

**FACILITATING COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION - STATEWIDE
SEPTEMBER, 2019, SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR DEAN DITTMAR**

I. ON SITE ASSISTANCE – SCHOOLS – 1 COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS - 0

Chicago High School for Agricultural Science

II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDED – 1 PARTICIPANTS – 21

AFNR Pathway Update, Illinois Workforce Innovation Board Members, Springfield – 21

III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 19

State Staff Meeting, Springfield
IAVAT Legislative Committee Conference Call Meeting
Ag In The Classroom(AITC) Partner Meeting, Bloomington
AgriScience Kit Meeting with Connie Niemann and Kevin Daugherty, Bloomington
University Agricultural Education Council Conference Call
St. Louis AgriBusiness Club Meeting and Professional Development, St. Louis, MO
Ag In The Classroom Coordinator Meeting, Bloomington
State Staff Conference Call Meeting
District 5 Agriculture Teacher Meeting, Carbondale
ELITE Conference, Normal
IAVAT Professional Development Conference Call Meeting
Illinois Committee for Agricultural Education(ICAE) Meeting, Springfield
Regional Office of Education(ROE) Leadership Meeting and Professional Development, Champaign
Urban Ag Education Teaching Degree Meeting, Loyola University, Chicago
Education Systems Center Meeting with Jon Furr, Juan Jose Gonzalez , Heather Penzcak, Chicago
2020-21 Calendar Conference Call Meeting
Illinois Workforce Innovation Board (IWIB) Meeting and Awards Luncheon, Springfield
Expanding Urban Agricultural Education Programs in the St. Louis Region Meeting, St. Louis, MO
ILCAE Conference Call Meeting with Chair and New Member, Erika Allen

IV. MILES TRAVELED – 2434

V. OTHER ACTIVITIES - 9

ICAE, ILCAE, IAVAT, CAERT, FCAE Individual Member and Team Phone Calls
Reviewed Agriculture Core Curriculum in Drafting a Curriculum Plan
Assisted Susie Scott with FY19 and FY20 FCAE Budgets
Assisted Julie McCleary with Duties and Responsibilities
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

Meeting in downtown Chicago with the staff of the Education Systems Center was very beneficial to our work with credentialing of agriculture programs. **Positive meeting at Loyola University in hopes of establishing an agriculture teacher degree program in Chicago.** Near 60 individuals attended the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences Advisory Council meeting. **It was rewarding to see the students discuss present on their summer internships.** IAVAT professional development committee now has a budget to work with enabling professional development throughout the year and more efficient committee work.