

**FACILITATING COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION – STATEWIDE  
NOVEMBER, 2019, SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR DEAN DITTMAR**

**I. ON SITE ASSISTANCE – SCHOOLS – 0**

**COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS - 0**

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

**III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 9**

Ag Ed State Staff Meeting and ROE Professional Development, Springfield  
ICAE Meeting, Springfield  
ILCAE Executive Board Conference Call  
St. Louis AgriBusiness Club Meeting and Professional Development, St. Louis, MO  
ISBE FY21 Budget Hearing, Chicago  
Illinois School Board Conference, Chicago (2 days)  
ILCAE Meeting, Springfield  
Administrative Council Meeting, Springfield  
University Ag Ed Faculty Conference Call

**IV. MILES TRAVELED – 1590**

**V. OTHER ACTIVITIES – 12**

Continued to Update Data and Text for the 2019 Ag Education Annual Report  
Sent Teacher and Individual Informational Requests  
ICAE, ILCAE, IAVAT, CAERT/CEC, FCAE Individual Member and Team Phone Calls  
Completed a Plan in Updating the Illinois Agriculture Core Curriculum  
Picked up TeachAg Displays at the District 1 Office  
Advertised District 1 FCAE Program Advisor Vacancy  
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**

**The annual School Board Conference in Chicago is always a great way to network with school board members and administrators.** Exhibitors adjacent to our display commented on how busy we were. Very happy to see Jay Solomonson hired as co-agricultural education professor at Illinois State University. Jay will be missed with FCAE though we will gain overall with his work at ISU educating our future agriculture teachers. **University Council conference call was well attended and engaged with great discussion.** Very happy to see this group of educators talking periodically throughout the year. **ILCAE meeting was well attended with engaged discussion on very pertinent topics.** Jane Quinlan, Board Member, Illinois State Board of Education, Rod Stoll, VP-Marketplace Engagement, Farm Credit Illinois, Tami Craig Schilling, Agronomy Knowledge Transfer Lead, Bayer Crop Science, Steve Bridge, Agribusiness Director, WFMB Radio, State Senator Andy Manar-48th District, State Senator Dave Syverson-35th District, Representative Nathan Reitz-116th District, Representative Norine Hammond-93rd District, and Melissa Lamczyk, Coordinator, Franklin County Ag In The Classroom were honored for their support of Illinois agricultural education.