

**FACILITATING COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION – STATEWIDE
MARCH, 2021, 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 – 33

*Ag Ed State Staff Meetings(4)
Mentoring and Evaluation Meeting with John Heiser, Princeton
Mentoring and Evaluation Meeting with Megan Coy, Champaign
Mentoring and Evaluation Meeting with Julie McCleary, Joy
*AET Meeting with Roger Hanagriff, FFA Board, State Staff
*UIUC Lesson Study Meeting with Amy Leman
ROE #9 COVID Update Meeting, Champaign
*IAVAT Legislative Committee Meeting(2)
*IAVAT Special Projects Committee Meeting
*Website Maintenance Meeting with Luke Allen
*Professional Development Planning Meeting with Jennifer Waters
*Cooperatives Conference Committee Meeting
*St. Louis AgriBusiness Club Meeting and Professional Development
*SOPPA Meeting with Jake Butcher and IL Ag Ed State Staff
*Get to Know MANRRS Executive National Staff with IL Ag Ed State Staff
*Illinois Committee for Agricultural Education (ICAE) Meeting
*MANRRS Mini Grant Working Group Meeting with Grantees(2)
IAVAT Board Meeting, Springfield
Administrative Council Meeting, Springfield
*ISBE/FCAE Working Meetings with Andrew Klein(2)
*Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education (ILCAE) Meeting
*FCAE Staff Meeting(2)
*Ag Education University Council Meeting
*ROE #9 Professional Development for FCAE Staff
*FFA Board Meeting(2)

IV. MILES TRAVELED – Auto – 1535

V. OTHER ACTIVITIES – 21

*Interviewed and Recorded Earl Russell via Zoom for the Agricultural Education Historical Archives
Judged Section 22 FFA Creed Speaking Event, Marissa
Judged Section 22 FFA Conduct of Meetings Event, New Athens
*Attended FFA Legislative Seminar with Students and Legislators
*Assisted with Virtual FFA State Awards Day/Proficiency Award Judging
Assisted Teachers with IFGA and Three Circle Grants Questions
Finalized 2020 AFNR Annual Report for Printing
Delivered 2020 AFNR Annual Reports to the FFA Center, Springfield
Delivered 2020 AFNR Annual Report to Parkland College Staff, FCAE Fiscal Agent, Champaign
Prepared Contracts for State Standards Alignment of Revised mAGic Kit Curriculum
Prepared Agenda for State Ag Ed Staff Meetings
Reviewed Monthly Reports and Progress of Cutting Edge Curriculum with the Agribusiness Library Revision
Reviewed MANRRS Grant Applications and Contacted Six Schools to Award Grant
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

Great to hear legislator positive comments in support of FFA and agricultural education part of the FFA Ag Legislative Seminar. Virtual meetings have allowed for 50% plus increased participation of agribusiness leaders and stakeholders. Glad that the Ag Incentive and 3 Circle FFA/SAE grants were out this month and due this month.