

IAVAT

2016 Annual Report



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POLICIES OF IAVAT

1. The primary purpose of IAVAT shall be for professional reasons and not for gain of individual members.
2. All committees, officers, members and others concerned with furthering agricultural education may submit a written copy of their resolution to the Special Projects and Resolutions as resolutions are developed.
3. Policies will be printed in the committee report each year and posted on the IAVAT web site.
4. Reports accepted by the membership at the annual meeting shall be forwarded to the Board of Directors for their action.
5. The Board of Directors shall be prepared to testify before legislators and any public hearing. Statistics, information, viewpoints, or philosophies should be reviewed by the President and/or Executive Director and discussed by the members of the Board of Directors prior to any official testament. Any member of the Board of Directors or IAVAT member may testify without clearance, provided IAVAT stationery is not used or the member states they are testifying as an individual and are not representing IAVAT.
6. The Board of Directors, through the Advocacy Committee, shall study pending legislative bills and notify membership of IAVAT "stands" on the issues.
7. Members elected to the Board of Directors shall be prepared to attend NAAE Convention and Summer Regional Conference. Approval from the local school administration should be obtained prior to election to major office.
8. Representation to the Illinois Association for Career and Technical Education Board of Directors shall be designated annually by the IAVAT Board of Directors.
9. The most recent Past President shall serve as chair of the Nomination Committee.
10. The fiscal year for auditing purposes is considered to be July 1 to June 30. The membership year is considered to be July 1 to June 30.
11. The reimbursement form for the expenses of the members of the Board of Directors are approved and signed by the President.
12. Convention and conference expenses of the Board of Directors incurred to attend the NAAE Convention and NAAE Summer Regional Conference are paid by IAVAT as listed in Policy 14 and based on equivalent cost of sending allowable voting delegates.
13. Members of the Board of Directors will receive be reimbursed for expenses incurred while attending approved conferences, conventions and other assigned duties at the following rate: mileage at twenty-three (23) cents per mile, unless public transportation is cheaper and convenient; meals at \$18.00 per day; lodging at single rate or 50% of double room rate; parking at actual cost; all expenses actual cost up to maximum allowed. Should the combined expenses of the Board of Directors exceed the budgeted amount; the expense reimbursement will be prorated.
14. By agreement with Region IV delegate body attending the Summer Conference in Michigan in 1971 the expenses of any State Association President invited as a guest to any other Annual Agriculture Teachers Conference in Region IV will be paid by that president's own state organization.
15. Career Development Events (CDE's) sponsored by and under the jurisdiction of the IAVAT are: Ag Business Management, Agriculture Sales, Agronomy, Horticulture, Dairy Foods, Dairy Cattle, Forestry, Livestock, Meats Evaluation & Technology, and Poultry. All other contests will be under the jurisdiction of the FFA Board of Directors.
16. Section boundaries shall be reviewed every five years by the IAVAT Board of Directors.
17. The President shall appoint members to standing committees after recommendations from the District Directors and the Section Chairs.
18. Committees working for IAVAT are encouraged to use their own funds to complete their assignments. The Board of Directors must approve exceptions.
19. IAVAT committees shall meet no less than three times per year. One of the three required IAVAT committee meetings per year can be by mail or e-mail for review of documents or voting on committee work, as long as a committee participation report is submitted.
20. Members of IAVAT committees must attend a minimum of two committee meetings per year in order to retain their seat on the committee.
21. IAVAT committees shall annually submit an attendance report showing each meeting, the date of the meeting and the record for each committee member.

22. The retiring President will receive a plaque presented at the annual banquet by the past president or their appointee. All other retiring officers of IAVAT will receive a token of appreciation at the annual IAVAT conference, presented by their successor.
23. Teacher Mentors attending the IAVAT Awards Banquet, who are not registered for the IAVAT Conference as an active member, will be provided a complimentary banquet ticket.
24. Persons who contribute to the advancement of IAVAT may receive the Certificate of Merit and/or Life Membership. Individuals nominated for these recognitions shall be selected and approved by the IAVAT Board of Directors at the spring board meeting and presented during the annual banquet.
25. Once accepted by the Board of Directors, the Supporting Associate member does not need to reapply for membership.
26. Payment and refund of Association dues:
 - A. It is recommended that Association dues be paid at the sectional meetings during the annual IAVAT conference in June.
 - B. Dues may be paid in total with one check or in a series of post-dated checks presented at one time, with a maximum of six (6) checks for first year teachers, four (4) checks for experienced teachers, with last check dated December 1.
 - C. Dues may be accepted at any time; however, any member whose dues are unpaid, either in whole or in part after October 31, shall not be in good standing until such dues are paid.
 - D. First year teachers shall be assessed one-half of current IAVAT dues plus current full dues of NAAE rounded to the nearest dollar. The new teacher entering the school system the second semester or later will be assessed one-quarter of current IAVAT dues plus current full dues of NAAE and IACTE rounded to the nearest dollar. ACTE and Agriculture Education magazine may be in addition to both options.
 - E. No refunds can be provided for affiliated organizations (IACTE, ACTE and NAAE) once these dues have been forwarded.
 - F. If a member dies within the first semester, one hundred percent of the IAVAT Association dues will be voluntarily refunded to the widow or family. If death occurs in the second semester, fifty percent of the IAVAT Association dues will be refunded.
 - G. If an individual leaves the profession of teaching agricultural education in Illinois and has paid their dues, they will be refunded one hundred percent of the IAVAT Association dues if they leave before October 31. If the individual leaves between November 1 and February 1, they will be entitled to a fifty-percent refund on IAVAT Association dues. If an individual leaves the profession after February 1, they will not be entitled to a refund.
 - H. To be eligible for a refund, notice must be made to the Association in writing to the Executive Director.
 - I. All benefits of, by, for, and through the Illinois Association Vocational Agriculture Teachers shall immediately cease upon termination of membership in the Association.
 - J. Sections with ninety-percent IAVAT membership and above will be recognized at the IAVAT Conference.
27. Community or Junior College teachers may be active members by paying all dues or become Associate members of IAVAT upon payment of all affiliation dues and support dues to IAVAT as determined by IACCAI at their annual conference. Upon payment of active IAVAT dues by community college and/or Junior College instructors the IAVAT will reimburse the IACCAI the amount of IACCAI dues.
28. In order to maintain their eligibility for IAVAT Service Awards, all Active, Associate, Retired, and Life IAVAT members must maintain membership in NAAE as well as IAVAT.
29. Any person serving the ex-officio capacity of IAVAT is interpreted to imply: that person has the right to serve on committee with voting rights on committee matters, but **does not** give that person voting privileges in the annual meeting or executive committee meetings.
30. Any person or organization making payment by check to the IAVAT for any obligation (ex: dues, CDE or conference registration) will be charged a \$20 penalty if such payment is uncollectible for any reason. The individual or organization will be considered "not in good standing" until the original obligation and penalty are paid in full by certified check or money order.

What an exciting time to be in agriculture education!!

Words that I have repeated with steadfast commitment as I have traversed the profession over the last decade. Words that I make no apologies or footnotes for. A year ago Jay focused on change; much of that change we saw implemented this year. Change does not come without challenge. A huge recognition to John Edgar, and the rest of the FFA Center staff, taking the reins of our organization and his tireless commitment to our success. He has done an amazing job and deserves our gratitude, please take a moment to show John how much we appreciate it.

This year we embraced changes to record keeping, schedules, curriculum, and advocacy. We have seen an unprecedented engagement with industry partners that includes the ILCAE meetings at Kraft Foods, Inc and at Tyson, Inc, Ag Legislative Day Training, Caterpillar Leadership Experience, and the inaugural, Illinois Agriculture Education Roundtable. We have seen record investment from our partners. **My challenge to each of you:** embrace the volunteer commitment and member investment that allows IAVAT to be the leader of professional organizations. We are a member organization that exists because of volunteer leadership and member outlay. Whether in an office, on a committee, within your section, or part of an initiative. please consider where and to what level you can give. The progress and success of the IAVAT is directly related to the engagement and investment of the members.

On a bit more philosophical note: the reality that I have now completed my 10th year in the classroom is upon me. This creates a pause of reflection that encompasses so much of what IAVAT represents. An organization, in a profession, that serves an industry composed of the fiber, wrapped and woven with the values, compassion, and community that I have admired in so many icons across agriculture. Individuals who impacted me and lit the coals within to choose this industry.

As educators, we are presented the opportunity to introduce this wonderful lifestyle to people both young and old. To arm people with the knowledge and skill by which to provide for themselves as well as others; perhaps even greater is the opportunity to instill those values, we hold so dear, in those we connect with. Therefore, we embrace the gateway to impact people and change lives.

These are the principles that drive me with a passion to constantly seek the means by which to generate greater impact. My hope: as you reflect on your year and re-charge for the next, that you take a moment and capture that inner passion that brought you here in the first place.

THANK YOU for your service to agriculture education!
THANK YOU for the opportunity to serve this amazing profession!
THANK YOU for endless giving unto your students!

God Bless,

Jesse Faber

IAVAT Executive Director's Report

"Change is inevitable. Growth is optional."

- John C. Maxwell

As I look back on the past year, it has been a season in life full of change, but more importantly, full of growth. A year ago at this conference, I was interviewing for my current position, wondering where the coming year would take me. While I could not imagine another career as well aligned to my ambitions, I was more than a little nervous as to the changes it would bring. Moving three hours away from the family farm, settling into a new community, and my wife and I starting new jobs was more than a little intimidating.

While this past year has come with its share of change and challenges, the end result has been more than worthwhile. It has been a humbling experience to work with so many outstanding agricultural educators and FFA members with infinite potential. As I worked with the 2015-2016 FFA state officer team, their theme worked into a tagline that I heard throughout the year: "Build, Grow, and Love Always".

This year has been marked by a resolve to build upon the strong foundation provided by past leaders of Illinois agricultural education. As the year comes to a close, I would like to take time to thank those that dedicated their lives to building this foundation for years of success to come.

I also want to thank those friends, peers, and mentors that have helped turn the changes and challenges faced into opportunities for growth. As our industry and organizations continue to change, I look forward to seeing the growth that will take place by those willing to embrace opportunities rather than shy away from the unknown.

Finally, I would like to thank each of you for the community of support that you have created. Being a part of the Illinois Ag Ed family definitely comes with a sense of belonging, support, and purpose. Without this community, it would be much more challenging to do what we do on a daily basis.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you, and I look forward to what lies ahead!

Build, Grow, and Love Always,
John C. Edgar

Illinois FFA Center Executive Director Report

Mindy Bunselmeyer, Tuesday, May 17, 2016

With just over three years at the Illinois FFA Center, I must say that it has been a tremendous learning experience. First and foremost, I want to thank you for the opportunity.

In no particular order, here are some of my “hot” topics, most of which I would greatly appreciate your feedback and input on...

- **Communications Summit** - Obviously it was a big change for all of us by moving the location and date to the day before State Convention – thank you for adjusting so graciously. I feel this event will continue to evolve into an even more impactful, purposeful and professionally driven event. It is such a great opportunity for our students to work one on one with agricultural communications experts. Of course, I understand the downsides, it is a long day, it is the day before state convention and travel can make it a long day. It was designed to provide opportunities for those chapters who had members competing on June 13, 2016 something for the rest of the chapter’s members to have something to do. I welcome any suggestions for ways of addressing those challenges.
- **Illinois PAS** - Serving as the Executive Director of Illinois PAS, PAS is a great “next step” for your FFA members as they enter our Illinois Colleges and Community Colleges. Our 2015 Fall Conference was at the IAA Building in Bloomington. This location allows our members to participate in events in a business environment with industry professionals serving as our judges and officials. PAS has two main events throughout the year, our fall and Annual Conferences, both of these events include competitions and career preparation events that help prepare our members for their next step...future jobs, internships and career opportunities. The 2016 Annual Conference was at Lincoln Land Community College, thank you Mr. Bill Harmon for being a gracious host. Both locations have been set for IAA and Lincoln Land again in 2016-2017. PAS is a great organization to encourage your students to look into when they enter their postsecondary education. Ask me about PAS! It’s a great organization to serve and I’d love to tell you more about it.
- The **Illinois FFA Alumni Council** is a tremendous group of volunteers; they are truly committed to serving the Illinois FFA members. They are dedicated leaders that serve you at both the state and national levels. I encourage you to share your thought and ideas with me or any of our Alumni Council members. I also encourage you to come to our Annual meeting and find out more about us. It may help you find ways to start an Alumni or find new ideas for your existing Alumni chapter. If Alumni can serve you and your members through ways other than or beyond scholarships to leadership events...let us know. We are open for suggestions.
- **American FFA Degrees** – this is one of my highlights of the year, I work with our very best and they are a pleasure to work with. I have been looking into ways to increase the efficiency of this process, we are anxious for your feedback. I do want to thank Richard Long, Al Dietz, Alan Merriman, Allen Ritter, Dave Catron, Mark Wright and of course Mr. Dry, they judged both the applications and conducted the interviews. We had two interviewing teams this year; it went well but again looking for ways to

improve. Section Chairs, thank you for completing the verification forms, please feel free to share any feedback on this process.

- **FFA Board** – The FFA Board works very diligently on your behalf to help make decisions that not only impact the organization but also provides a vision for the future of the organization. FFA Board notes are posted after each meeting in a list serve message, in an attempt to make sure you always have the most current and accurate information available. Please continue to express your needs and concerns to the FFA Board, that is the most effective way to utilize that committee to its’ fullest potential. **AET** – We know it’s new this year and we know they are and there will continue to be lots of questions, we ask that you continue to be patient and keep the questions coming, we will get there.

- **Illinois FFA Foundation** – The Illinois Foundation FFA has put into motion the process of identifying District Fund Development Network Associates. These associates will be work to implement and report any donor-related activities for the annual campaign (local collection drive) on the district level for the Illinois Foundation FFA. They will also coordinate and connect with chapter collection drive volunteers, teachers and Illinois Foundation FFA district and section chairs; Section Chairs of IAVAT and Illinois Foundation FFA staff. They will work to provide organization, production and maintenance of annual campaign materials and data, coordination of all special event committees and volunteers. Along with the District Associates, Illinois Foundation FFA is hiring a Major Gifts Associate who will be responsible for soliciting gifts and sponsorships of \$10,000 and higher from alumni, business and organizations. They will be responsible for managing relationships with approximately 50 prospective donors and will be expected to identify, qualify, cultivate, solicit and steward these very important friends of Illinois FFA. They will work collaboratively with and in support of volunteers, other development staff, and other FFA staff to cultivate and solicit donors for Foundation priorities. The 2015 Illinois Foundation FFA final collection is **\$521,962.16**, which surpasses the 2015 goal of \$500,000.00. Many, many thanks to all of you for assisting in the Illinois Foundation FFA reaching their goal and more.

- **Empowering You, our teachers** – I want to find ways to lighten your load, brighten your day and help you know, feel and believe just how impactful you are. We have to celebrate you more, you do such great things...take time to realize that and revel in that. Help me find ways for us to empower one another. You are called to teach and I am called to serve those who do, let’s work together to allow our callings to make us the best.

If you could not tell, the recurring theme of my report is that I encourage you all to let me know any ways you think we can improve our existing programs along with creating new ones. I am here to serve you and your students to continue to produce generations of great leaders. As I continue to grow and learn more about my role, I want to thank you for making it possible and for providing honest feedback on ways to make Illinois agricultural education better every day.

Amy Rochkes
Business Manager

Find a Better Way

It has not quite been a year since joining the FFA Center Team and with 10 months under my belt I still feel like a Greenhand. Never in my wildest dreams when I told the administrative council during my interview, which just happened to take place in my employer's building, that I was looking for new challenges did I appreciate the challenges laid out before me during this first year.

For those of you who don't know, I came to the FFA Center Team after 20 years as a county Farm Bureau manager. My county Farm Bureau was doing the same old programs year after year. After 20 years, I was feeling stagnate and stuck. I knew if I wasn't passionate about the work I was doing, then there had to be a better way. I had a desire to change.

Change is difficult for everyone; even for me. There has been lots of change this year at the FFA Center – new staff with new duties, new processes, the use of new technology and the list goes on. Change helps us find the better way. Celebrating 85 years of the FFA Creed, E.M. Tiffany's words ring true "*achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come to us from the struggles of former years.*" I am a firm believer in there is always a better way.

Sometimes with change there is failure. There have been more times than not, that I reflected over the week and thought to myself that I have failed. As educators, you understand the need to challenge your students; sometimes you have great success and sometimes you fail. Failure doesn't happen for a reason. Failure happens because nobody has yet found a better way.

Not too long ago, I came across a journal entry I made in July 2015 about 2 weeks before starting at the FFA Center. I wrote, "Go in, roll up your sleeves, show the staff what you can do, show them you are willing to do anything and demonstrate that you want to help." From my very first day, I have encouraged the staff to work smarter, not harder. I always believe there is a better way.

I was inspired by Jeff Huber's 2016 University of Illinois Commencement speech. If you have not read it or watched it on You Tube, I strongly encourage you to. I hope that you share it with your students. In his closing remarks he left the graduates with these wise words.

*Even when you feel like you're stuck in the mud and there isn't a path forward...
Even when you feel like you've failed and are humbled...
Even when you feel like you're at your darkest hour, and you've lost a part of yourself...
There is still hope. There is always hope.
You can find purpose and meaning from those experiences. There is a better way.
You have the passion. You have the tools. You have the skills. Use them.*

IAVAT members I am honored and humbled to serve as your business manager. In order for us to continue forward we must always strive to "Find the Better Way."

