

**FACILITATING COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION – STATEWIDE  
APRIL, 2021, SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR DEAN DITTMAR**

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

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

**II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS PRESENTED – 0    PARTICIPANTS – 0**

**III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 24**

- \*Ag Ed State Staff Meetings(2)
- \*FCAE Staff Meeting
- Mentoring and Evaluation Meeting with Jennifer Waters, Pleasant Plains
- \*Illinois Agri-Food Alliance Working Group Meeting
- \*AET and ILAGEd.org Data Website Meeting with Luke Allen and Roger Hanagriff
- \*IAVAT ICAE Advisory Meeting
- \*IAVAT Legislative Committee Meeting(2)
- \*MANRRS National Conference
- \*Website Maintenance Meeting with Luke Allen
- \*Graduate Course Meeting with Amy Leman, Gary Ochs, and FCAE Staff
- \*FFA Foundation Annual Meeting
- \*St. Louis AgriBusiness Club Meeting and Professional Development
- \*Jr. MANRRS Mini Grant Working Group Meeting with Grantees(2)
- FFA Board Meeting, Springfield
- IAVAT Board Meeting, Springfield
- Administrative Council Meeting, Springfield
- \*ISBE/FCAE Working Meetings with Andrew Klein(2)
- \*ROE #9 Professional Development for FCAE Staff
- \*Educational Systems Program of Study Webinar
- \*IAVAT Resectioning Visioning Meeting

**IV. MILES TRAVELED – Auto – 633**

**V. OTHER ACTIVITIES – 16**

- Assisted Teachers with IFGA and Three Circle Grants Questions
- Posted District 5 Ag Teacher Vacancies to the Website and Listserv
- RFD Radio Interview with Rita Frazier and Press Release Call with Kay Shipman
- Updated TeachAg Promo Pages for the State FFA Convention Program
- Sent Ag Career Bookmarks and Brochures to AITC Coordinators, Sent Annual Reports to Illinois College
- Prepared Agenda for State Ag Ed Staff Meetings
- Reviewed Monthly Reports and Progress of Cutting Edge Curriculum with the Agribusiness Library Revision
- Moved and Organized Resources and Files Out of Storage and to One Office Area at O'Fallon Office
- 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 Report

**VI. COMMENTARY**

Glad that we were able to do some sharing of ideas amongst FCAE staff to help each other with tasks. Advisory council meeting at SIU at Carbondale was very productive in reviewing their degree program, future student teachers, and research for the Three Circle FFA and SAE grant. Great to meet with Roger Hanagriff, AET, to work through our school student enrollments now to be proactive vs. reactive.