

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

## **I. ON SITE ASSISTANCE – SCHOOLS – 4      COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS - 0**

**SCHOOLS** – Brimfield, Martinsville, Somonauk, Vandalia

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

## **III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 26**

Ag Ed State Staff Meeting, Springfield  
Illinois Farm Bureau Legislative Roundtable, Bloomington  
ILCAE Meeting, Bloomington  
Farm to School Advisory Council Meeting, Springfield  
ICAE Meeting, Springfield  
FFA and IAVAT Board Joint Meeting, Springfield  
IAVAT Board Meeting, Springfield  
IAVAT Section Chairs Meeting, Springfield  
Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Conference, Springfield  
St. Louis AgriBusiness Club Meeting and Professional Development, St. Louis, MO  
Region 6 EFE System Director Meeting, Rend Lake College, Ina  
Section 5 IAVAT Winter Meeting, Brimfield  
Section 14 IAVAT Winter Meeting, Lincolnland College, Springfield  
Section 19 IAVAT Winter Meeting, Vandalia  
Section 20 IAVAT Winter Meeting, Martinsville  
Section 24 IAVAT Winter Meeting, Carbondale  
Section 7 IAVAT Winter Meeting, Somonauk  
State Teach Ag Result (STAR) Grant Meeting Conference Call  
IL Workforce Investment Board & Increasing Chicago Area Ag Programs Conference Call with Mike Massie & Luke Allen  
University Council Conference Call  
ROE Meeting with Donna Kaufman, Champaign  
STAR Budget Meeting with Megan Coy, Champaign  
IAVAT Legislative Committee Conference Call  
ROE Leadership Team Meeting, Champaign  
Perkins Reauthorization Roadshow, East St. Louis  
FCAE Staff Meeting, Springfield

## **IV. MILES TRAVELED – 2872**

## **V. OTHER ACTIVITIES - 11**

Drafted letter for 300+ Schools Without AFNR Programs and Sent to Principal with Annual Report and State Staff Map  
Prepared Written Reports for FFA Alumni Conference Booklet and Meetings of ILCAE, ICAE, and IAVAT  
Updated PAS National Conference Support Grant and Sent to PAS Chapters  
Sent Teacher and Individual Informational Requests  
ICAE, ILCAE, IAVAT, CAERT/CEC, FCAE Individual Member and Team Phone Calls  
Assisted Susie Scott and Julie McCleary with Tasks  
Mentored and Assisted FCAE Staff with Projects  
Reviewed Staff Monthly Reports and Travel Reports  
Prepared for Presentations and Meetings  
Wrote and Sent Email Messages/Made and Returned Phone Calls  
Completed Monthly Reports

## **VI. COMMENTARY**

**I was glad to attend a section meeting in every district to interact and engage with ag teachers across the state which also allowed time to observe program advisors in action.** We investigated curriculum resources on other state websites to view the depth and quality. A majority of the curriculum is five years or older and does not have the uniformity compared to our Illinois core curriculum. **As Perkins is reauthorized, I hope that encouraging schools to allow CTE courses to fulfill graduation requirements is one of the main goals.** I was very glad to see the increased attendance and engagement at this month's ILCAE meeting. **Agribusiness industry support plays a key role in our success.**