The Illinois FFA Alumni Council - is a tremendous group of volunteers, truly committed to serving the Illinois FFA members. They are dedicated leaders who serve you at both the state and national levels. Richard DeSchepper serves as the Illinois FFA Alumni Council President. Currently we have two from the Alumni Council on the National FFA Alumni Council: Ron Lynch, District II Director & National FFA Alumni President-Elect; and Ted Hughes, District V Director & National FFA Alumni Region IV Vice President. They are both traveling the Nation serving agricultural education and are eager to find ways to better serve you and your students.

The Alumni will have their annual conference and auction January 27-28, 2017. The money raised from the auction goes towards Alumni Scholarships for FFA members. The Alumni gives out scholarships for three different leadership conferences: The 212 Conference, Washington Leadership Conference, and FFA Leadership Camp. In 2017, the auction will be held on Friday night after the banquet, this will open up Saturday for roundtable discussions and alumni chapter building.

The Alumni Membership increased from 8,068 to 17,572 due to the Affiliate Fee Program. The Affiliate Fee Program is a flat yearly fee of \$150 or \$50 (if the chapter has 25 or more lifetime members), this leaves more money locally. It's a great way to get more people involved in your alumni chapter.

We also do the annual Gator Raffle and the FFA Chapters/Alumni Affiliates selling raffle tickets will receive 40% back of their total sales, and the FFA Chapter selling the winning ticket will receive \$300. The money raised goes towards the alumni scholarships given throughout the year. We will also be having a Gun Raffle this year which will be announced in July/August.

The Alumni also sells merchandise at the FFA Convention, and sponsors the FFA Dance, providing soda, water, and ice cream. The left over soda and water will be used on the FFA Bus to Washington Leadership Conference.

I encourage you to share your thought and ideas with any of our Alumni Council members. If the Illinois FFA Alumni can serve you and your members through ways other than or beyond scholarships to leadership events, let us know. We are open for suggestions.



IACTE 2015 Highlights

- IACTE provided Leadership Training based on the book, *Strengths Based Leadership* for the IACTE Board in August
- Provided *Strengths Finder 2.0* training at the following conferences: IBEA, IAVAT, IFACSTA, ICTA, The Forum for Excellence and the ITEC Conference
- Launched a new IACTE Website, September 2015
- Began accepting online payments for dues and registrations
- IACTE maintained a presence on Facebook
- Developed a new IACTE Flyer
- Received the ACTE State Quality Association Award
- Adoption of Vision 20/20 Resolution
- IACTE Members Participate on Vision 20/20 Committees
- IACTE added three new Affiliate Awards – Largest Affiliate, Largest Increase in IACTE Members, Greatest Percentage Increase in IACTE Members
- Provided a 20% dues rebate to affiliates that gained 10 or more new members August 15-November 15, 2015
- Provided financial assistance to two members whose homes were destroyed by tornadoes
- Maintained Membership
- Held a successful 86th Annual Conference in East Peoria, IL
- Awarded six individuals with IACTE Member Awards and awarded one Business of the Year Award
- IACTE sponsored a CTE Legislative Day in Springfield
- Monitored Legislation on Civics Requirement, Ag Ed Line Item, Perkins Reauthorization, Perkins Modernization Act, Release of Post-Secondary Perkins Funds, Release of Post-Secondary Maintenance of Effort Funds (MOE) , Established a CTE Legislative Protocol
- Met with Beth Purvis, Illinois Secretary of Education
- Met with DCEO to discuss WIOA and Attended WIOA Regional Workshops
- Provided travel stipends to members for ACTE Leadership Training and to the ACTE Region III Conference
- Provided professional development mini grants to affiliates

ACTE Involvement 2015

- Dawn Sullivan, ACTE Region III Policy Committee
- Brian Gordon, ACTE CTE Support Fund Committee
- Chris Kendall, ACTE Bylaws Committee
- Gary Hutchinson, ACTE Business Education Vice-President
- Alex Gromada, ACTE Trades and Industry Vice-President
- Katrina Plese, ACTE Region III Vice-President
- Cindy Stover, ACTE Region III Vice-President Elect
- 138 Attended ACTE CareerTech VISION in New Orleans, LA
- Sponsored a table at the ACTE Awards Banquet
- Participated in ACTE House of Delegates
- Attended State Leadership Breakfast
- Attended Policy Meeting and Region III Business Meeting
- 30 attended the ACTE Region III Conference, Kirkwood Community College Campus, Cedar Rapids Iowa
- Jim Craft and Karen Calligaris received Award of Merit Plaques from ACTE Region III
- 11 members attended the 2015 ACTE National Policy Seminar

**ILLINOIS COORDINATING COUNCIL
FOR
CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

The ICCCTSO serves as “the umbrella organization” for the ten Illinois Career & Technical Education Student Organizations. The purposes of the organization are: to provide for the development and expansion of career and technical student organizations as an integral part of the total career and technical education curriculum; to develop a leadership program for state officers of career and technical student organizations; to promote and provide in-service education for career and technical student organizations, local advisors and potential advisors; to promote and provide in-service education for teacher education institutions or agencies which are training teachers to be advisors of local career and technical student organizations; to develop a program designed to promote statewide career and technical student organizations and thereby increase student enrollments; to accumulate, develop, and disseminate materials that will assist all local advisors of career and technical student organizations; to develop, plan, and promote activities to increase support from school boards, administrators, and professional staff members for career and technical student organizations.

The council consists of the current state president or designated student representative and an adult (non-student representative) from each of the following Illinois Career and Technical Student Organizations:

- Business Professionals of America, Illinois Association (BPA)
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)
- Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)
- Illinois Association of DECA (DECA)
- Illinois Association FFA (FFA)
- Illinois Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization (PAS)
- Phi Beta Lambda (PBL)
- Illinois Association of SkillsUSA (SkillsUSA)
- Technology Student Association (TSA)

Current Officers for the ICCCTSO are:

Chair: Don Varanauski – DECA Co-Executive Director

Vice Chair: Mindy Bunselmeyer – FFA/PAS Executive Director

Secretary/Treasurer: Marta Lockwood – FCCLA Executive Director

Project Coordinator: Kristi Katcher Project Director: Dr. Tina Dierkes – PBL State Adviser

In these challenging times for Career & Technical Education, the ICCCTSO would appreciate your support and participation of collaboration at the local level. We must all work together toward the common goal of promoting CTE and providing the best opportunities for our students. Should you need brochures or materials to help your efforts, please contact Marta Lockwood at ilfcccla@gmail.com or phone 217-728-2787.

Contact information for each of the Executive Directors of the Illinois Career and Technical Student Organizations is listed on the next page. Thank you for all you do and for supporting the Career and Technical Student Organizations!

ILLINOIS COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
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Year in Review

Harley Hepner, Principal Consultant, Illinois State Board of Education

Reflecting over the past fiscal year (FY 2016), the state grants funded through the Agricultural Education line item helped to implement initiatives supported by ISBE and ICAE/ILCAE. The Agricultural Education line item was level funded at \$1,800,000 and funded the following grants in FY16: FCAE (\$1,085,365), IFG (\$616,635), and GAST (\$98,000). Career and Technical Education's line item was level funded which supports the CTEI grant. The Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) grant to the Illinois Association FFA saw an increase (FY16 - \$45,911) due to unobligated funds, but the increase is not likely to carry over into future years. Despite the lack of a budget for most of state government in FY16, the portion of the ISBE budget that flows to local districts was appropriated last July and funds have been flowing without delay at near normal timeframes. While the line item, generally, has support within the agency as evidence by the recommendation to increase the line to \$3.0M, those supporting the line item must still be vigilant in their support given the state's financial position because future erosion may cause elimination of grants and related services in the line item. Continue to engage your elected officials in sharing your perspective. Thank you to individuals who worked behind the scenes, local teachers and individuals, as well as other advocates who acted on behalf of and voiced their support in favor of the line item.

There were other legislative topics this year that have potential for impact. As this is written, there seems to be broad support for legislation (SB2975) supporting a framework for funding to assist instructors and districts financially supporting the extra time instructors invest. This legislation that seems likely to pass in both legislative bodies also instructs Agricultural Education be identified as a teacher shortage area in Illinois which is intended to open opportunities for teachers to gain access to resources such as loan forgiveness. HB5729 is legislation originating from the recommendations from HR477 (2015) that address changes to Career and Technical Education impacting Agricultural Education. This legislation also appears to have broad support in both legislative bodies and, if signed into law, will initiate reforms such as defining career experiences students have in middle and high school, providing a comprehensive framework for all students pursuing college and career pathway endorsements, requiring individualized career plans, professional learning challenges and internships, competency based high school graduation requirements, integration of academic and career competencies, 12th grade transitional courses targeting math remediation, establishing grade level expectations (8-12) for college and career exploration, financial aid and literacy, and reinforces the need for programs to articulation with postsecondary institutions strengthening the connection.

The State continues to consider performance measures related to line items when making funding decisions meaning we need to have data to support how programs are impacting students. While Agricultural Education continues to be a good example with data supporting the work that is done, in the future, we may need to show more of a specific impact on students in the classroom and on those underserved populations especially when it comes to access and equity (diversity). We need to assist more diverse populations by creating an environment and activities in our programs welcoming to those of diverse backgrounds.

State leaders in Agricultural Education continue to explore additional options to support initiatives in Agricultural Education. In FY16 (\$55,600) the Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources (AFNR) STEM Learning Exchange (LE) continued to provide additional opportunities to further develop and enhance the Agricultural Education model in Illinois with special focus on Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) data and growth. With only partial aggregate student data collected statewide, SAEs make a big impact of nearly \$12M in Illinois. The STEM LE project future is uncertain at this time. Grant funds should also be available to your programs through the Perkins and Career and Technical Education Improvement (CTEI) grants handled through you Education for Employment (EFE) office. Please contact your EFE System Director for more specific information on how to access funds for equipment, supplies/materials, and professional development opportunities. Finally, ILCAE has worked toward identifying other potential support and has included new business and industry partnerships in support of Agricultural Education.

Agricultural Education was able to continue making an impact in schools across Illinois K-adult largely through the efforts of the teachers, the FFA Center staff, and the FCAE staff and partnerships with other groups. There were seven new or re-starting agricultural education programs (public and non-public) around the state in FY16 as we continue to explore ways to increase the footprint on student impact in Illinois. We continue to grow the number of programs in Illinois, but are concerned with attracting and retaining quality teachers to fill open positions. The National STAR program has conducted a number of activities to address

the issue as resources are available. The university programs will be working to support newly graduated teachers in the classroom this coming year. This issue continues to be a topic of discussion at ICAE and ILCAE meetings in how best to address. While there is no one magic bullet to address teacher recruitment and retention related issues, various actions have been taken, some referenced above, to increase awareness provide resources and support to assist potential and current teachers.

While Agricultural Education is leading several efforts to increase the awareness and interest in Agricultural Education as a profession, one of those efforts includes the Growing Agriculture Science Teachers (GAST) grant focusing on the recruitment and development of quality agricultural teachers. The purpose of this grant initiative was to recruit, train, and retain agricultural science teachers. The grant is available to all universities and community colleges in Illinois who offer agricultural education. This is now a continuation grant in its second year (FY16) where the following applicants awarded \$14,000: Illinois State University, Southern Illinois University, Western Illinois University, University of Illinois, Black Hawk East College, Joliet Junior College, and Lake Land College. The grant funds activities targeting a segment of the agricultural education continuum from grade 11-16+ as well as newly certified agriculture teachers in their first five years of teaching. While applicants could propose a variety of activities, the main focus remains on recruitment through internship related programs. Other activities included scholarships, student teacher assistance, recruitment events, as well as professional development activities.

Initiatives at the Illinois State Board of Education continue to evolve. The grants administered by ISBE are now all online in IWAS. There were several legislated changes through the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) that will impact grants beginning in FY17 including districts needing to pre-qualify for grants and complete a risk assessment prior to award of funds. This is likely to have the most impact at the administrative level at the district – not instructor level. In 2018, a separate license will be required to teach at the middle school level with those currently appropriately licensed grandfathered in and others needing to take coursework to get their middle school endorsement. In trying to work with our licensure division, it appears that we may not be moving toward a K-12 license and toward a narrower grade band such as 6-12, but progress appears to be slow. The framework and alignment of the content test was also reviewed this year. The agency also saw several additional changes in personnel at the top.

ISBE continues to support the development and enhancement of Programs of Study (POS). A full POS helps students see the path to a specific career by outlining academic and technical courses, identifying work based learning experiences, offering articulated or dual credit courses, involving students in real work situations where they apply their knowledge, and providing industry recognized and valued credentials or certificates - all working together to assist a student in advancing towards a desired career. While 30-40% of agriculture programs have either an articulation or dual credit agreement with their community college, we need to work at a local level to develop additional agreements.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you this year. I also want to express a sincere appreciation to the FCAE staff, the State FFA Center staff and many others in Agricultural Education who work very hard to make improvements on your behalf. It is an honor and a pleasure to represent the Agricultural Education family of professionals. Continue to be involved in the profession so as to build your own future. Please keep in contact with me sharing your needs in the classroom and your ideas on how to move Agricultural Education forward in Illinois. As a professional, what you do in the classroom is very important. I hope you are proud to be an agriculture teacher and of the work that you do. Congratulations on your successes and thank you for your commitment to students, your profession, your schools and communities.

Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education (ILCAE) - Andrew Bowman, Chair
Illinois Committee for Agricultural Education (ICAE) – Vern McGinnis, Chair
Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education (FCAE) – Jess Smithers, Coordinator

ILCAE

ILCAE believes that the Illinois Agricultural Education Line Item represents an important investment in both our youth and industry. It provides a fantastic rate of return. ILCAE also recognizes, however, that the future of agriculture in Illinois will demand greater investment. Only four percent of secondary students take an agriculture course despite the fact that one in four jobs in Illinois come directly or indirectly from agriculture. This is terrible for industry. Solving the problem will require novel approaches to funding—both from the private and public sectors.

ILCAE is recalibrating its efforts to engage businesses into the ILAGEd model while continuing ongoing advocacy efforts which was the origin of our group and the line item. We believe that increasing agriculture teacher salaries commensurate with industry is one step to addressing the critical shortage of teachers and retention efforts. This is being addressed by pending legislation-- SB2975. Through conversations with policy makers and legislators this year, it is clear that the traditional line item is unlikely to grow much under its current model. Illinois's budget situation prevents it. So, we are trying to build a model to seek business investment into ILAGEd's stakeholders. While this may not be new per se, but the approach of impact investing is certainly more focused than general fundraising. This will be ongoing and require a shift away from a culture of "giving" to one of "investing." Also, we are in early stages planning what increased public funding might look like and how that could be sustainable—that is, with some sort of private matching mechanism. The state needs to invest more, but if Illinois is truly going to be reform focused—whether willingly or not—then we within industry will need to be part of the solution rather than simply lobbying for extra funds. This is where our business engagement and advocacy efforts converge.

The result over the long-term should be more agriculture programs, more students in agriculture courses, better career-readiness for industry, and a more robust Illinois economy. One in four jobs in Illinois depends on our efforts—as does the future of our youth. ILCAE is proud to be leading efforts to address these concerns and seeks your help. Please consider nominating top talent from industry you may know to be part of our board and also provide input in our ongoing efforts.

Thank you,

Andrew Bowman, Chair (Farmer)

Alison Myers, Vice-Chair (IL Agriculture Leadership Foundation)

Karen Jones, Secretary (Growmark)

MEMBERS:

Dave Cattron

Bill Johnson, Joliet Junior College

Pam Weber

Vern McGinnis, Growmark

Doug Hanson, ProHarvest Seeds

David Mouser, Tri-Valley Schools, Supt.

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Luke McKelvie, Osborn Barr
Representative Don Moffitt
Clay Zwilling, Farm Credit
Mariah Anderson, Country Financial

AJ Clapp, Tate and Lyle
Whit Dhamer, PotashCorp
Landon Frye, Granular: Farm Management
Software
Kenny Hartman, Farmer
Krista Lottinville, Burrus Seeds
Mindy McDermott, Monsanto
Becky Ropp, Growmark
Jeff Redmon, Caterpillar

ICAE

The Illinois Committee for Agricultural Education (ICAE) is a 13-member committee established by legislation and appointed by the Governor to advise both the governor and the state education agencies concerning Agricultural Education. Over the past year, ICAE not only advocated for adequate funding for agricultural education within the Illinois State Board of Education but also focused on addressing challenges related to agriculture teacher recruitment and retention.

Vern McGinnis, ILCAE (Chair)
Rylan Rusk, Secondary Ag Teacher (Secretary)

Mariah Anderson, ILCAE
Karen Fraase, ILCAE
Doug Hanson, ILCAE
Becky Ropp, ILCAE
Vacant, ILCAE
Parker Bane, Secondary Ag Teacher

Bill Harmon, Community College Ag Instructor
Dr. Richard Steffen, University Ag Instructor
Kevin Daugherty, Ag Literacy Representative
Don Norton, Adult Education Representative
Vacant, FFA Representative

FCAE

FY2016 Illinois Agricultural Education Line Item - \$1,800,000

Pre-Kindergarten through 6th Grade: 2,231 Attendance Centers / 37,483 Teachers / 549,370 Students

- In the 2014-2015 school-year, 69 Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) coalitions representing 79 counties conducted programs in 2,231 Education Centers and reached 549,370 students across Illinois with a message about Illinois' largest industry – agriculture.
- Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom County Coalitions generated \$2.2 Million to match the \$105,000 in Agricultural Education line item funds invested in the statewide partnership.

Projects:

- ✓ **Agricultural Literacy County Coalition Grants:** Grants to county Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) partnerships to conduct classroom presentations on Illinois' largest industry – Agriculture.
- ✓ **FCAE On-Site Technical Assistance:** Program Advisors conduct on-site technical assistance visits to county Agriculture in the Classroom coordinators.

