

Agricultural Business Club at Iowa State University

Main Meeting Minutes

August 27th, 2026

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held on August 27th, 2026, in Kildee 0125. President Lainey DeVries called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

There were 164 members present.

Officer Reports:

- **Secretary:** The minutes of the April meeting were briefed by Chelsea Holland. Approved by club members.
- **Treasurer:** Everett Carlson announced the current balance available is \$80,845.19. Approved by club members.
- **CALS Council:** Cale Kirstein and Elias Fulkerson announced the CALS new student barbeque on Wednesday, September 2nd from 4-7 pm in the Kildee Farm Bureau Pavilion
- **Reporters:** Ava Liebfried and Kennedy DeVries announced their social media platforms
- **Logistics Coordinators:** Erik Steen and Callie Huber asked for recommendations for future food at the meetings.

Committee Reports:

- **Ag Alliance:** Introduced the upcoming mentorship panel. There will be mentors coming to give background on their career and mentorship experiences. Location is 2245 Coover on September 15th, 2026. 5:30 pm social, 6 pm start time. Signup will be in the recap email.
- **Banquet:** There will be an alumni social on October 2nd from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Kildee Farm Bureau Pavilion.
- **CALS Career Day:** CALS pre-career fair mixer will be on October 12th in the Sukup Endzone. Watch for more details in your email and at future meetings.
- **New Member Engagement:** Committee applications are open and due on Friday, September 4th.
- **Philanthropy and Service:** September 18th will be \$5 jeans and internship polo night! Proceeds will go to the Boys and Girls Club.
- **Professional Meetings:** Congratulations to our club for receiving the 2025 AAEEA Outstanding Club Award!
- **Publicity:** New member polo order will be live at New Member Orientation on September 2nd.
- **Recruitment and Social:** The CyHawk score prediction is open. Also asked for recommendations for future socials.

- **Sponsor Relations:** The golf outing will be on September 25th from 10 am to 4 pm at Goldwater Golf Links. Signup is active now in Heady Hall!
- **Travel:** Be on the lookout for the industry tour sign up! Industry tour will be on October 18-20th. Industries toured to be confirmed.

Industry Speaker: Tyler Ortman, Bayer Crop Science

Tyler Ortman is a Unit Training Lead with Bayer Crop Science, where he leads the development and support of Commercial Sales Interns and Field Sales Representative Trainees across the United States. Based in St. Louis, Missouri, Tyler is responsible for recruiting, onboarding, training, and developing future sales talent while creating meaningful learning experiences that prepare participants for successful careers in agriculture. He also leads key talent initiatives, recognition programs, and in-person development events designed to build strong future leaders for Bayer and the agriculture industry.

Meet the Faculty: Dr. David Cook, Iowa State University President

President Cook and his wife Dr. Katie Cook are Ames natives and Iowa State alumni, making their return to Ames especially meaningful. While they have built impressive careers in different areas, both have remained closely connected to education and student success. President David Cook ('92) brings more than 25 years of leadership experience in higher education, with a career focused on student success, research, innovation and strengthening the impact of land-grant universities. Before returning to Iowa State as its 17th president in March of 2026, he served as president of North Dakota State University and held several leadership roles at the University of Kansas. Now back at his alma mater, he is focused on building on Iowa State's strengths and creating opportunities for students, faculty and communities across Iowa.

Old Business:

- AAEA Quiz Bowl
- Outstanding Chapter Recipient
- Iowa State Pork Tent

New Business:

- Advisor Voting
 - o Celeste Burt
 - o Dr. Amani Elobeid

Member Recognition

- Member of the Month: Eva Beck
- New Member of the Month: Ethan Peterson
- Old Member of the Month: Greyson Stengel

Advisor Comments: Dr. Amani Elobeid – Faculty Advisor

Drawings:

- Are you here: Amanda Miklaszewski won \$50. Drawing will be worth \$50 at the next meeting.
- Wheel of Fortune: Clayton Gratz won \$20 from the “U”. Congratulations!

Announcements: New Member Orientation will be hosted on September 2nd in Kildee 108 at 4 pm. We will walk to New Student BBQ in Kildee Farm Pavillion following our meeting.

Upcoming Activities:

Activity	Date	Time
New Member Orientation	Wednesday, September 2nd	4:00 Meeting
Ag Alliance Mentor Panel	Tuesday, September 15th	5:30 Social; 6:00 Panel
September Meeting	Thursday, September 17th	5:30 Social; 6:00 Meeting
Etiquette Dinner	Thursday, September 24th	5:15 Registration; 5:45 Dinner
Golf Outing	Friday, September 25th	-
Ag Alliance	Monday, October 12th	-
Pre-Career Day Mixer	Monday, October 12th	-
October Meeting	Thursday, October 22nd	5:30 Social; 6:00 Meeting
November Meeting	Thursday, November 12th	5:30 Social; 6:00 Meeting
Election Meeting	Thursday, December 3rd	5:00 Social; 5:30 Meeting

President Lainey DeVries adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm.