

Agricultural Business Club at Iowa State University

Main Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2025

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held on August 28th in Kildee Lush Hall. President Kyle Durst called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM. There were 182 members present.

Officer Reports:

- **Secretary:** The minutes of the April meeting were briefed by Lainey DeVries. Approved by club members.
- **Treasurer:** Theo Klaes announced the current balance available is \$123,216.57. Approved by club members.
- **CALS Council:** The CALS New Student BBQ will be held on Thursday, September 4th, from 5:30-7:30 pm in the Kildee Farm Bureau Pavilion.
- **Reporters:** Be sure to follow our socials! The social media spotlight winner was Chelsea Holland!
- **Logistics Coordinators:** Hope you enjoyed the food. Be sure to submit any food requests for future meetings.

Committee Reports:

- **Ag Alliance:** The Ag Alliance kickoff event will be on Monday, October 13th, from 5:00-6:00 pm. Applications are due September 18th at 11:59 pm.
- **Banquet:** The Agricultural Business Homecoming Tailgate will be on October 25.
- **CALS Career Day:** The Pre-Career Fair Mixer will be on Monday, October 13th, from 6:30-9:00 pm (directly after the Ag Alliance Dinner). The CALS Career Fair will be on Tuesday, October 14th, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- **New Member Engagement:** The New Member Engagement Committee Applications will be sent out via email and are due on September 10th.
- **Publicity:** Club polo orders are due on Friday, September 5th.
- **Philanthropy and Service:** September 18th will be \$5 jeans and internship polo night, all proceeds will go towards the Boys and Girls Club.
- **Professional Meetings:** The club was awarded the 2025 AAEA Outstanding Club Award!
- **Recruitment and Social:** The kickball tournament will be held on September 19th at 5:30 pm at the MWL Fields. Pizza and water will be provided.
- **Sponsor Relations:** The golf outing will be on September 26th from 10:00 am - 3:15 pm at Coldwater Golf Links. Registration will be from 8:30-9:15 am. Sign-up will be in Heady Hall starting September 8th at 8:00 am.
- **Travel:** The fall industry tour will be from October 2nd – 4th. We will be traveling to Indianapolis, IN, and stopping at Kinze Manufacturing, DeKalb Seed, Corteva, Beck's Hybrids, Elanco, and Slagel Family Farms.

Guest Speakers: Jason Moritz, Hurley & Associates

Jason grew up in Coal Valley, Illinois, close to the Iowa border, and is a proud graduate of Rock Island High School. From a young age, he dedicated himself to a career focused on serving others. His passion for service and the fulfillment it brings has continued to inspire him for over 3 decades

In addition to his service-oriented career, Jason has also pursued a passion for motorsports, having spent time as a road course race driver, instructor, and high-performance driving coach. He has worked with drivers of all skill levels, and over the years, he has learned valuable lessons from the racetrack that are applicable to the business world.

Jason resides in Cedar Falls, Iowa, with his wife, Heather, and their dog, Truman. He cherishes spending quality time with his family, meeting new people, and his passion for all things automotive.

Meet the Faculty: Dr. Wendy Wintersteen, President of Iowa State University

Dr. Wendy Wintersteen is the 16th president of Iowa State University. For more than 40 years, she has served Iowa State in several capacities. She began her career as an Extension and Outreach associate before rising through the ranks to become the first endowed dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

In her eight years as president, Dr. Wintersteen is advancing Iowa State as one of the most student-centric leading research universities in the country with a vibrant innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem that benefits all Iowans.

Old Business:

- 2025 AAEE Quiz Bowl
- Iowa State Fair Pork Tent

New Business:

- Advisor Voting- The club voted Dr. Amani Elobeid to serve another term as a club advisor.

Member Recognition:

- Member of the Month: Greyson Stengel
- New Member of the Month: Kennedy DeVries
- Old Member of the Month: Delia Swanson

Advisor Comments: Mr. John Reasoner – Faculty Advisor

- John shared insights on responsibility through the lens of pet ownership.

Drawings:

- Are You Here: Andrew Pingnot won \$50. The drawing will be worth \$50 again at the September meeting.
- Wheel of Fortune: Grant Karr won \$20 from the U!

Announcements:

- New Member Orientation will be on September 4th at 5:00 pm in Curtiss 0127.
- The Etiquette Dinner will be on Thursday, September 25th. Check-in and mocktail hour begin at 5:00 pm, program to begin at 5:45 pm, and the dress is business professional. The event is at the Gateway Hotel in Ames, IA.

Activity	Date	Time
September Meeting	Thursday, September 18 th	5:30 Social; 6:00 Meeting
Etiquette Dinner	Thursday, September 25 th	5:00 Check-in; 5:45 Start
Golf Outing	Friday, September 26 th	8:30 Check-in; 10:00 Golf
Ag Alliance	Monday, October 13 th	4:45 Check-in; 5:00 Dinner
Pre-Career Day Mixer	Monday, October 13 th	6:30 Check-in; 7:00 Start
October Meeting	Thursday, October 23 rd	5:30 Social; 6:00 Meeting
Jim Knuth Lecture Series	Thursday, October 30 th	6:00 Social; 6:30 Lecture
November Meeting	Thursday, November 13 th	5:30 Social; 6:00 Meeting
Election Meeting	Thursday December 4 th	5:30 Social; 6:00 Meeting

President Kyle Durst adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.