7th – 12th Grade Students: 322 secondary agriculture education programs; 29,615 students

- Agricultural Education student enrollment continues to trend upward:
1989-1990: 11,867
1999-2000: 24,301
2014-2015: 29,615
- 11,616,296 total net earnings were generated by agricultural education students through Supervised Agricultural Education (SAE) projects

Projects:

- ✓ **Incentive Funding Grant:** School Districts with approved agriculture programs earn an average yearly grant allocation of \$1825.
- ✓ **Teacher Professional Development:** FCAE staff assisted in the planning and implementation of numerous professional development workshops (IAVAT conference, 212 conference, District workshops, and others). In addition, tuition paid graduate courses (Ag Ed 499 – Beginning Teachers’ Course and Ag Ed 499 - CDE Course) are available to teachers.
- ✓ **Curriculum and Instructional Resources:** The course outlines for the state approved courses have been revised and we are beginning the development phase of a Plant and Animal Science curriculum to address the new Next Generation Science Standards.
- ✓ **Teacher Recruitment and Retention:** More than fifty prospective agriculture teachers attended the elite conference this past year, we held a Teach Ag luncheon at the Illinois FFA Convention, we offered mini-grants to student teachers in agricultural education, maintained the TeachAg.net website, and completed several other tasks to increase the recruitment of students into agricultural education.
- ✓ **Improving Agricultural Education Programs Mini-Grant:** Competitive mini-grants to school districts to improve their AgriScience laboratory, Agricultural Mechanics laboratory, or to upgrade the agriculture program’s use of technology.
- ✓ **FCAE On-Site Technical Assistance:** Program Advisors conduct regular on-site technical assistance to high school agriculture teachers and administrators.

Post-Secondary: 4 teacher training institutions and 24 community colleges

- ✓ **Incentive Funding Grant:** Universities with Agricultural Education teacher training programs earn a yearly grant allocation based on their achievement of quality indicators.
- ✓ **Growing Agriculture Science Teachers Grant:** Grants up to \$14,000 to Post-Secondary programs for activities to recruit, train, and retain agricultural science teachers focusing on pre-service teachers as well as those in their first five years of teaching. Common activities were internships, scholarships, recruitment and professional development events.
- ✓ **FCAE On-Site Technical Assistance:** Program Advisors conduct regular on-site technical assistance to community college agriculture instructors and University agriculture teacher educators and numerous other individuals in agriculture and/or education.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers
From: Leinenweber Baroni & Daffada Consulting LLC-Jake Butcher
Date: June 2, 2016
Re: Update from the Illinois Capitol-Recap of April & May 2016.

Overview:

The Illinois General Assembly spent the bulk of April and May discussing and debating the Fiscal Year 2016 and Fiscal Year 2017 budgets. Unfortunately, the General Assembly adjourned on May 31, 2016 without a budget in place. However, on a brighter note, the IAVAT's legislative initiative passed the Senate unanimously and passed the House with 111 votes. Senate Bill 2975 is now expected to be sent to the Governor for his signature. The following legislative update will discuss the background of the current budget impasse, the state of the current budget impasse, how the current budget impasse affect's Ag Education in Illinois, and provides an overview of the activity related to Senate Bill 2975.

Illinois Budget Impasse Background:

As background, it should be repeated that Illinois has not had a full fiscal year budget enacted since the Fiscal Year 2015 budget which expired nearly a year ago. However, approximately 90% of the budget items are mandated to be paid through consent decrees, regardless of if a budget is in place or not. Thus, the State of Illinois is still functioning on some level despite the fact that there is a budget impasse.

Nonetheless, the mandated spending through consent decrees does not include funding for K-12 education, public universities and community colleges, or social services. Many public universities have experienced layoffs and some social service agencies have closed altogether. The General Assembly passed a stop gap budget for public universities and community colleges in April. However, Chicago State University, Eastern Illinois University, and Western Illinois University have all experienced layoffs and may still face closure in the future.

Where Does the Current Budget Impasse Stand?

The Illinois House Democrats passed a proposed spending plan in late May, Senate Bill 2048, which would have appropriated spending for the entire 2017 Fiscal Year. The House Democrats noted at the time of passage of their measure that their proposal would still need revenues to fund the spending plan, but that K-12 schools, public universities, and social service networks were in need of some budgetary certainty for Fiscal Year 2017. The Governor and Republican caucuses were critical

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of a budget proposal because it did not contain the spending necessary to support it.

In this same time frame, the four legislative leaders and the Governor also discussed a six month or "stop gap" budget proposal. The Governor initially opposed a six month budget, but then later advocated for a "stop gap" budget. However, the language for a six month budget was not introduced until the final evening of legislative session by the Governor and two Republican caucus leaders. The bills were introduced as Senate Bills 3434 and 3435 and House Bills 6583 and 6585 respectively.

Due to the last minute nature of the bill introductions, there was not the time necessary to discuss the fine point details of a six month budget on the final night of legislative session. The Senate took up the full year spending plan in an attempt to keep the aforementioned schools and social service agencies open. However, the measure was defeated with 17 voting Yes, 31 voting No, and 10 voting Present.

The Senate then passed a stand-alone K-12 funding bill, House Bill 2990, which would have funded Illinois K-12 schools at approximately \$900 Million. The Republican caucuses were again critical of the spending plan because it did not contain a defined revenue source. However, the measure failed in the House with 24 voting Yes, 92 voting No, and 0 voting Present.

Therefore, at present the State of Illinois is without a Fiscal Year 2016 or Fiscal Year 2017 budget. The Governor has spent time in several parts of the State in the last few days campaigning for a six month budget. However, it is not clear at this point if all the parties involved can agree on the contents of a six month budget. The General Assembly will remain in continuous session and will return to Springfield on June 8th.

How Does The Budget Impasse Affect Ag Education?

The current K-12 budget will remain in effect through June 30, 2016. The Governor and General Assembly would then have to vote on a K-12 budget or a full budget and send the proposal to the Governor for consideration prior to schools opening in August.

There is hope that one of these outcomes will occur as the Governor did sign a K-12 budget for Fiscal Year 2016. In addition, the Ag Ed Line Item is funded at \$1.8 million in all of the budget bills mentioned above. Thus, it is likely that the Ag Ed Line Item would be funded in a K-12 budget or a final budget compromise.

Senate Bill 2975 Passes Both Chambers

Senate Bill 2975, sponsored by Senator Bill Cunningham (D-Chicago) and

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Representative Jerry Costello (D-Smithton), received bipartisan support in both chambers. The bill had 6 co-sponsors in the Senate and 35 co-sponsors in the House. Senate Bill 2975 passed on a vote of 58-0-0 in the Senate and 111-1-0 in the House.

The bill creates a grant program which school districts may use to assist with the cost of extended contracts for Ag education teachers. The bill also designates Ag Education as an area of critical need. We will continue to work with the General Assembly and Governor's Office to find a funding source for the grant program as all sides work towards a compromise on the budget.

Thank you to all those attend committee hearings, called your legislators, sent an email, or attend Ag Legislative Day. All your hard work paid off on the Ag Ed Line Item as well as Senate Bill 2975.

A Look Ahead

We will continue to update you as budget discussions continue in Springfield. We are also looking forward to the annual FFA convention. Please remember to invite your legislators to your Section Fairs, volunteer events, and SAE visits. Summer outreach while legislators are back in their districts can yield big benefits when legislators return to the capitol. Please feel free to contact us if you need assistance scheduling a visit or event with your local legislator.

As always, please contact us with questions regarding this report.

Advocacy Annual Committee Report

Tracey Sanderson, Chair

Summary of committee work: provide a concise, bulleted list of productive discussions or work throughout the year aligned to action items/goals for the year. Full minutes of each meeting are not required.

- Attended and communicated efforts at the ISBE hearings
- Presented at 212 for Advocacy updates
- Attended and promoted State Legislative Day
- Communicated joint efforts with ILCAE, help set an example for legislative awareness day, and all committee chairs and agricultural education teachers advocated for funding on their local program levels.
- Assisted ILCAE to pass legislation on the topic of subsidizing teacher extended contracts (12 month), and formally classifying agricultural education positions as a critical need occupation.
- Majority of communication occurred through email.
- Communicated ideas for advocating and debriefed members about current events.

Recommendation of Action for IAVAT Board

Back to IAVAT Board at the end of the year.

- **Requesting knowledge earlier and consistent for a date for Legislative day. Helps with planning and expectations.**
- **Research Adopt a legislator formal program, and see how it can link with IAVAT**

Attendance: indicate member attendance with an X for each committee meeting. Also identify what year ends each member's term.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>State Legislative Day (attendance by State FFA)</u>	<u>212 Advocacy workshop (attendance by State FFA)</u>
Tracey Sanderson	<i>chair</i>		X		X
Robert Nelson	1	2016			
Lauren Worley	2	2017	X		X
Nick Shaner	3	2016		X	X
Mark Ericson	4	2017			
Steve Kiesewetter	5	2016			

Tracey Sanderson	6	2017	X		X
Jeff Maierhofer	7	2016		X	X
Lucille Shaw	8	2017		X	
Jason Perry	9	2016	X		X
Phil Wilkey	10	2017	X		
Bryan Schullian	11	2016	X	X	
Doug Falk	12	2017		X	X
Jody Heavner	13	2016	X	X	X
Penny Haase Wittler	14	2017	X	X	X
John Davin	15	2016	X	X	X
Betsy Burgener	16	2017	X	X	X
Wendy Leenerts	17	2016	X	X	X
Jenna Knott	18	2017	X		
Brian Wood	19	2016	X	X	X
Emily Perry	20	2017			X
John Kabat	21	2016		X	
Robert Frisch	22	2017	X		
Ethan Keyser	23	2016	X	X	
Michelle Buchheit	24	2017	X		X
CR Sloan	25	2016			X

- Additional IAVAT members in attendance at IAVAT conference: Emily McCray, Rodney Main, Kenneth Dufelmeier, and Elizabeth Fanning

Retention and Recruitment Committee

Chair: Ann Ochs

Vice Chair (Student Branch IAVAT): Sara Conner

Vice Chair (1st-5th Year Teacher): Kate Niemeier

This year the retention and recruitment committee hosted one student branch workshop in conjunction with the STAR Bus Trip. The trip started in Springfield where 32 students from 6 colleges/universities attending. The trip was a 3 day/2 night trip. The program included:

* Food Science CDE Workshop

Ann Ochs and Kiersten Edgar

*Tour of High School Classrooms: Paxton-Buckley-Loda (PBL), Heyworth, and Bushnell-Prairie Central

* Teacher Panel/Workshop: New ways to teach the FFA Unit

Ann Ochs, Bryan Schullian, and Sara Conner

*Presentation by the Illinois FFA Alumni

The committee also worked with the Illinois STAR Program to send each of this year’s student teachers (21) a “Teach Ag Kit” that contained: T-Shirt, lapel pin, button, lanyard, Hootie stress toy, luggage tag, and other fun items that encourages the agricultural education profession.

- The committee will host the 1st-5th year teacher conference on Tuesday, June 21st. Suggestions for next year include focusing more on retention by offering rewards/incentives for different mile markers or have a retention conference during Spring Semester, 212 Conference, or IAVAT Conference covering topics such as: Family/Life Balance, How do you contain the monster that you’ve created, Spousal Support (Bring Spouse with you to conference), and Organizational Exchange of Ideas. We plan to host the student branch conference again with the STAR Bus trip, and offer the first through fifth year teacher workshop at IAVAT Conference.

Members	June 15	October 5	November 2	November 5/6/7	April 16
Jennie Dodds	X	X			
Donna Page	X	X	X		
Kiersten Edgar	X		X	X	
Riley Hintzsche	X		X		
Debra Korte	X	X	X	X	X
Chris Clemons	X	X	X	X	
Ann Ochs	X	X	X	X	X
Kathy Novotney	X		X	X	X
Sara Conner	X	X		X	
Tara LaFollette					X
Kirsten Blackford					X
Andrew Baker				X	X
Kate Niemeier	X				
Brittany Eubank	X				
Nicole Phillips	X				
Kara Barling	X				
Jestun Nutter	X			X	
Kevin Enderlin	X				
Richard Steffen	X				
Angie Schoenbein	X				

CDE Annual Committee Report

Darin Blunier, Chair

Summary of committee work: *provide a concise, bulleted list of productive discussions or work throughout the year aligned to action items/goals for the year. Full minutes of each meeting are not required.*

- *Pre-registration of teams are required to pay the fee, even if the team does not show up to the CDE.*
- *Early morning pre-registration of students competing in the CDE on the day of the CDE.*
- *Changes/modifications in wording on the general CDE rules/procedures.*
- *Discussion on Horse and Livestock CDE teams. Reasons vs Non-Reasons.*
- *Ag Sales product list that could be generated by the committee for possible use.*
- *Continued discussion of Ag Mechanics CDE revisions.*
- *Forestry CDE review.*
- *Meats CDE review.*
- *Parliamentary Procedure CDE review.*

Recommendations of action items for IAVAT Board: *provide a bulleted list of action items to send back to IAVAT Board at the end of the year.*

- **Horse Judging Reasons Teams that do not give reasons will be disqualified.**
- **Schools that cancel their Pre-registration prior to the CDE will be responsible for payment.**
- **Provide a way for early morning registration of CDE teams.**
- Provide a list of Pest/Disorders currently listed in the National FFA Horticulture/Floriculture CDE be used for the Illinois Horticulture CDE for the Pest/Disorders practicum.
- Teachers should be assigned to work in a CDE that they have registered for.
- Parliamentary Procedures Rules - Page 6 Presentation should = 630 and the Total Points Possible = 1,000
- Parliamentary Procedure Rules - Page 4 - recommend to strike out the last sentence under ORAL QUESTIONS.
- Parliamentary Procedure - Only procedures and debates that are in order and follow state rules will be scored. Any procedure made subsequent to that and until it is in order will continue to be scored a zero.
- Clarification should be made in the Parliamentary Procedure Rules on page 2 in the box that has a "NOTE" about Point of Order - that a parliamentary mistake is only allowed if Point of Order or Appeal is a required motion.
- Recommendation to State FFA & IAVAT Staff - look into the possibility of moving the pre-registration deadline for Livestock, Poultry, and Horticulture closer to the CDE date.
- Pre-registration be added for the Poultry and Non-reasons Livestock divisions.
- The Food Science CDE refrain from any use of nut products. Motion passed.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>	<u>IAVAT June Conference</u>	<u>Date/Event 2 Conference Call - 12/9/15</u>	<u>Date/Event 3 Conference Call - 5/9/16</u>	<u>Date/Event 4</u>
Darin Blunier	District 1	Chair	X	X	X	
Jason Kilburn	District 1	2017				
Darrell Gittings	District 1	At Large	X		X	
Steve Kieseewetter	District 1	At Large	X	X		
Scott Riden	District 1	At Large	X	X		
Eric Tryggestad	District 1	At Large	X	X	X	
Jeff Clifton	District 2	2017	X	X		
Jessica Collins	District 2	2016				
Becky Freed	District 2	At Large	X	X	X	
Amy Lucie	District 3	2018	X			
Steve Buyck	District 3	2016	X	X		
Jeff Goetten	District 3	At Large	X			
Jamison Holt	District 4	At Large	X	X	X	
Mike White	District 4	2016	X	X	X	
Cassie Crouch	District 4	Co-Chair		X		
Nina Geiling	District 5	2017	X			
Daryl Kiselewski	District 5	2018	X		X	
Jesse Faber	IAVAT			X		

Nov. 12, 2015 Teleconference 3:30 p.m. Curriculum Advisory Committee Agenda

Call to order and introductions - Josh Berg (Okawville), John Kabat (Mt. Vernon), Bryce Hoffman (Olympia), Doug Anderson (PBL), Mike Butler (Athens); Kevin Price (Milford) at 3:50
ITCS: Molly Bentsen, Heather Mathis, LeAnn Ormsby, Marianne Stein, Nick Wherley

Marketing - Flyers at national FFA convention, Oct. 2015—taken for us by Dean Jason Emmert
Updated Instructional Materials catalog on website—has been updated with new products and posted.

Staff travel/activities -

- A. Illinois FFA Convention, Springfield, June 9-11, 2015 (Wherley)—great opportunity to talk with teachers one-on-one, show new materials.
- B. IAVAT Conference, Bloomington, June 16-17, 2015 (Wherley)—Space is a little more limited, schedule is tighter, but Wherley still thinks we make a good impact.
- C. EZ Records Graduate Course, June 29-30 (Wherley)—32 teachers from throughout Illinois. Went really well. Several teachers assisted: Jestun Nutter. Both new and experienced teachers appeared to get good value for the course. 20 new programs started using EZ Records as a result.
- D. ACES Family Academy, July 10 (Wherley)—Did workshop on biodiesel; very positive experience.
- E. Fall Section Meetings (Wherley)—Wherley away for most of that time on paternity leave; less impact than in previous years.
- F. Farm Progress Show, Decatur, September 1-3 (Wherley/Stein)—Unveiled a new standing display. Always a nice opportunity to talk with both the public and our educators. We were happy with our direct sales.
- G. State Staff Meeting, Springfield, November 4 (Wherley)—Jon Edgar, Mindy Bunselmeyer
- H. Upcoming NAAE convention, Nov. 20, vendors reception (Stein)—Taking new bookmarks (designed by Heather), updated flyer, USB memory sticks loaded with PDF of IM catalog.

Career Development Events

- A. Dec. 5, 2015 - Agronomy, Dairy Foods, Meat Evaluation—First year of consolidated dates, so prep needs to start earlier. Good cooperation from staff and student intern in helping out. Typically about 80 schools participate in these 3 events, but 56 people are needed in leader roles. Wherley hopes to fill the gap with UI Ag Ed students. He is confident that logistics are squared away even with combined events.
- B. April 22, 2016 - Livestock Reasons and Nonreasons, Poultry, Horticulture

EZ Records Revision Update—In a holding pattern given Illinois and national FFA realities (decisions and spending). We do not intend to do update until national intentions are known. Will be doing a security and compability update after Jan 1, but users should not be aware of anything happening. (EZ Records is almost 13 years old since first launch.)

Staff Changes - Heather Mathis, new graphic designer, started working Sept. 16

Recent work completed - U3062, Chain Saw unit

Work in progress—expected between now and spring 2016

Dairy Cattle Industry Skills (Wherley)—6-section part for dairy cattle CDE: feedstuffs and nutrition; dairy breeds; digestive system; DHI; parts of the dairy cow; animal health; fully contained unit w/ printable worksheets. Hope is that it will be adopted by IAVAT CDE Committee for Dairy Cattle CDE.

History of the Illinois FFA (Wherley)—hasn't been updated for a while, but it is used by a number of agricultural programs as an introduction to FFA. Adding past two decades, hope to add color, new pictures. Jim Craft and others have assisted. Will remain in print as a unit.

Ag Communications unit (Stein)—how to create an advertising/ag media campaign.
Soil texture, color, structure CD-ROM (Stein)—Powerpoint presentations will replace o-l-d slide set. Working w/ soil scientists at NRCS; excellent collaborators, lots of resources.

Poultry Judging Manual revision and new supporting materials (Wherley)—Will include digital slide sets, resources to prep for poultry CDE.

Discussion items—Kevin Price suggested dairy cattle as a next resource.

App planning—Still somewhat preliminary, but we are solidly exploring resources for getting the help we need to move ahead.

Other—Wherley: alignment with CDEs. Did inventory/assessment, will submit to CDE committee. 20 items on list. Butler suggested that a catalog section be added that groups all CDE prep items. Suggestion well received!

New Product suggestions - Kevin Price got a request for an ag mechanics test bank. [For Parkland contest with which we have no more involvement.]

Next meeting date - Corresponding date is Thursday, May 12, 2016. Adjourn.

May 25, 2016 Teleconference 3:30 p.m. Curriculum Advisory Committee Minutes

Call to order and introductions - Josh Berg (Okawville), Doug Anderson (PBL), Kevin Price (Milford) at 3:35 PM
ITCS: Marianne Stein, Nick Wherley, Heather Mathis, LeAnn Ormsby
Anderson called meeting to order in Price's absence.

Marketing

NAAE convention, Nov. 20, vendor's reception (Stein)

Marketing emails about new products—Anderson suggested that timing of emails should be aligned with March/April budget preparation. Future of Ag Ed line item and Illinois state budget were briefly discussed.

Staff travel and activities

Illinois FFA Convention, Springfield, June 14-16, 2016 (Wherley)—College of ACES booths will be consolidated in one location.

IAVAT Conference, Bloomington, June 21-23, 2016 (Wherley)

Fall Section Meetings (Wherley)-Anderson encouraged expanding ITCS staff participation to attend as many meetings as possible.

Career Development Events – 1st Year of Consolidated Calendar

Dec. 5, 2015

- Agronomy 40 schools, 148 participants (decrease of 5)
- Dairy Foods 29 schools, 115 participants (increase of 20)
- Meat Evaluation 24 schools, 99 participants (decrease of 2)

April 22, 2016

- Livestock 103 schools, 458 participants (increase of 2)
- Reasons 19 schools, 90 participants (increase of 1)
- Poultry 47 schools, 198 participants (increase of 115)-Price suggested more candling units and exploring a larger layout to accommodate the increase in participation.
- Horticulture 36 schools, 146 participants (decrease of 39)

EZ Records - Continue to provide support and sell new access codes
Hope to find some direction at IAVAT Conference

Staff Changes - Dave Wilson is back, 8 hrs/week to work on Engine Practicum—Dave works every Tuesday on preparing a large resource that will consist of PowerPoint presentations with video clips, as well as print materials and possibly a print unit.

Recent work completed

- A. MDS255 Dairy Cattle Resources-helps with training for dairy cattle skillathon
- B. U7001b, History of the Illinois FFA-updated with new images and last 25 years of history
- C. MDS405 Introduction to Soil Science (also on USB flash drive)-revision of old slide set, includes all new photos and revised content.

Work in progress

- D. U6040 Ag Communications-New unit that will help prepare for the Ag Communications CDE
- E. U1052a Caring for the Small Laying Flock
- F. Poultry Judging Manual revision and new supporting materials
- G. Engine Practicum
- H. U1013b General Facts on Livestock Feeding-revision of old unit
- I. MDS131 Animal Nutrition- revision of transparency set; updated content; will be a PowerPoint resource.

Discussion items –

- A. New web portal-ITCS Instructional Materials plans to redesign PubsPlus and add a web portal with premium content for teachers and students.
- B. Digital products—products will be offered for digital download through the new web portal
- C. Products on USB flash drives-products offered on CD-ROM will also be available on USB flash drives

Other - New Product suggestions:

- A. Price suggested creating a survey to gather more information about teacher needs for new products and web portal.
- B. Price also suggested that ITCS Instructional Materials presents an inservice workshop on the new web portal at the IAVAT conference in 2017.

Next meeting date - Suggested date is Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016—next meeting will be at the IAVAT conference in June. Fall meeting date will be determined at that meeting. Adjourn.

Fairs & Expositions Committee

Chad Mahler, Chair Tonya Eich, Vice Chair

Jessica Collins- Sec.

	6/16/2015	8/18/2015	8/19/2015	8/21/2015	8/19/2015	8/22/2015	10/8/2015	11/5/2015	12/10/2015	12/10/2015	5/2/2015
Name	IAVA T Conf.	Gilt Check-in	Barrow Weigh-in	Hog show help	Cattle show help	Hog show help	Tele conf .	Tele conf .	FFA Center	Jr. Show Supt.	Lamb Weigh-in
Chad Mahler-Chair	x	x	x				x	x	x	x	
Tonya Eich-V-P	x				x		x	x	x	x	
Allen Hyett	x	x	x	x		x					
Kerry Travis	x						x				
Wende Dallain											
Cindy Feltmeyer	x	x									
Dan Faber											
Jessica Collins-Secretary	x	x					x	x			
Corey Terwilliger											
Bob Terwilliger											
Coleman Sappington	x										
Jody Heavner	x										
Rick Petitt											
Diana Loschen	x		x				x				
Jess Smithers							x		x	x	
Liz Harfst	x	x	x	x		x					
Claire Geiger		x	x	x		x					
Bryan Schullian	x				x						
Randy Meyer	x								x	x	
Doug Nelson		x									
Jacob Snook	x	x									

Review of Committee Issues

* Proposed rule for changed age requirements for Illinois State Fair.

-Individual must have been a member of an Illinois 4-H or FFA chapter for a minimum of one year between the ages of 8 and 18. To continue showing from the ages of 19-21 individuals must maintain membership in one of three ways. First, he/she may continue active membership on their current FFA chapter's roster. Secondly, he/she may be a member of collegiate FFA chapter at a post-secondary institution in the state of Illinois. Third, he/she may be a member of an Illinois FFA Alumni chapter.

*Proposals on hosting fairs without state premium funding. Discussed the importance of still hosting events and submitting reports.

*Increase the IAVAT representation at the county weigh-ins for cattle and sheep.

*Suggested changes to the State Fair Champion Drive in the Coliseum. Suggestions were made to expand the show ring, better timing of shows, and options to alleviate the heat.

*Reweighting of all open show market animals at the State Fair.

*All steers need to meeting 15/16 breed percentage to be considered for Land of Lincoln.

ICAE Advisory Committee Report 2015/2016

April 29, 2016

Attendance: All members were present at IAVAT June Conference.

The rest of the meetings were held via email conversation with results from final conversations tabulated by the committee chair.

The ICAE Advisory committee worked very hard this year weighing in on suggestions that were made to the IFGA indicators. There were a handful of changes that were made. I attended the ICAE committee meeting at the Farm Bureau Youth Conference. There were some suggestions made by the committee members at this meeting. Unfortunately, results on these suggestions are not available for the June Conference. The committee was required to have the answers to a few more questions about quality indicators for the IFGA to Jess by June 6, 2016. These results will not be available until next summer at IAVAT conference.

One big issue that we think all agriculture programs in the state should be thinking about is the availability of students to take online agriculture courses. It was really a split decision on how and when these are used in a curriculum, but the general consensus would be that these courses should also be taught under the direct supervision of a certified agriculture instructor. With the state of the budget for school districts in Illinois, we would hate to see agriculture instructors being replaced by online programs in order to save money for local school districts. These online programs really need to be a supplement to the existing program and not a stand-alone instructional method for the students in Illinois classrooms.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Williams

ICAE Advisory Committee Chair

Member Services Committee Report 2016

WILLARD MOTT, CHAIR

SARAH LANDERS, VICE-CHAIR

Attendance

	17-Jun	28-Jul	29-Jan
Willard Mott	X	X	X
Sarah Landers	X		
Don Mathey	X		X
Christina Bissey	X		
Kathryn Justus	X		X
Rachel Skien	X		X
Paula Daniels	X		X
Darcy Nekolny	X		X
Kristin Crouch	X		X
Mark Steber	X	X	X
Michelle Buchheit	X		
Stephanie Ruppert	X		
Corinne Wengelewski	X		
Eric Reutter	X		
Kami Tuetken	X		
Allen Ritter	X		

The member services committee worked very hard this past year noting the following accomplishments:

1. Retired Ag Teachers Sub Committee will host a meeting of retired members; attend meetings to provide service, and awards banquet during IAVAT annual conference. Compiling an information sheet for retired members to complete for areas they wish to volunteer.
2. Crisis Fund Donation is included on conference registration form. Crisis Fund is being utilized and members are encouraged to donate to these funds.
3. Member Benefits flyer is being designed to show case the importance of IAVAT membership and to demonstrate what benefits the members receive from their membership dues.
4. The committee volunteers to conduct the silent and live auction to benefit the Crisis Fund and the Scholarship Fund.

Professional Development Annual Committee Report

Scott Fairfield, Chair

Sub-committees (identify if any):

Summary of committee work: *provide a concise, bulleted list of productive discussions or work throughout the year aligned to action items/goals for the year. Full minutes of each meeting are not required.*

- *Provide professional development activities to members at the 212 Leadership Conference and the IAVAT Conference in January and June respectively.*
- *Professional development workshops are provided for members at the district level by representatives of FCAE.*
- *Committee members survey the membership to identify areas of concentration for professional development training for each fiscal year.*
- *Committee members identify sources of educational resources and professional trainers to assist the agriculture educators in our membership.*

Recommendations of action items for IAVAT Board: *provide a bulleted list of action items to send back to IAVAT Board at the end of the year.*

212 Conference:

212 North (Schaumburg - January 29-30):

12:40 p.m. Depart for Tyson Foods at Downers Grove - focus on the Product Marketing scenario to prep for Food Science CDE (they help develop that practicum for the state CDE). Seneca driving the bus. Luke will take care of getting the bill.

5:00 p.m. Arrive back at the hotel

*AGED499 will be meeting during dinner

6:30 p.m. Workshop on Google Classroom with Riley Hintzsche

7:30 p.m. Exchange of Ideas Banquets, elections, FFA Week, POA.. LabAids kits for prizes?

Luke will send list of what he wants. Jennifer will order..

SATURDAY:

8:30 a.m. Illinois FFA Center Updates/Advocacy

9:30 a.m. AET

11:00 a.m. Dismiss teachers

212 Central (Springfield - February 19-20):

Friday Afternoon/Evening:

1:00 p.m. Depart from Northfield Inn for Lincoln Land Community College

1:30 p.m. LLCC Workshops Round 1

3:00 p.m. LLCC Workshops Round 2

Workshop Options: Livestock judging (Craig Beckmeier), Food Science (Jolene Adams), Landscape Design (Rebecca Trace), Plumbing Plumbing (making a sprinkler system), and/or Soil monoliths with Bill Harmon. Jennifer spoke with Bill 12-1-15.

5:00 p.m. Arrive back at the hotel

*AGED499 will be meeting during dinner

6:30 p.m. AET with ???? Jennifer asked Corinne Galvan

7:30 p.m. Exchange of Ideas Banquets, elections, FFA Week, POA, at the Illinois FFA Center.

Saturday Morning:

8:30 a.m. Illinois FFA Center Updates/Advocacy

9:30 a.m. Illinois State Florist Association - Floral Design at the Illinois FFA Center

11:00 a.m. Dismiss Teachers

212 South (Collinsville - January 29-30):

Friday Afternoon/Evening:

1:00 p.m. Depart from hotel

1:40 p.m. Tour and Discussion at Trouw Nutrition: Tina Wuebbels tina.wuebbels@nutreco.com

3:00 p.m. Depart for Excel Bottling (Jennifer called 10/26/15 - 618-526-7159)

3:20 p.m. Arrive at Excel Bottling where they bottle Ski - Aaron is our contact at 618-526-7159
(bring cash to purchase product)

4:45 p.m. Depart for Hotel

5:00 p.m. Arrive back at the hotel

*AGED499 will be meeting during dinner

6:30 p.m. Monsanto STEM kit with Valerie Bayes, Monsanto STEM coordinator

8:00 p.m. Exchange of Ideas: Banquets, officer elections, FFA Week, POA, etc.

Saturday Morning:

8:30 a.m. Illinois FFA Updates/Advocacy

9:30 a.m. AET with Nina Geiling

11:00 a.m. Dismiss teachers

IAVAT Conference

Monday, June 20, 2016 –

- **9-12:00 p.m. - Technology Training:** lunch on your own
 - Beginners with FCAE Staff/Teachers at Asmark AgriCenter in Bloomington Advanced users with SmartPath K12 from 9-12:00 - 10-15 teachers - \$850 each. What is an acceptable amount to charge teachers to attend? \$45
- **1:00-3:00p.m. - Escape Bloomington - \$28/person**
- **10:00-3:30 p.m. - Illinois Forests, Forest Products and the Future: Project Learning Tree - Sarah Livesay - Lunch provided @ Asmark AgriCenter**

Participants will be trained on the ecology, inventory methods, products, careers and industry of Illinois forests and tree farms. The workshop will include content knowledge along with hands-on student activities for direct classroom application in existing forestry units. Participants will receive the Project Learning Tree Activity Guide (different guide than offered in 2014) along with a Classroom Illinois Lumber Identification Display.

Cost: Training, Travel and Lumber Displays for each participant (up to 40) at no charge. Guides @\$30/participant.

Contact Hours: ~4-7 Contact Hour training

Formats Utilized: Lecture, Modeling, Peer Reflective Group Work

Standards Alignment: Common Core State Standards and IL Science Standards (2015)

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Conference Speaker - Double Tree Hotel & Conference Center: 9:30 a.m. Keynote Speaker – THE AET with Dr. Roger Hanagriff

Conference Workshops – Normal West High School:

75 minute Workshops	1:15 - 2:30 p.m.	2:45 - 4:00 p.m.	4:15 - 5:30 p.m.
Room 1	AET/State Degree with Dr. Roger Hanagriff	AET/State Degree with Dr. Roger Hanagriff	AET/State Degree with Dr. Roger Hanagriff
Room 2	National FFA Applications with Larry Gossen	Dave Ramsey Financial Curriculum	Dave Ramsey Financial Curriculum
Room 3	Illinois Florist Association	Illinois Florist Association	Illinois Florist Association
Room 4	MIG 101 with Drew Young, Lincoln Electric	Lincoln Electric Tools and Resources with Drew Young, Lincoln Electric	Lincoln Electric Tools and Resources with Drew Young, Lincoln Electric
Room 5	Google Classroom: Teacher Panel of Riley Hintzsche, Liz Harfst, Nick James and Callie Parr	Google Classroom: Teacher Panel of Riley Hintzsche, Liz Harfst, Nick James and Callie Parr	Dow AgriSciences Workshop: Adding Color to Plant Science with Christina Bissey
Room 6	Monsanto STEM Kits	Monsanto STEM kits	FFA Alumni
Room 7	CASE Curriculum with Parker Bane	Officer Teams without Titles with Jesse Faber and Parker Bane	Officer Teams without Titles with Jesse Faber and Parker Bane
Room 8	Nutrients for Life with Haley Siergeij	Nutrients for Life with Haley Siergeij	IAVAT Student Branch Workshop with Recruitment and Retention Committee
Room 9	Robotics/Hydraulics with Tim McDermott	Robotics/Hydraulics with Tim McDermott	Robotics/Hydraulics with Tim McDermott
Room 10	Educational resources: Communities of Practice & Pinterest - John Heiser & Ann Ochs	School Garden Project with Enderlin & Harfst	Accommodating Special Needs Students for the Student Growth Portion of the Danielson Evaluation Method with Dr. Enderlin
Room 11	IL Jr Horticulture Association	Land Use Scorecard with John Kabat	Land Use Scorecard with John Kabat

Room 12	Vet Science with Brett Sorensen	Vet Science with Brett Sorensen	Ag Leadership/ Communications with Kim Portz & Don Lockwood? Emailed Don on 3/16
Room 13	Forestry CDE Workshop with Dave Shiley	Forestry CDE Workshop with Dave Shiley	Financial planning with COUNTRY Financial

Thursday prior to Business Session: Larry Gossen present to all about applications

District Workshops:

District I: June 9

District II: August 8-9 Vet Science

District III: Chad Colby UAVs at Bushnell Prairie City on June 6th - \$1500 budget

District IV Workshop - June 1st

District V Workshop - June 9-10 in conjunction with Cooperatives Conference

Summer Workshops:

June 13 - Nina Geiling on AET & Craig Kohn from Waterford FFA (WI) to talk about curriculum planning @ Lincoln Land Community College in conjunction with Ag Communications Workshop

ELITE Conference:

Kathy is looking for ideas for September workshop. Suggestions? AET assistance, Soils, Ag Sales, Foundation presentation, FFA Center/FCAE Updates

FBYC: AET & POA

Others:

Potential for graduate courses to be offered this summer

Hummert International Workshops - Greenhouse Operations and Management – June 7th to June 9th and Hydroponics Short Course – June 14th to June 15th

Attendance: *indicate member attendance with an X for each committee meeting. Also identify what year ends each member's term.*

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>	<u>IAVAT June Conference</u>	<u>9/24/15 Conf Call</u>	<u>11/4/15 Conf Call</u>	<u>12/3/15 Conf Call</u>	<u>2/3/16 Conf Call</u>	<u>3/16/16 Conf Call</u>
Scott Fairfield	<i>chair</i>	2017	X	X	X		X	X
John Heiser, Putnam Co.	District 1	2018	X	X	X	X	X	X
Scott Nordstrom, Roanoke-Benson	District 1	2018		X	X	X		
Kevin Larsen,	District 1	At	X					

Riverdale		Large						
Kara Poynter, Sycamore	District 2	2017	X					
Joe Steffen, Newark	District 2	2016	X					
Megan Coy, Herscher	District 2	2018						
Christie Joehl, Carrollton	District 3	2017		X				
Heidi Doyle, Calhoun Co.	District 3	2017	X					
Liz Fanning, Hartsburg- Emden	District 3	2018		X	X			
Wendy Leenerts, ALAH	District 4	2017						
Jennifer Wherley, Mahomet- Seymour	District 4	2016						
Elizabeth Rost, Monticello	District 4	2018	X					
Carrie Koester, Waterloo	District 5	2018	X					
Curt Robbins, Fairfield	District 5	2016	X		X			
Steven Clodfelter, Red Hill	District 5	2017				X		
Joe Schneider	At-large							
Daphne Gvillo, Alton	At-large		X					
Ashley Carey	At-large							
Jenny Bergmann	At-large							

Recognition Annual Committee Report

Corrine Wascher, Chair

Summary of committee work: provide a concise, bulleted list of productive discussions or work throughout the year aligned to action items/goals for the year. Full minutes of each meeting are not required.

