
- ROE #9 Leadership Meeting, Champaign
- *ILCAE Meeting with Doug Hanson, ProHarvest Seed Building, Ashkum
- *NASAE Professional Development Webinar on Diversity & Inclusion
- *ICAE Meetings(2)
- *Ag In The Classroom Program Council Meeting
- *Lesson Study Project & Post 496/498 Meeting with University of Illinois, Amy Leman/Gary Ochs
- *Procurement Meeting with Parkland Staff, ISBE, and FCAE for Use of Ag Royalty Funds
- *St. Louis AgriBusiness Club Webinar of the New 2020 Regional Ag Economic Study
- *Illinois Workforce Innovation Board Meeting
- *mAGic Kit Curriculum Revision Meeting with Connie Nieman and Jennifer Waters
- *mAGic Kit Curriculum Revision Writers Meeting
- *State Ag In The Classroom State Coordinator Meeting
- *IL Ag Ed Financial Taskforce Meeting
- *Ag Ed University Council Meeting
- *FFA Board Meeting
- *Website and Data Meeting with Mindy Bunselmeyer, John Edgar, Luke Allen

IV. MILES TRAVELED – 1311

V. OTHER ACTIVITIES - 15

- ILCAE, ICAE, IAVAT, CEC, FCAE Individual Member and Team Phone Calls
- Drafted Parkland College Procurement Exempt Summary Page for Parkland Board of Trustees
- Reviewed Agribusiness Library Revision Project Contract with Doug Falk, CEC Board
- Assisted Susie Scott with FY20 and FY21 FCAE Budgets
- Assisted in the Review and Guidance of the Development of New Website – ILAGEd.org
- Continued Work on the 2019-20 IL Ag Ed Report
- Updated Numerous Data Summary Google Docs
- Discussed and Made Changes with the FY21 FCAE IWAS Application and Budget
- Wrote Letter of Recommendation for FCAE Staff Member for NASAE Award
- Interviewed and Videotaped Gordon Bidner for IL Ag Ed Historical Archives, Carlock
- 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

Glad to see that Allyn Buhrow and Greg Webb have volunteered to chair and vice chair ILCAE for the new year. We are making progress in revising the agribusiness curriculum library. Interviewing Gordon Bidner at his home to document how ILCAE and ICAE started back in 1984 is monumental in archiving the history of the Ag Ed Line Item. Even seasoned teachers are struggling with the commitments of virtual learning.