- Selected the District and State winners of the 2015 Excellence in teaching award:
 - District 1- Donna Page of Rochelle **State Winner**
 - District 2- Ryan Robinson of Central-Burlington
 - District 3- Jody Heavner of Pittsfield
 - District 4- Tonya Eich of Shiloh
 - District 5- Cherie Rogier of Mt. Vernon
- Selected 2016 NAAE award state winners
- Completed appropriate NAAE award applications

Recommendations of action items for IAVAT Board:

- None

Attendance

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>	<u>IAVAT June Conference</u>	<u>August 18th, 2015</u>	<u>April 22ND, 2016</u>
Corrine Wascher	<i>chair</i>	2017	x	X	X
Vacancy	District 1	2017	x		
Vacancy	District 1	2017	x		
Kent Weber	District 2	2016	x	x	X
Jeff Clifton	District 2	2016	x	x	X
Vacancy	District 3	2017	x		
Blaine Hartwick	District 3	2017	x	x	X
Jennifer Hogan	District 4	2016			
Kevin Perkins	District 4	2016			
Jeff Jacobs	District 5	2017			
Josh Berg	District 5	2017	x	x	X
Corinne Galvan	Board Rep		x		X

IAVAT Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Name:	Recognition
Meeting Date:	4/22/2016
Meeting Location:	ACES Library, University of Illinois
Recording Secretary:	Corky Galvan

Attendance:

Corrine Wascher, Corinne Galvan, Blaine Hartwick, Joshua Berg, Kent Weber, Jeff Clifton

I. Old Business:

- Reviewed directive from membership to move all NAAE award judging to Recognition committee rather than IAVAT board
- Reviewed change from recognizing EIT awards at State Fair to IAVAT Conference
- Committee discussed preference for having electronic copies of awards available to view in advance
- Committee discussed preference for holding award judging during Super Friday

II. New Business:

- Excellence in Teaching Awards: section and district winners
 - District winners will be recognized at IAVAT conference rather than during the Illinois State Fair
 - Interview process during IAVAT Conference
 - Afternoon interviews, Wednesday starting at 1 pm
 - John Edgar will secure interview room
 - Alternative: could interview Thursday morning
 - Announce results during Thursday's closing session
- NAAE Awards:

MOTION: Weber moved to white ballot all NAAE award areas with single entries as state winners. 2nd: Clifton. Motion passed.

III. Items Resolved/Decisions Made:

- Excellence in Teaching Award Section Winners:
 - Section 1: Dan Hartman
 - Section 2: Rick Petitt
 - Section 3: Trent Taber
 - Section 4: Mike Chausse
 - Section 5: no nominee
 - Section 6: Kara Poynter
 - Section 7: Toni Gabriel
 - Section 8: no nominee
 - Section 9: Kyle Miller

- Section 10: Jeff Clifton
- Section 11: Steve Buyck
- Section 12: Joe Webel
- Section 13: Liz Alloway
- Section 14: Melissa Stone
- Section 15: Jeff Goetten
- Section 16: no nominee
- Section 17: Elizabeth Rost
- Section 18: Emily McCray
- Section 19: Randy Meyer
- Section 20: Charlie Sappington
- Section 21: Julie Bond-Ledford
- Section 22: Kara Cox
- Section 23: Jennifer Timm
- Section 24: Wayne Griffith
- Section 25: Nick James
- Excellence in Teaching District Winners:
 - District I: Rick Petitt
 - District II: Toni Gabriel
 - District III: Steve Buyck
 - District IV: Randy Meyer
 - District V: Jennifer Timm
- NAAE Awards:
 - Outstanding Young Member: Christina Bissey
 - Outstanding Ag Ed Teacher: Cherie Rogier
 - Outstanding Middle/Secondary School Program: Waterloo High School
 - National Agriscience Teacher of the Year: Jay Solomonson
 - Teacher Turn the Key: Coleman Sappington
 - NAAE Ideas Unlimited Award: no nominee
 - NAAE Outstanding Cooperation Award:
 - Committee moves to nominate Youth Education in Agriculture group from Farm Bureau
 - Joshua Berg will complete application
 - NAAE Outstanding Service Citation Award:
 - Committee moves to nominate Charlie Sappington
 - Kevin Perkins was recommended to complete application
 - NAAE Lifetime Achievement Award:
 - Committee moves to nominate Ron Lynch
 - Jeff Clifton will complete application
 - Professional State Association Award:
 - John will complete application when it is due

IV. Action Needed Before Next Meeting:

- Committee members will complete applications for NAAE nominations
- John Edgar and state office will send letters to District EIT award winners and administrators for judging at IAVAT Conference
- Scholarships will be judged at conference during committee meeting time

SAE Committee Report
Submitted By: Ed Curry

Attendance at Committee Meetings

Name	IAVAT June 2015	Conference Call 5-16-16
Ed Curry	X	X
Trish Main	X	
Jeff Robison	X	
Julie Bond-Ledford	X	
Alicia Kabat	X	
Steve Buyck	X	
Matt Belusko	X	
Lisa Oellerich	X	X
Jessica Both	X	
Elise Baker	X	
Sam Perschnick	X	X
Sid Krople	X	
Josh Bullard	X	
Jesse Faber	X	X
Doug Thurnau	X	X
Jeff Maierhofer	X	X
John Edgar		X
Mindy Bunselmeyer		X

Summary of June Meeting - Discussed several items as follows:

- What are the goals of SAE for Illinois Ag Education Students?
- What do our students need from a record keeping system?
 - efficient, clear, relevant, accurate record keeping skills
 - support the award programs of FFA
- What are our options to best meet those needs
- Group Goals
 - Form sub committees and complete a timeline. Looking for recommendation for IAVAT Conference 2016.
 - Sub Committee
AET Heather (Chair), Trish, Lisa, Steve, Mary, Julie and Matt
EZ Records Jeff, Matt, Julie

Summary of May 16, 2016 Committee Meeting - The FFA Board will accept EZ Records, paper books, and AET for State Degrees and Proficiency Judging.

It was decided that an application would be best for Proficiency Judging at all levels so that judging is done fairly and consistently. Committee members are to look at the National Application and have suggestions at our committee meeting at the IAVAT Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Curry

Illinois State University Spring 2016 End of Year IAVAT Report

Agricultural Education at Illinois State University had a good year and continues to have an excellent group of students enrolled and preparing for a career in the field of teaching Agriculture. Below are some key points and highlights of the program.

Enrollment

We continued to see some growth, with 10 students entering the Ag Educaiton program in the fall. Once again several have changed majors in and out of Ag Education, with the net result being there are currently 29 students in the teacher licensure program.

Recruiting efforts remain a priorty focus, Interest levels and initial contact with freshmen and transfer students are good, so we feel we may have another good group coming in next fall. We are trying to identify students in HS and maintain contact as they attend community colleges.

Student Teachers

We had six student teachers in the spring of 2016. We currently have two students planning to student teach in fall of 2016 and four in the spring 2017. We currently have 9 slated to ST fall of 17 and spring 18.

We have a strong track record with placement of Student Teachers highlighted below.

- Three of six student teachers for Spring of 16 have accepted teaching positions and one is looking.
- Fifty-Six percent of the teachers graduated in the last five years continue to teach.
- Just under half of the teachers graduated in the last 10 years continue to teach.

Current curriculum.

The curriculum remains unchanged, the major is agriculture with 10 sequences (Agribusiness, Agronomy Management, Plant and Soil Science, Agricultural Education (teacher licensure), Ag Communication and Leadership, Animal Science, Animal Industry Management, Pre-Vet, Horticulture and Food Industry Management). The MS in Agriculture has three sequences, Ag Science, Ag Business, and Ag Education and Leadership.

Collegiate FFA and PAS

Participation in our student organization was again very strong, both in terms of dues paying members, and more importantly ACTIVE members. We started the year with 34 members and the majority of them have been very active. Among the activities the CFFA/PAS participated in and/or hosted are:

- National FFA convention.
- IAVAT bus tour
- Fall and Spring PAS conferences,
- National PAS conference in Kansas City.
- Hosted a state-wide Invitational Ag Communications CDE
- Hosted the State Parliamentary Procedure CDE.
- Assisted at the Autumnal festival

Recruiting activities

- Had a booth at the State FFA Convention
- Will have a booth at the National FFA Convention
- Elite Conference
- Had a booth at the Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Conference
- ISU faculty and/or Agriculture Ambassadors visited *eight* community colleges and a number of high schools.
- Continuing to distribute recruiting materials developed under the GAST grant

Summer workshops or other educational opportunities.

- We have a Graduate level course in Research Methods and one in Ag Leadership this summer on-line, as well as making teachers aware of opportunities in the Department of Technology, Curriculum and Instruction and the College of Business.

Grant Activities

- GAST grant
 - Promotion and recruiting
 - Internships
- Incentive funding grant
 - Student interns
 - Ag Education Resource Center
 - Program enhancement

Future Goals

- Continue to recruit students for the Ag Ed licensure program
- Continue to revise and renew the curriculum and the clinical experiences for the program.
- Continue to increase enrollment and membership/participation in CFFA/PAS!!!
- Work with Community Colleges to develop seamless transfer opportunities
- Increase participation in IAVAT
- Increase participation in Community Activities.
- Take a larger group to National FFA convention & ATA.
- Encourage students to consider urban opportunities for ST.
- Develop relationships with urban/suburban schools.
- Expand summer in-service opportunities.
- Explore more ag literacy opportunities and partnerships
- Expand opportunity for interaction in the HS classroom.
- Expand faculty numbers

This very long list of things we hope to see grow; will depend on a lot of help from graduate students, students, teachers, alumni, and our advisory council. We seek your guidance, your suggestions, your help and your support in these endeavors.

Respectfully submitted.

Richard Steffen, Associate Professor

SIUC 2015/16 Agricultural Education Report

Dr. Seb Pense, Professor, Agricultural Education
Dr. Chris Clemons, Instructor, Agricultural Education
Mr. Howard Heavner, Graduate Assistant, Agricultural Education

The 2015-16 academic year has held many challenges and successes for the Agricultural Education Program at Southern Illinois University. Summer, 2014 found SIU with six students majoring in Agricultural Education. This year saw our numbers swell to 35 Ag Ed majors, with another 20 students listed for fall semester; giving a total of 55 Ag Ed majors for 2016-17.

We are extremely grateful for the many dedicated Ag Ed teachers who have opened their programs for clinical sites and student teaching. To mention a few...

Two completed their student teaching at the following sites:

- Kaleb Irwin student taught under Wayne Griffith at Marion High School
- Doug Schilling student taught under Bill Kittinger at Eldorado High School.

Next spring semester (2017) seven are slated to student teach at the following sites:

Peyton Gehrs, under Wayne Griffith at Marion High School
Joe Heavner, under Jeff Robison at Goreville High School
Michaela Smith, under Jeff Maierhofer at Seneca High School
Blake Uchitjil, under Daryl Kiselewski at Webber Township High School
Ben Alexander, under Jason West at Vienna High School
Stephanie Zimmer, under Ann Ochs at Shawnee High School
Austin McAllister, under Bill Kittinger at Eldorado High School

In 2015-16, the Advisory Committee continued to address challenges and opportunities for the SIUC Ag Ed Program. During this past academic year the program had one tenure track faculty, Dr. Seburn L. Pense, and one non-tenure track instructor, Dr. Chris Clemons. However, Dr. Clemons has just accepted a tenure-track position at Auburn University in Alabama for 2016-17. Thus, the coming year will see the SIUC Ag Ed Program operate with one faculty member and one Ph.D. graduate Assistant.

Howard Heavner is one year into his Ph.D. Program, and is presently serving as graduate assistant and advisor to the SIU Collegiate FFA Chapter. In addition to his Ph.D. studies, Howard will also take over the instruction of two courses; Introduction to Ag Education, and Introduction to Agricultural Technologies.

Under the state grant, GAST, the program also employed nine undergraduate interns for the purpose of recruitment, retention, curriculum design and FFA activities. In these internships, the following students made critical contributions to SIU's Ag Ed mission:

Abigail Heidenreich
Michaela Smith
Christian Stanley

Matthew Meltzer
Baley Milton
Krista Russell

Cody Carman
Jaci Jenkins
Chloe Buchanan

Our Collegiate FFA currently boasts 63 paid members. The 2015 and 2016 officer teams included the following students:

Spring/Fall, 2015

Cody Carman - President
Abby Heidenreich - Vice President
Mallory Hopkins - Secretary
Joshua Whelan - Treasurer
Michaela Smith - Reporter
Baley Milton - Historian

Spring/Fall, 2016

Cody Carman - President
Matthew Meltzer - Vice President
Krista Russel - Secretary
Bob Henrichs - Treasurer
Austin McAllister - Reporter
Stephanie Zimmer - Historian
Deveney Gill - Sentinel

Two faculty and two undergraduates were elected to national office for three-year terms in the National Agricultural Education Honorary Organization of Alpha Tau Alpha:

- Dr. Chris Clemons - 2nd Vice President (faculty)
- Cody Carman - 2nd Vice President (student)
- Dr. Seb Pense - Secretary/Treasurer (faculty)
- Matthew Meltzer - Secretary/Treasurer (student)

During the 2015 Alpha Tau Alpha Conclave, SIU Students competed and placed nationally:

- SIU's ATA Chapter won the Platinum Chapter Award
- Parliamentary Procedure Team - 2nd Place
- 1st Place Chair - Cody Carman

The Collegiate FFA Chapter hosted 15 Career Development Events and welcomed over 2100 Agriculture Education and FFA students on the campus of Southern Illinois University.

Additionally, students traveled to State and National FFA Conventions, IAVAT Conference, and visited 10 high school agricultural education programs in Southern Illinois. Led by Dr. Clemons, several Ag Ed students also traveled to Florida during the winter interim term and experienced high school programs in that state.

SIU was proud to graduate their first two PhD's in Agricultural Education in May 2015:

- Dr. Christopher Clemons (current Assist. Professor of Ag Ed at Auburn University)
- Dr. David Mauk (current Assist. Professor of Ag Ed at S.E. Missouri State (SEMO))

In August 2016, a third Ph.D. student will complete her program:

- Mary M. Fischer (currently an Illinois State Coordinator of Agricultural Literacy)

Research Completed in the SIU Ag Ed Unit

- **Refereed Journal Publication**

Pense, S.L., Freeburg, B.W., and Clemmons, C.A. (2015). Implementation of Common Core State Standards: Voices, Positions, and Frames. *Career and Technical Education Research*, 40(3), 157-173. doi: 10.5328/cter40.3.157

- **Dissertation Research**

Clemons, C.A. (2015). *Establishing online and mobile based agriculture and natural resource education modules: A New Model for Design and Delivery to Impact Student and Faculty Success.*

Mauk, W.D. (2015). *Thirty Years of History in Adult Agricultural Education Programming to Improve Success for the Future of Adult Education.*

Fischer, M.M. (2016). *Comparative Assessment of Agricultural Literacy in Selected K-5 Classrooms Employing AITC Methods and Materials: A Quasi-Experimental Study of the Three Regions in Illinois.*

For further information on the Ag Education program at Southern Illinois University,
you may go to the website: teachag.siu.edu

Or follow us on Facebook at: *Southern Illinois University Agriculture Education*

University of Illinois Agricultural Education Program Update – 2016

Dr. Erica Thieman, Debra Korte, and Gary Ochs

Student Enrollment

The University of Illinois Agricultural Education program had 26 students earn a degree during the 2015-16 academic year. Undergraduate students earned a Bachelor of Science degree in either the Agricultural Science Education (teacher licensure) concentration (5), or the Agricultural Leadership Education concentration (14); additionally, 7 online and on-campus students earned their Master of Science degree. Next year, seven students will student teach during the Spring semester. At this time, 16 transfer students and 9 freshmen will join the program in Fall 2016.

Cooperating Teachers and Schools

Preparing students for a teaching career is only possible with the extensive time, effort, and resources provided by cooperating teachers. Teachers who train student teachers and host students for early field experiences contribute countless hours to share their knowledge and passion for agricultural education. **Thank you** to each teacher who shared their time and energy with preservice teacher(s) this past year.

2016 STUDENT TEACHERS

Student	School	Cooperating Teacher(s)
Clayton Carley	Waterloo	Tim McDermott and Carrie Koester
Shelby Cooper	Lincoln	Dr. Penny Haase-Wittler
Brett Kneeskern	Paxton-Buckley-Loda	Doug Anderson and Mike White
Jacalyn Meisner	Carrollton	Christie Joehl
Jacob Meisner	Richland County-Olney	Mark Steber, Jamie VanDyke, and Rylan Rusk
Hannah Raver	Marengo	Heather Obert-Belden

Several teachers also provided guidance for the first 50 hours of early field experience in the Spring 2016 semester. Thank you to the following teachers for hosting students during their first field experience:

- Josh Berg, Okawville
- Jeff Clifton, Cissna Park
- Megan Coy, Herscher
- Katie Duitsman, St. Joseph-Ogden
- Roman Fox and Grant Kelly, Rantoul
- Corinne Galvan and Ann Knowles, West Prairie
- Tamara Gerstenecker and Jeff Jacobs, Carlyle
- Diana Loschen, Tri-Point
- Rich McCabe, Unity-Tolono
- Randy Meyer and Claire Geiger, Nokomis
- Darcy NekoIny, Oakwood
- Sue Schafer and Monty Elidge, Taylorville
- C.R. Sloan, Hamilton County
- Travis Tarr and Brock Tarr, Newton
- Kerry Travis, Oblong
- Jennifer Wherley, Mahomet-Seymour

2017 STUDENT TEACHERS

Student	School	Cooperating Teacher(s)
Sara Barton	Iroquois West	Sara Jane Caise
William "Buddy" Haas	Seneca	Jeff Maierhofer and Kent Weber
Sarah Jones	Bushnell-Prairie City	Steve Sargeant
Hayden Kinkade	Mt. Pulaski	Ralph Allen
Betsy Kueker	Unity-Tolono	Rich McCabe
Amy Loschen	Somonauk-Sandwich-Leland	Toni Gabriel and Sarah Landers
Treavor Taylor	Greenville	Steve Zimmerman

Program Visits

In addition to individual student field experiences with agriculture teachers and programs, groups of students also visited several agriculture programs this past year. After student teaching, students visited the Streator (Riley Hintzsche), Prairie Central (Becky Freed, Kyle Miller, and Darren Ropp) and Capital Area Career Center (Josh Bullard) agricultural programs. Additionally, the 2017 student teachers visited Tri-Point (Diana Loschen) and Pontiac (Jesse Faber and Parker Bane) agricultural programs. The University of Illinois program strives to expose students to a diverse range of experiences with a variety of agriculture programs and teachers.

Master's Degree Program

Congratulations to Elizabeth Rost, Monticello agriculture teacher, and Jared Boyert, Blackhawk Community College instructor, both of whom graduated in May with a Master of Science degree in Agricultural Leadership and Science Education through the online graduate degree program. Congratulations also to our on-campus teacher licensure students who earned a Master of Science degree – Brett Kneeskern and Jacalyn Meisner.

At this time, there are approximately 30 graduate students in the program – 40% on-campus and 60% online. The program continues to offer the “try it before you buy it” option with graduate courses. You are allowed to complete up to 12 credit hours of graduate degree credit before applying to either the online or on-campus programs. Any courses completed before acceptance into the program will be applied retroactively after enrolling. As a special note of consideration, the online courses are cheaper than on-campus tuition (nearly a 40% savings). Graduate courses offered in Fall '16 include: Foundations of Agriculture and Extension Education (AGED 400); Curriculum Design and Instruction (AGED 420); and Youth Development Programs (AGED 430).

Thank you to FCAE for providing funding for teachers to receive free graduate degree credit in two courses this academic year. Teachers enrolled in the Beginning Agriculture Teachers Course (3 credit hours; Fall '15 and Spring '16) and the CDE Course (2 credit hours; Summer '16) earned free graduate course credit, courtesy of FCAE funding. Thanks also goes to the instructors for the CDE Course – Doug Anderson, Mike White, Toni Gabriel, and Bryan Schullian. Similar to last year, the program continues to offer graduate degree credit for teachers who complete the CASE Institute at Pontiac High School.

Scholarships

Dean Jason Emmert diligently strives to find ways to provide scholarships for College of ACES students and, in particular, Agricultural Education students. In previous years, state officers, section officers, and state proficiency award winners have been offered renewable scholarships. Last year, agricultural education students reported receiving \$92,650 of scholarship funding from the University of Illinois College of ACES, which is an average of \$2,807 per student enrolled in the program. Furthermore, students reported receiving \$109,500 from outside scholarship sources, which is an average of \$3,318 per student. All combined, agricultural education students earned more than \$200,000 in scholarships, which is an average of over \$6,000 per student.

FFA Greenhand Conference: Sept. 21

The FFA Greenhand Conference will be held Wednesday, September 21st. Collegiate FFA members and Agricultural Education students will coordinate details and design the workshops. Similar to last year, the conference will be for Greenhands only (no Student Leader portion). Registration details will be sent via listserv in August.

Research Conferences and Presentations

A majority of the Agricultural Education faculty are participating the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Conference this week. In addition to many other conferences attended by UIUC faculty in the United States and worldwide, faculty and graduate students have also attended the American Association for Agriculture Education (AAAE) Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, and the North Central AAAE Conference in Minnesota.

The faculty continues to welcome suggestions for improvement. Please share your suggestions with anyone from the Ag Ed team on ways to better prepare future agriculture educators and FFA advisors.

2016 Western Illinois University's Agricultural Education Report

The program continues to prosper and graduates continue to secure employment in the teaching profession. The program (1999-2016) has established an 83% placement rate (62 out of 75) with a 68% retention rate (42 out of 62) among our graduates still teaching. For the last five years (2011-2016), the program has established a 89% placement rate (17 out of 19) with an 76% retention rate (13 out of 17) among our graduates still teaching. Students continue their professional growth and achieve milestones in their degree programs. Here is a short list of their accomplishments for the 15-16 year.

We had one program completer in the 2014-2015, of which he (100% retention rate) has secured a second year teaching contract for the 16-17 school year at the time of this report. They are:
Mr. Trent Taber = Cambridge

We had six program completers in the 2015-2016, of which four (66.6% placement rate) have secured a teaching position in Illinois at the time of this report. They are:
Mr. Richard Houzenga = Riverdale
Ms. Grace Foster = Rushville
Mr. Kole Stadt = Prairie Central
Mr. Evan Sheppard = Beardstown

Plans have been secured to have 3 student teachers for 2016-2017. They are:
Fall 2016 = Ms. Samantha Martin = Pittsfield
Spring 2017 = Ms. Kayla Riedle = Monmouth-Roseville
Spring 2017 = Mr. Mitch Miller = West Prairie

We have also been fortunate enough to have had past graduates working on their graduate level degree programs. They are:
Ms. Cindy Feltmeyer (09 grad) = M.S. Kansas State University
Ms. Alison McGrew (05 grad) = M.S. Iowa State University
Ms. Liz Fanning (13 grad) = M.S. Kansas State University
Mr. Jay Solomonson (02 grad) = PhD Iowa State University

Other accomplishments:

edTPA scores range from 36 to 62 w/ an average score of 50 for WIU (edTPA perfect score is a 75)
Illinois Association of College for Teacher Education (IACTE) Outstanding Beginning Teacher in 2016 = Mr. Riley Hintzsche (Streator)
National Agriculture Ambassadors (2016-2017) = Ms. Leslie Borries & Ms. Dusti Irwin
National PAS Officer (2014-2015) = Ms. Grace Foster
National PAS Officer (2013-2014) = Mr. Riley Hintzsche
National PAS Officer (2012-2013) = Ms. Jennifer Honnold
National PAS 1st Place Winner Ag Ed Placement Interview (2012) = Mr. Wyatt McGrew
National PAS 1st Place Winner Ag Ed CPA (2012) = Ms. Kaylyn Schiber
National PAS 1st Place Winner Ag Ed Placement Interview (2013) = Mr. Riley Hintzsche
National PAS 1st Place Winner Ag Ed CPA (2013) = Mr. Riley Hintzsche
National PAS 2nd Place Winner Ag Ed Placement Interview (2014) = Ms. Jennifer Honnold
National PAS 1st Place Winner Ag Ed CPA (2014) = Ms. Jennifer Honnold

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Conference Speaker - Double Tree Hotel & Conference Center:

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker – THE AET with Dr. Tim Murphy & Dr. Roger Hanagriff

This session will provide an overview of the AET, an introduction to the features of the system, and a discussion of how those features benefit teachers and students.

Workshop Location – Normal West Comm. High School, 501 N Parkside Rd. Normal, IL

75 minute Workshops	1:15 - 2:30 p.m.	2:45 - 4:00 p.m.	4:15 -5:30 p.m.
Room 175	AET with Dr. Tim Murphy	AET with Dr. Tim Murphy	AET with Dr. Tim Murphy
Library	AET with Dr. Roger Hanagriff	AET with Dr. Roger Hanagriff	AET with Dr. Roger Hanagriff
Room 136	Exploring the Latest Generation of FFA Resources - Larry Gossen	Dave Ramsey Foundations in Personal Finance Curriculum with Jay Solomonson	Dave Ramsey Foundations in Personal Finance Curriculum with Jay Solomonson
Room 113	GPS - Ed Gorny (GIS to GPS)	Successful Skills Using the Land Use Scorecard - John Kabat	iCEV with Bob Brown
Room 1201 (Shop)	MIG 101 with Drew Young, Lincoln Electric	Lincoln Electric Tools and Resources with Drew Young, Lincoln Electric	Lincoln Electric Tools and Resources with Drew Young, Lincoln Electric
Room 134	Financial Planning with COUNTRY Financial	Financial Planning with COUNTRY Financial	Adding Color to Plant Science - Christina Bissey
Room 132	Planting New Opportunities Today, Growing New Leaders Tomorrow! - Illinois Jr. Horticultural Association	Officer TEAM: Remove the titles and emphasize the TEAM! - Jesse Faber and Parker Bane	Officer TEAM: Remove the titles and emphasize the TEAM! - Jesse Faber and Parker Bane
Room 128	Find Your Leadership Style and Make it Work for You! - Tammi Conn (IACTE)	The How & Why of Hydraulics - Tim McDermott	The How & Why of Hydraulics - Tim McDermott
Room 177	Websites for the Classroom- John Heiser & Ann Ochs	Developing a School Vegetable Garden & Orchard - Dr. Kevin Enderlin & Liz Harfst	Accommodating Special Needs Students for the Student Growth Portion of the Danielson Evaluation Method with Dr. Enderlin

Room 126	Vet Science - Brett Sorensen	Vet Science - Brett Sorensen	Exploring the Latest Generation of FFA Resources - Larry Gossen
Room 124	Forestry CDE Training - Dave Shiley	Forestry CDE Training - Dave Shiley	
Room 122		Everyday Design - Illinois Florist Association	

AET – Dr. Tim Murphy

An Introduction to the AET. Teachers should come prepared to create their AET Chapter Account, prepare that Chapter Account for students to use, create and manage student accounts, FFA Roster Management, and Grading Student Records.

Exploring the Latest Generation of FFA Resources - Larry Gossen

Interested in updated, turnkey resources sure to enhance the student experience? Come experience AgExplorer, National FFA’s pioneering online resource designed to connect students to agricultural careers. Learn about My Journey where you can search hundreds of innovative activities and lesson plans by pathway, topic and length.

Dave Ramsey Foundations in Personal Finance Curriculum – Jay Solomonson, Orion HS

Foundations in Personal Finance: High School Edition will change the financial future of your students and help them be empowered, equipped and entertained while building confidence in their own financial decision-making. Take home samples of the curriculum and see how ag teachers are currently using the curriculum in their classrooms.

GPS – Ed Gorney

Discover the rapidly developing use of GPS and how to use an actual GPS unit. Learn about the world around you by venturing outdoors and experiencing it first-hand. GPS units will be supplied and weather permitting we will go outdoors to learn the capabilities of a handheld unit and what all of the buttons do!

Everyday Design – Michelle O'Neal Babicky ICPF, Illinois Florist Association

This class will show you design and principles in everyday floral design. You will get to have hands-on design time to create your own floral display.

iCEV – Bob Brown

A hands-on (bring your own device) presentation that will update you on iCEV-Ag curriculum’s time-saving syllabus and lesson features, student subscriptions, automatic grading, and Industry approved student Certifications. A year-long teacher subscription provides access to the entire Ag library which is correlated to college and career readiness. A very useful workshop whether you are looking in to iCEV or already have a subscription.

Lincoln Electric MIG 101 – Drew Young

Learn the basics of MIG welding from setting up a machine to making a weld. Basic troubleshooting will also be covered.

Lincoln Electric Tools and Resources – Drew Young

Discover everything that Lincoln offers to help teachers be as effective as they can be. Lincoln offers curriculum, teaching aids, and the ability to purchase products online.

Financial Planning – COUNTRY Financial

Have you ever wondered what you should be doing now to plan for your future? Whether your plan includes saving for college for your children, planning for retirement or making investments for the future, stop in to learn more about your options.

Adding Color to Plant Science – Christina Bissey, Lexington HS

By simulating the effect of pH on hydrangeas, students will complete a lab, record and understand the importance of Agriscience notebooks, analyze charts and defend their data.

Officer TEAM: Remove the titles and emphasize the TEAM! - Jesse Faber and Parker Bane, Pontiac HS

Team centered chapter officer teams. By removing officer titles from the team we have changed the dynamic of the team as a whole. Shifting all components to full equality and team activity, has impacted and engaged the entire chapter. Taking a look at challenges, benefits, and programming changes to the chapter leadership structure.

Find Your Leadership Style & Make it Work for You! – Tammi Conn

Chances are we all spend more time trying to fix our shortcomings instead of developing our strengths. This often prevents people from doing their best. Attend this session to learn about your strengths and how to use them. During the session each participant will be given the “StrengthsFinder 2.0” book, which contains an access code to take the StrengthsFinder 2.0 assessment. After you have completed the assessment you will receive a personalized strengths-based leadership guide. Use the guide for your own benefit in both your profession and personal life.

The How & Why of Hydraulics – Tim McDermott, Waterloo HS

This workshop will explore the basic concepts of hydraulic power that can be found in agriculture mechanics and agriculture engineering. Hands on applications on how students can actively learn hydraulic concepts will be part of the interactive workshop.

Websites for the Classroom- John Heiser, Putnam County HS & Ann Ochs, Shawnee HS

In a rut and need some new ideas for your classroom? Join us for some fun and innovative ideas found on Pinterest and NAAE Community of Practice.

Developing a School Vegetable Garden and Orchard – Dr. Kevin Enderlin, Normal HS & Liz Harfst, Normal West HS

This workshop is designed for teachers who have relatively little experience with vegetable gardening. Topics will include site selection, variety selection, soil testing and nutrient management, control of insect and weed pests & utilization of produce.

Accommodating Students With Special Needs For The Student Growth Portion Of The Danielson Evaluation Method – Dr. Kevin Enderlin, Normal, HS

Student growth will be a part of the Danielson Teacher Evaluation method for Illinois teachers for the 2016-2017 school year. This workshop will discuss how to accommodate special needs students during the testing process, develop pre and post tests, and calculate student growth.

Veterinary Science in the Classroom – Brett Sorensen

Teachers will receive information and instruction on hands on activities to bring into their veterinary science classrooms.

Forestry CDE Workshop – Dave Shiley, University of Illinois Extension

This workshop will offer training and resources to prepare FFA members for the Forestry Career Development Event. Participants will learn how to use tree scale sticks, hand compass and topographic maps through a hands-on lesson. Tree identification resources, insect and disease identification resources will be explored. Timber stand improvement evaluation will also be discussed.

Planting New Opportunities Today, Growing New Leaders Tomorrow! - Illinois Jr. Horticultural Association

This workshop will explain how your FFA members can get involved in the National Junior Horticulture Association and compete at a national level in an organization that Illinois has not been involved in for the past decade. This past year, two Illinois FFA members not only competed, but won national awards. This workshop will give you the tools to have your chapter get involved as well.

Successful Skills Using the Land Use Scorecard – John Kabat, Mt. Vernon HS

The presentation will teach the Agriculture Teachers the skill of using the Illinois Land Use Scorecard. The teachers will come away with the skills to do all aspects of soil judging and some tricks to help the students to fill out their scorecards properly. The teachers will learn the meaning behind the C value problem.

IAVAT Conference	6/16/2015
	10:30 a.m. to Noon
	Doubletree Inn and Suites, Bloomington, Illinois

Announcements:

- Reviewed Town Hall Meeting Rooms – Alumni and Foundation will be meeting together.
- Retiring Teachers Workshop – in Fox Creek at 1:30 p.m.
- Door prizes and silent auction items – bring items to Jesse Faber.
- Leadership Camp meeting tonight 20 minutes after the Banquet – located in the Ironwood Room, check with Matt Meyers.
- Professional Development workshop lists are on the back wall for members to check out and refer to.

Called to order by President Jay Solomonson at 10:33 a.m.

Minutes

Reviewing the minutes.
 Moved to Approve: Steve Buyck, Liberty
 2nd: Ed Curry, River Ridge

Agenda item:	Memorials of Past Members	Presenter:	Solomonson
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Charles Ferguson, Pittsfield ▪ Frank Knight, Central A and M ▪ Don Coordes, Clifton Central ▪ George Hall, Staunton 		

Agenda item:	Nominating Committee Report	Presenter:	Parker Bane
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ President – Jesse Faber, Pontiac ▪ Vice President – Corrine Galvan, West Prairie ▪ Past President – Jay Solomonson, Orion ▪ District 1 – ▪ District 3 – ▪ District 5 – Nick James, Harrisburg 		
Action items	Person	Deadline	
✓ Vote will be on Thursday, nominations will be accepted until then.	IAVAT members	June 18, 2015	

Agenda item:	Professional Development Report (page 25)	Presenter:	Fairfield
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Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thanked Jennifer Waters and FCAE staff. ▪ Please notice the color coded Professional Development schedule on the back wall. ▪ Asked for feedback and input – always welcome ▪ Accepted – unanimously. 		
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Agenda item:	Recognition of Conference Exhibitors	Presenter:	Faber
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Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All exhibitors introduced themselves and encouraged teachers to stop by their booths. ▪ Went well and they were quick...nice job! ▪ Everyone stop by and enjoy cheese, fruit, sausage and pastries...yum. ▪ The exhibit hall represents many sectors that support agricultural education. ▪ Nice variety. ▪ Leo's Party is in BRICKYARD 6 , Wednesday night after the family BBQ. ▪ Great options. ▪ UIUC, ISU, SIUC, WIU, JJC, - great participants for more info about these opportunities for your students. ▪ Welding simulator – check it out! ▪ UIUC will sponsor breakfast on Thursday morning – BRICKYARD 1 ▪ SIUC will have an evening Social tonight after the banquet. – BRICKYARD 4 ▪ WIU and ISU will have an evening Social tonight after the banquet – BRICKYARD 6 		
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Agenda item:	Advocacy (page 13)	Presenter:	Tracey Sanderson
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Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presented by Chair Tracey Sanderson ▪ Thanked everyone for the efforts in advocacy. ▪ Sanderson Moved, approved – unanimous passage. 		
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Agenda item:	Ag Ed Teacher Recruitment and Retention (page 14)	Presenter:	Ann Ochs
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Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presented by Chair Ann Ochs. ▪ This includes Student Branch, new advisor meeting, 1-5 year teacher workshop – nearly 60 people attended this morning June 16, 2015. ▪ Ochs Moved, approved – unanimous passage. 		
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Agenda item:	Curriculum Advisory Committee (page 20)	Presenter:	Kevin Price
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Discussion:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presented by Chair Kevin Price. ▪ EZ records – plan on continuing to support and provide EZ records. ▪ Will be a workshop/professional development/ for EZ records is on June 29 and 30, 2015 at UIUC. ▪ Price Moved, approved – unanimous passage.

Agenda item:	Fairs & Expositions (page 22)	Presenter:	Mahler
Discussion:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presented by Chair Chad Mahler. ▪ Thanked Tonya Eich and Jessica Collins for their service on this committee. ▪ Section Fairs information on distribution of money at the section fairs. This is being done to get an idea of how much and how money is being distributed at Section FFA fair. ▪ Please spend prorated money ASAP. ▪ Mahler Moved, approved – unanimous passage. 		

Agenda item:	ICAE Advisory Committee (page 23)	Presenter:	Jay Williams
Discussion:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presented by Chair Jay Williams. ▪ IFGA indicators discussion, feedback and input welcome. ▪ Williams Moved, approved – unanimous passage. 		

Agenda item:	Member Services (page 24)	Presenter:	Landers
Discussion:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presented by Chair Sarah Landers. ▪ The committee broke into 3 subcommittees, the Retired Teachers coordinator is Willard Mott, meeting today in Fox Creek at 1:30 p.m. ▪ Continue to work on raising money for the crisis fund. Money from the auction is used to support the crisis fund. She commented on the collection of door prizes and the auction items. ▪ Landers Moved, approved – unanimous passage. 		

Motion to adjourn 11:11 a.m. – Mike Butler, Athens, 2nd Joe Webel, Farmington.

IAVAT Conference	6/18/2015
	9:00 a.m.
	Doubletree Inn and Suites, Bloomington, Illinois

Announcements:

- Silent Auction closes at 10:00 a.m.

Called to order by President Jay Solomonson at 9:09 a.m.

Minutes

Agenda item:	Old Business	Presenter:	Solomonson
Discussion:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ None		

Agenda item:	NAAE Region 4 Conference	Person	Solomonson
Discussion:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 2015 is in Moline, IL at the Raddisson		

Agenda item:	2015-2016 Elections	Presenter:	Beldon
Discussion:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ President – Jesse Faber, Pontiac, moved to close nominations and cast a white ballot moved by Bryan Schullian, 2nd by John Heiser, passed unanimously▪ Vice President – Corinne Galvan, West Prairie, moved to close nominations and cast a white ballot moved by Steve Buyck , 2nd Matt Meyer, passed unanimously▪ Past President – Jay Solomonson, Orion – moved to close nominations and cast a white ballot moved by Joe Webel, 2nd Matt Meyer, passed unanimously▪ District 1 – John Heiser, Putnam County▪ District 3 – Jody Heavner, Pittsfield▪ District 5 – Nick James, Harrisburg		

Agenda item:	Executive Director Report	Presenter:	Bunselmeyer
Discussion:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Thank you, feedback welcome.		

Agenda item:	LPS Report	Presenter:	Larry Gossen
Discussion:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ List serve will be Coming out soon.▪ Refreshed emblem in the downloads on the ffa.org website.▪ My Journey Roster will closed done from August 15 to September 1, 2015.		

Agenda item:	Recognitions Committee (page 31)	Presenter:	Wascher
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Excellence in Teaching 2014-15 – Mark Steber ▪ Wascher Moved, Passed unanimously. 		

Agenda item:	SAE Committee (page 32)	Presenter:	Curry
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Options to improve EZ records or look at other options. ▪ 2 subcommittees one for looking at other options, the other one for continuing to give input and feedback to EZ records. ▪ Curry Moved, Passed unanimously. 		

Agenda item:	Special Projects	Presenter:	Matt Meyer
Discussion:	Matt Meyers will provide electronic version for minutes purposes. Thank you Matt.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Special Commendations and acknowledgements portion of this committee ▪ Meyer Moved, Passed unanimously. ▪ Resolution #1 – SAE, EZ records, see additional minutes from this committee for more information. Committee moved for a due pass. ▪ 2nd – Laura Widhalm ▪ John Kabat spoke in favor of EZ records and what it means to our state. ▪ Laura Widhalm spoke in opposition of EZ records. ▪ CR Sloan spoke in favor of everyone using EZ records. ▪ Ed Curry spoke to clarify that the SAE committee will provide a recommendation and more information to this group by this time next year. ▪ Passed unanimously ▪ Resolution #2 – NAAE Awards Judging – have the Awards and Recognition Committee judge these applications. Committee had no recommendation. ▪ Moved by Sappington for this pass. ▪ 2nd – Heather Belden ▪ Passed unanimously ▪ Resolution #3 – FFA Leadership Camp Expansion to the FFA Bd and the FFA Staff Committee had no recommendation. ▪ Moved by Ed Curry for this to pass. ▪ 2nd – Bryan Schullian ▪ Ed Curry spoke in support of this resolution. ▪ John Heiser spoke out in question of where will we get the staff? ▪ Parker Bane spoke in favor of researching what other states do. ▪ Passed unanimously ▪ Resolution #4 – IAVAT Bd and the Recruitment and Retention Committee development Committee moved for a due pass 			

- 2nd – John Heiser
- Passed unanimously
- Resolution #5 – Discovery FFA members opportunities. The committee moved for a due pass.
- 2nd – Joe Schneider.
- Passed unanimously

Agenda item:	CDE Committee (page 15-19)	Presenter:	Blunier
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reviewed Meats, Agronomy, Vet Science and Poultry, all recommendations are in the written report. ▪ All information, scantrons, other materials are all to be on one website. ▪ Please contact committee with any questions or concerns. ▪ Blunier Moved, approved – unanimous passage. 		

President, Jay Solomonson, he called for any other new business. His remarks were brief, appreciative and well stated.

Recognition of new and retiring section chairs.

Motion to adjourn , 2nd Jeff Maierhofer, motion passed unanimously at 10:57 a.m.

**ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHERS
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT**

JUNE 30, 2015 and 2014

**ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHERS
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

SCHEDULE OF OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL

OFFICERS

Jay Solomonson	President	Coal Valley, Illinois
Jesse Faber	Vice-President	Pontiac, Illinois
Ralph Allen	Treasurer	New Holland, Illinois
Toni Saso	Past President	Genoa, Illinois
Melinda Bunselmeyer	Executive Director	Decatur, Illinois
Donna Page	District I Director	Ashton, Illinois
Corinne Wengelewski	District II Director	Manteno, Illinois
Corinne Galvan	District III Director	Sciota, Illinois
Emily McCray	District IV Director	Hoopeston, Illinois
Cherie Rogier	District V Director	Hoyleton, Illinois
Gary Shupe	IACCAI Representative	Mendon, Illinois

PERSONNEL

James Craft	Executive Director
Alvin Zwilling	Executive Director – IL Foundation FFA
Melinda Bunselmeyer	Executive Director
Tammy Yard	Administrative Assistant
Lori Nelson	Administrative Assistant
Patti Davis	Administrative Assistant
June Owens	Bookkeeper

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers
Springfield, Illinois

We have reviewed the accompanying statement of assets and net assets – cash basis of Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers (a non-profit organization) as of June 30, 2015, and the related statements of cash receipts, disbursements, and changes in net assets – cash basis, for the year then ended. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of Association management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements: Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting; this includes determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

Accountant's Responsibility: Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with cash basis accounting principles. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

Accountant's Conclusion: Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with cash basis accounting principles.

Prior Year Financial Statements: The 2014 financial statements were reviewed by different accountants whose report dated February 11, 2015, stated that, based on their review, they were not aware of any material modifications that should be made to those financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with cash basis accounting principles.

Basis of Accounting: We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our conclusion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Murphy & Associates CPAs LLC

February 10, 2016

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHERS
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND NET ASSETS – CASH BASIS
JUNE 30, 2015 and 2014

	2015	2014
ASSETS		
Cash in bank	\$ 52,776	\$ 95,012
Certificates of deposit	<u>47,714</u>	<u>47,640</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 100,490</u>	<u>\$ 142,652</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 100,490</u>	<u>\$ 142,652</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

**ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHERS
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN
NET ASSETS – CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**

	2015	2014
CASH RECEIPTS:		
Membership dues	\$ 76,833	\$ 84,869
Judging contest fee	20,997	19,281
Conference registration	73,872	75,976
Conference sponsors	2,620	2,650
Interest	73	362
In-service income	28,777	14,363
Scholarship	909	358
Non-conference sponsorship	3,500	10,729
Miscellaneous	11,812	10,303
Emergency relief fund	722	120
Total cash receipts	220,115	219,011
CASH DISBURSEMENTS		
Program service		
ACTE/NAAE conference	7,899	13,965
Region IV conference	15,229	4,679
Judging contest	6,623	8,586
Dues to affiliates	51,629	43,384
Printing expense and supplies	787	284
Postage expense	862	477
Conference	76,878	38,239
Legislative impact	1,797	2,492
In-service expense	19,516	19,736
Miscellaneous expense	2,718	5,806
Relief fund payments	500	500
Scholarship	725	-
Total program services	185,163	138,148
Administration		
IAVAT Administrative Fund	71,250	68,777
Insurance expense	1,647	500
Board meetings	1,472	247
Professional services	2,745	2,317
Total administration	77,114	71,841
Total cash disbursements	262,277	209,989
Cash receipts in excess (deficiency) of cash disbursements	(42,162)	9,022
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	142,652	133,630
Net assets, end of year	\$ 100,490	\$ 142,652

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

**ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHERS
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

1. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Summary of Operations – Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers (the “Association”) is an Illinois non-profit corporation. Its mission is to assume and maintain an active state leadership in the promotion and furtherance of all levels of agricultural education.

The Association’s headquarters are in Springfield, Illinois. Its activities are conducted throughout Illinois and are supported through membership dues, program activity fees, and sponsorships.

Significant Accounting Policies –

Basis of Accounting - The Association prepares its financial statements using the cash basis of accounting which is a special purpose accounting framework other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America. This framework differs from generally accepted accounting principles primarily because the Association does not recognize receivables for dues and other revenues, accounts payable to vendors, or other liabilities, and their related effects on the change in net assets.

Under the cash basis of accounting; financial transactions are recorded when the cash transaction occurs, irrespective of when revenue is earned or expense obligations are incurred.

Reclassification – Certain prior year balances have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

Use of Estimates – The Association uses no estimates in the preparation of the financial statements.

Cash and Cash Equivalents – The Association considers all liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. Carrying amounts of cash are at cost.

Income taxes – The Association is a not-for-profit organization exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(6) of the United States Internal Revenue Code and similar provisions of state law. The Association is classified as an entity that is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Association evaluates how the tax effects of an uncertain tax position taken or expected to be taken in the Association’s tax filings should be recorded and disclosed, in the financial statement. Under its criteria the Association may recognize the benefit of a tax position only if the tax position is more-likely-than-not to be sustained upon its challenge by a taxing authority. The assessment of the tax position is based solely on the technical merits of the position, without regard to the likelihood that the tax position may be challenged. The Association’s primary tax position relates to its status as a not-for-profit entity exempt from income taxes. Management has evaluated the tax positions reflected in the Association’s tax filings and does not believe that any material uncertain tax positions exist.

The Association’s tax filings for the years ending June 30, 2014, 2013, 2012, and 2011 are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service, generally for three years after they are filed.

**ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHERS
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

Basis of Presentation – Net assets are classified into one of three classes of net assets based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. The following is a description of each class:

- Unrestricted Net Assets – Unrestricted net assets includes all net assets which are neither temporarily nor permanently restricted.
- Temporarily Restricted Net Assets – Temporarily restricted net assets includes contributed net assets for which donor-imposed time and purpose restrictions have not been met and the ultimate purpose of the contribution is not permanently restricted.
- Permanently Restricted Net Assets – Permanently restricted net assets includes contributed net assets which require, by donor restriction, that the corpus be invested in perpetuity and only the income be made available for program operations in accordance with donor restrictions.

The Association did not have any permanently or temporarily restricted net assets during the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014.

2. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Association is affiliated with the IAVAT Administrative Fund. They are considered to be a related party, as they share some common directors. The Administrative Fund provides services to the Association related to personnel. Fees paid to the IAVAT Administrative Fund for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, were \$71,250 and \$68,777, respectively.

3. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated through February 10, 2016, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Subsequent events have not been evaluated past that date.

List of 2016 IAVAT Conference Sponsors

Gold Sponsorship

Professional Development Sponsor:

Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education
Jess Smithers, FCAE Coordinator
200 South Fredrick
Rantoul, IL 61866

Professional Development Sponsor:

Illinois Soybean Association Checkoff Program
1605 Commerce Parkway
Bloomington, IL 61704

Wednesday Breakfast Sponsor:

MyCAERT
Dan Pentony
PO Box 50
Danville, IL 61834-0050

Silver Sponsorship

Excellence In Teaching Award/25 Yr Service Award Pin Sponsor:

Illinois Farm Bureau & Affiliated Companies
Renee Death, Membership & Program Manager
1701 Towanda Avenue
Bloomington, IL 61701

25 Yr Service Award Plaque Sponsor:

Monsanto Company
Matt Muckerman
800 North Lindbergh Boulevard
St. Louis, IL 63167

Bronze Sponsorship

30 Yr Service Award Sponsor:

COUNTRY Financial
Carrie Corson
1701 Towanda Avenue
Bloomington, IL 61701

2016 Conference Exhibitors

- AgrAbility Unlimited
- All-American Associates, Inc.
- Blue Freedom Farm Markets, Inc
- CEV Multimedia
- Country Chuckles
- CU Woodshop Supply, Inc.
- DUNN-WRIGHT INC
- EF Tours
- Florida Fruit Association, Inc.
- Goodheart-Willcox Publisher
- Hummert International
- Illinois State University
- Joliet Junior College
- NASCO
- Nutrients For Life Foundation
- Parkland College
- Perfect Pastries Fundraising
- Realityworks, Inc.
- Southern Illinois University College of Agricultural Sciences
- Special Populations in CTE - Illinois State University
- University of Illinois
- University of Illinois - ITCS

2016 IAVAT Service Awards

5 Years:

Sara Conner, Prophetstown	Sect 2
Amanda McClure, Eureka	Sect 5
John Heiser, Putnam County	Sect 5
Sarah Farnsworth, Ottawa	Sect 7
Jessica Collins, Flanagan-Cornell	Sect 9
Ariel Bunting, Ridgeview	Sect 9
Brett Sorensen, Central-Clifton	Sect 10
Corinne Wengelewski, Manteno	Sect 10
Bryan Schullian, Southeastern	Sect 11
Britney Cowan, Sangamon Valley	Sect 16
Elizabeth Rost, Monticello	Sect 17
Roman Fox, Rantoul	Sect 17
Ethan Keyser, Flora	Sect 23

10 Years:

Joe Schneider, Kewanee	Sect 3
Corrine Wascher, Galesburg	Sect 4
Darrell Gittings, West Central	Sect 4
Annica Hulstedt, Genoa-Kingston	Sect 6
Jesse Faber, Pontiac	Sect 9
Bryan Barnett, Winchester	Sect 13
Aaron Williams, Sesser-Valier	Sect 21
Carrie Koester, Waterloo	Sect 22
Richard Steffen, Illinois State University	
Debra Korte, University of Illinois	

15 Years:

Aaron Heartt, Mercer County	Sect 4
Heather Belden, Marengo	Sect 6
David Rothert, Prairie Central	Sect 9
Amy Lucie, Unity-Mendon	Sect 11
Beth Burrow, Greenfield	Sect 13
Jeff Coon, Oakland	Sect 18
Mandy Totten, Shelbyville	Sect 19
Tamra Gerstenecker, Carlyle	Sect 21
Julie Bond-Ledford, Nashville	Sect 21
Terry Branch, North Clay	Sect 23

20 Years:

Ann Knowles, West Prairie	Sect 11
Jeff Goetten, Jerseyville	Sect 15
Sue Schafer, Taylorville	Sect 16
Keith Eschmann, Mascoutah	Sect 22
Jennifer Timm, Cisne	Sect 23
Lane Glick, Life Member	

25 Years:

Ralph Allen, Mt. Pulaski	Sect 14
Brian Wood, Pana	Sect 19
Mark Steber, Olney	Sect 23

30 Years:

Dan Hartman, West Carroll	Sect 1
Kevin Price, Milford	Sect 10

35 Years:

Barry Eidson, Retired - Payson Seymour	
Terry Brown, Retired - Athens	

40 Years:

David Cattron, Retired - Joliet Junior College	
James Craft, Retired - IAVAT Executive Director	
Ron Reische, Retired - IL State Board of Education	

45 Years:

Frank Dry, Retired - IAVAT Assoc Exec Director	
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55 Years:

Richard Petrowich, Retired - New Athens	
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2016 NAAE AWARD WINNERS

"Outstanding Young Member"

Christina Bissey, Lexington High School

"Outstanding Ag Education Teacher"

Cherie Rogier, Mt. Vernon High School

"Outstanding Middle/Secondary Ag Ed Program"

Waterloo High School, Tim McDermott & Carrie Koester

1st Runner-up

Mt. Vernon High School, John Kabat & Cherie Rogier

"Agriscience Teacher of the Year"

Jay Solomonson, Orion High School

"Teachers Turn the Key"

Coleman Sappington, Red Hill High School

"Outstanding Service Citation"

Charlie Sappington, Cumberland High School

"Outstanding Cooperation Award"

Youth Education Committee - Illinois Farm Bureau & Affiliates

"Lifetime Achievement Award"

Ron Lynch, Alumni District II Director

2016 IAVAT Excellence In Teaching Award Section and District Winners

Section 1:	Dan Hartman, West Carroll
Section 2:	<i>Rick Petitt, Ashton-Franklin Center, D-I</i>
Section 3:	Trent Taber, Cambridge
Section 4:	Mike Chausse, Aledo
Section 5:	No Nominee
Section 6:	Kara Poynter, Sycamore
Section 7:	<i>Toni Gabriel, Somonauk Leland Sandwich, D-II</i>
Section 8:	No Nominee
Section 9:	Kyle Miller, Prairie Central
Section 10:	Jeff Clifton, Cissna Park
Section 11:	<i>Steve Buyck, Liberty, D-III</i>
Section 12:	Joe Webel, Farmington
Section 13:	Liz Alloway, Bluffs
Section 14:	Melissa Stone, A-C Central
Section 15:	Jeff Goetten, Jerseyville
Section 16:	No Nominee
Section 17:	Elizabeth Rost, Monticello
Section 18:	Emily McCray, Hoopeston Area
Section 19:	<i>Randy Meyer, Nokomis, D-IV</i>
Section 20:	Charlie Sappington, Cumberland
Section 21:	Julie Bond-Ledford, Nashville
Section 22:	Kara Cox, Columbia
Section 23:	<i>Jennifer Timm, Cisne, D-V</i>
Section 24:	Wayne Griffith, Marion
Section 25:	Nick James, Harrisburg

2016-2017 IAVAT Dues Structure Options (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017)

Active Membership:

Option 1: IAVAT
NAAE = \$205.00
IACTE

Option 2: IAVAT
NAAE = \$285.00
IACTE
ACTE

Active Membership Dues Breakdown:

IAVAT	=	\$85.00
NAAE	=	\$60.00
IACTE	=	\$60.00
ACTE	=	\$80.00

First Year Members:

Option 1: IAVAT
NAAE = \$163.00
IACTE

Option 2: IAVAT
NAAE = \$243.00
IACTE
ACTE

Associate Membership:

Option 1: IAVAT
NAAE = \$125.00
IACTE

Option 2: IAVAT
NAAE = \$205.00
IACTE
ACTE

Associate Membership Dues Breakdown:

IAVAT	=	\$30.00
NAAE	=	\$35.00
IACTE	=	\$60.00
ACTE	=	\$80.00

Associate IAVAT Member Only = \$30.00
(Supporting IAVAT)

IAVAT Service Awards

Please note, to maintain eligibility for IAVAT Service Awards, all Associate, Retired, and Life IAVAT members must maintain membership in NAAE as well as IAVAT.

Attention: DO NOT pay your professional dues through the IACTE or ACTE.

Send dues to your section chairman or directly to the IAVAT Office, 3221 Northfield Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62702. All dues are forwarded to the correct organization(s) from the IAVAT Treasurer.

Life Dues Structure

Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers (IAVAT)

Active Membership - Active life membership shall be \$1,000 (payment received in one fiscal year) or four (4) annual installments of \$300 for a total of \$1,200. The \$300 annual installment payments can be made with a maximum of four postdated checks dated before December 1st of the IAVAT fiscal year.

Associate Membership - Associate life membership shall be \$350 (payment received in one fiscal year). Should an Associate life member enter or return to the teaching profession, the membership may be upgraded to an active life membership, but the associate life member must pay either annual active dues or upgrade their membership to receive the benefits of active membership.

National Association of Agriculture Educators (NAAE)

Active Membership - NAAE Active life membership shall be \$720.

Associate Membership - NAAE Associate life membership shall be \$420.

Illinois Association for Career and Technical Education (IACTE)

Professional and Associate Membership - IACTE professional/associate life membership shall be \$1200 (4 annual installments of \$300)

Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE)

Active Membership - ACTE active life membership is not available.

Loyalty/Retired Dues

Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers (IAVAT)

Associate Membership - Associate membership shall be \$30.

National Association of Agriculture Educators (NAAE)

Associate Membership - NAAE Associate membership shall be \$35.

Illinois Association for Career and Technical Education (IACTE)

Retired Membership - IACTE retired membership is \$30. To qualify for retired membership, individuals must have been professional/associate IACTE members for at least one year prior to retirement, and not currently working in CTE.

Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE)

Retired Membership - ACTE retired membership shall be \$31.

IACCAI Membership

Active Membership - Active membership shall be \$40.

Associate Membership - Associate membership shall be \$20.

IACCAI

Membership Breakdown 2016-2017

Option I	IACCAI Only	\$ 40	
Option II	IACCAI	\$40	
	IAVAT (assoc)	\$30	
	IACTE	\$60	
	NAAE	\$60	
	ACTE	\$80	\$270
Option III	IACCAI	\$40	
	IAVAT (full)	\$55	
	IACTE	\$60	
	NAAE	\$60	
	ACTE	\$80	\$295
Option IV (For Non-Community College Personnel)	Associate IACCAI	\$ 20	

2016-2017 Calendar of Events

June 2016

- 20 IAVAT Board of Directors/Section Chairs Meeting – DoubleTree Hotel, Bloomington, IL
- 19-24 Farm Bureau Heritage and Cooperative Tour – Washington, DC
- 21-23 IAVAT Conference – DoubleTree Hotel, Bloomington, IL
- 23-24 Illinois FFA State Officer Meeting – DoubleTree Hotel, Bloomington, IL
- 28-30 NAAE Region IV Conference – Cincinnati, Ohio

July 2016

- 4 Independence Day – IL FFA Center Closed
- 5-8 National Leadership Seminar for State Officers – Springfield, IL
- 13-16 ADC Conference – Kansas City, MO
- 17-19 ICCCTSO Conference – Springfield, IL
- 18-21 Illinois FFA State Officer Meeting – Washington, DC Corn Congress
- 25-29 State FFA Presidents Conference – Washington, DC
- 26-29 Illinois FFA Leadership Camp

August 2016

- 1-2 Beginning FFA Advisors Workshop – IL FFA Center/Ramada, Springfield, IL
- 1 IAVAT Board & Section Chairs meeting – Springfield, IL
- 3-4 Illinois FFA State Officer Meeting – Carbondale, IL
- 11 Illinois State Fair Parade – Springfield, IL
- 12-21 Illinois State Fair – Springfield, IL
- 16 Ag Day/Sale of Champions – Illinois State Fair, Springfield, IL
- 24 District II STAR Conference – JJC, Joliet, IL
- 26 DuQuoin State Fair Parade – DuQuoin, IL
- 29 Farmyard Follies – DuQuoin, IL
- 30-1 GROWMARK Annual Meeting

September 2016

- 5 Labor Day – IL FFA Center Closed
- 6 District I STAR Conference – BHE, Galva, IL
- 7 District III STAR Conference – JWCC, Baylis, IL
- 7 Harvest Dinner – Elkhart, IL
- 12-16 Chapter Visits
- 13 WIU Greenhand Workshop
- 20 District V STAR Conference – SIU, Carbondale
- 20 SIU Greenhand Workshop
- 21 U of I Greenhand Workshop
- 22 ELITE Conference – IAA, Bloomington, IL
- 23 District IV STAR Conference – LLC, Mattoon, IL
- 24 IAVAT Board Meeting – SIU, Carbondale, IL
- 26-30 Chapter Visits

October 2016

- 3-7 Chapter Visits
- 6-7 IACCAI Conference
- 7 Ag Sales Product Info Released
- 10 Columbus Day – IL FFA Center Closed
- 17-19 NASAE Meeting – Indianapolis, IN
- 19-22 National FFA Convention – Indianapolis, IN
- 28 Fall PAS Conference – IAA, Bloomington, IL
- 31 IAVAT & IACCAI Dues Deadline

November 2016

- 31-4 Chapter Visits
- 1 FFA Rosters Due
- 1 WLC & 212 Scholarship Applications Due

November 2016 (cont.)

- 11 Veteran's Day – IL FFA Center Closed
- 14-18 Chapter Visits
- 18-19 212 Conference – Bloomington, IL & Collinsville, IL
- 18-19 360 Conference – Bloomington, IL - TENTATIVE
- 24-25 Thanksgiving – IL FFA Center Closed
- 29-3 NAAE Convention – Las Vegas, NV

December 2016

- 3-6 IAA Annual Meeting – Palmer House, Chicago, IL
- 22-2 Christmas/New Year's Holiday – IL FFA Center Closed

January 2017

- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – IL FFA Center Closed
- 27-28 IL FFA Alumni Annual Meeting – Hilton Garden Inn, Champaign, IL
- 27-28 IL FFA State Officer Meeting – Hilton Garden Inn, Champaign, IL
- 31-1 IL Pork Expo – PCCC, Springfield, IL
- 31-2 National FFA Inservice – Indianapolis, IN

February 2017

- 3-4 212 Conference – Schaumburg, IL & Mt. Vernon, IL
- 10 Spring PAS Conference – LLCC, Springfield, IL
- 13-17 Chapter Visits
- 19-20 IL Grain & Feed Expo – St. Louis, MO
- 19-25 FFA Week
- 20-24 Chapter Visits

March 2017

- 3-4 Illinois Products Expo – Springfield, IL
- 6-10 Chapter Visits
- 8 District Proficiencies
- 15-18 PAS National Convention – St. Charles, MO
- 17 IL FFA Foundation Annual Meeting – Springfield, IL
- 25 State Awards Day – U of I, Urbana, IL

April 2017

- 9-11 Farm Bureau Youth Conference – Peoria, IL
- 14 Good Friday – IL FFA Center Closed
- 22 IL FFA State Officer Candidate Selection Committee – Springfield, IL
- 26-27 State Envirothon – Monticello, IL

May 2017

- 29 Memorial Day – IL FFA Center Closed

June 2017

- 12 Ag Communications Summit – Springfield, IL
- 13-15 State FFA Convention – PCCC, Springfield, IL
- 15-16 State FFA Officer Meeting – Springfield, IL
- 19 IAVAT Board & Section Chairs Meeting – DoubleTree Hotel, Bloomington, IL
- 20-22 IAVAT Conference – DoubleTree Hotel, Bloomington, IL
- 22-23 State FFA Officer Meeting – DoubleTree Hotel, Bloomington, IL
- 27-29 Region IV NAAE Conference - Indiana

*Please see CDE General Rules Information table for CDE dates and deadlines

General Information

2016-2017 IAVAT State Career Development Events

Career Development Event	# on Team	# for Score	Team	Check-in or Registration	Fees per Participant Member - Nonmember	Date	Event Time	Location
Horse *Reasons OD *Nonreasons CD	Four	Top 3	1 reasons 1 nonreasons	Reasons Prereg. Only 9/09/16 Non-Reasons 7:30 am Optional Prereg.	Member \$11 - reasons \$8 - nonreasons Non-Member \$35 - reasons \$32 - nonreasons	9/17/16	9:00 am	Black Hawk East C.C.
Forestry *CD	Five	Top 3	1/school	9:00 am Optional Prereg.	\$8↓ \$32	9/24/16	10:00 am	SIU
Dairy Foods *CD	Five	Top 3	1/school	8:30 am Optional Prereg.	\$8– \$32	12/10/16	10:00 am	U of I
Agronomy *CD	Four	Top 3	1/school	8:30 am Optional Prereg.	\$8– \$32	12/10/16	10:00 am	U of I
Meats Evaluation & Technology *CD	Five	Top 3	1/school	8:30 am Optional Prereg.	\$8 – \$32	12/10/16	10:00 am	U of I
Ag Sales *OD	Four	Four	1/school	Prereg. Only 11/23/16	\$8– \$32	12/10/16	by appt.	Parkland C.C.
Food Science *CD	Four	Four	1/school	Prereg. Only 3/01/17	\$8– \$32	3/11/17	10:00 am	Joliet Jr. College
Veterinary Medicine *CD	Four	Four	1/school	9:00 am Optional Prereg.	\$8– \$32	3/11/17	10:00 am	Joliet Jr. College
Dairy Cattle *CD	Five	Top 3	1/school	Prereg Only 3/20/17	\$8– \$32	3/31/17	10:00 am	Kaskaskia C.C.
Dairy Handlers *CD	N/A	Individual	1/school	Prereg. Only 3/20/17	\$8– \$32	3/31/17	10:00 am	Kaskaskia C.C.
<i>District</i> Creed Speaking *OD	N/A	Individual	Top 2 individuals from Section	Section Results Due 3/20/17	Determined by host	4/05/17	by appt.	5 district sites to be announced
<i>District</i> Extemp. Speaking *OD	N/A	Individual	Top 2 individuals from Section	Section Results Due 3/20/17	Determined by host	4/05/17	by appt.	5 district sites to be announced
<i>District</i> Prepared Speaking *OD	N/A	Individual	Top 2 individuals from Section	Section Results Due 3/20/17 Speeches Due to District 3/24/17	Determined by host	4/05/17	by appt.	5 district sites to be announced

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Career Development Event	# on Team	# for Score	Team	Check-in or Registration	Fees per Participant Member - Nonmember	Date	Event Time	Location
Livestock *Reasons OD *Nonreasons CD	Five	Top 3	1/school *Schools may only participate in 1 division	Reasons Prereg. Only 4/07/17 Nonreasons 8:00 am Optional Prereg.	Member \$20 - reasons \$8 -nonreasons Non-Member \$44 - reasons \$32 - nonreasons	4/28/17	10:00 am	U of I
Horticulture *CD	Five	Four	1/school	Prereg. Only 4/07/17	\$8– \$32	4/28/17	10:00 am	U of I
Poultry *CD	Five	Top 3	1/school	8:00 am Optional Prereg.	\$8– \$32	4/28/17	10:00 am	U of I
Ag Business Management *CD	Five	Top 3	1/school	Determined by host	\$8– \$32	5/03/17	Determined by host	5 district sites to be announced
Ag Mechanics *CD	Five	Five	First team per section & all first place Individuals	Prereg. Only 5/02/17	\$10– \$40	5/16/17	10:00 am	Parkland C.C.
Parliamentary Procedure *OD	Six	All	Top 2 teams from District	District Results Due 5/15/17	None	6/12/17	by appt.	ISU @ Convention
Ag Issues *OD or CD	Three to Seven	All	1/school	District Results Due 5/15/17 Portfolio Due to State 6/01/17	\$8– \$32 per team	6/12/17	by appt.	WIU @ Convention
State Prepared Speaking *OD	N/A	Individual	Top 2 individuals from District	District Results Due 5/15/17 Speeches Due to State 6/01/17	None	6/12/17	by appt.	Convention
State Creed Speaking *OD	N/A	Individual	Top 2 individuals from District	District Results Due 5/15/17	None	6/12/17	by appt.	Convention
State Extemp. Speaking *OD	N/A	Individual	Top 2 individuals from District	District Results Due 5/15/17	None	6/12/17	by appt.	Convention
Ag Communication *OD	Five	All	1/school	Prereg. Only 6/01/17	\$8– \$32 per team	6/13/17	by appt.	ISU @ Convention
Job Interview *OD	N/A	Individual	Top 4 individuals from District Limit 1/school	District Results Due 5/15/17 Materials Due to State 6/01/17	\$8– \$32	6/13/17	by appt.	WIU @ Convention
Novice Parliamentary Procedure *OD	Six	All	Top 2 teams from District	District Results Due 5/15/17	None	6/13/17	by appt.	U of I @ Convention

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