

Agricultural Business Club at Iowa State University

Main Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2020

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held August 27, 2020 in LeBaron 1210. President Cody Tjossem called the meeting to order at **6:09 pm**. There were **179** members present.

Officer Reports

- Vice President: Thank you to all the committee members and chairs for their hard work to ensure a great experience for our members.
- Secretary: The minutes of the March meeting were briefed by Emma Kehrli. Approved by club members.
- Treasurer: Julia Campbell announced the current balance available is **\$89,452.80**. Approved by club members.
- CALS: CALS New Student Clubfest was a great turnout. CALS week is Sept. 28-Oct. 2. Sign up for the virtual CALS Career Fair, Oct. 13-14 10 am-5 pm. Be on the lookout for the first CALS update to learn more about joining other clubs.
- Reporters: Follow us on social media. Cole Weinkauff is our social media spotlight this month.
- Logistics: Next month we are hoping to grill thanks to our sponsor Summit Ag.

Committee Reports:

- Ag Alliance: Cultivate relationships between students and industry mentors. A link will be sent out for applications which are due Friday, September 11. Still working out the details for a virtual kick-off event.
- Banquet: Alumni Homecoming Tailgate is canceled but the committee is looking to implement a new event to substitute for the tailgate. The banquet is March 6.
- Career Day: Committee meeting time is set for Wednesdays from 7-8 pm. First meeting Sept. 2 via zoom. The Pre-Career Fair Mixer is cancelled but updates to come on a different event.
- Philanthropy and Service: Highway cleanups temporarily canceled. This Sept. one meeting will be a "Jeans for Covid Relief Night." Bring \$5 and wear jeans to support a good cause!
- Professional Meetings: Trivia Night is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 29. Come out for trivia, food, prizes, and more!
- Publicity: Polo, full clothing, and mask order coming soon.
- Recruitment and Social: Fall Clubfest Sept. 8-10 from 11 am- 4 pm. Virtual Clubfest video will be available Sept. 14-18 on Flipgrid.
- Sponsor Relations: Golf outing will be Sept. 18 at Coldwater Golf Links, no fee. Deadline to signup is Friday, Sept. 11. Contact Devin Lansing with any questions at 319-540-9642 or devinl@iastate.edu.

- Travel: Virtual Fall Industry Tour Oct. 9 featuring Cargill, Land O'Lakes, Hormel Foods, Crystal Valley, Co-op, IAS, and Reg. Look for email to sign up at 10 am on Monday, August 31.
- Freshman Engagement: Not a full committee, 3-4 events for freshmen first come first serve. Cargill is willing to help with resume and career fair prep. Planning to hold virtual mock interview for freshmen prior to career fair.

Guest Speaker: State Executive Director of the Iowa Farm Service Agency- Amanda De Jong

Amanda grew up on a corn and soybean farm in Northeast Iowa near the town of Holy Cross. She attended Iowa State University and earned a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Business. While at Iowa State, De Jong utilized the CALS Career Services Office and held various internships. After graduation, she decided to go to law school due to the uncertainty in the job market in 2001. She earned her Juris Doctorate from the UI Law School. After law school, De Jong worked for the USDA with the Grain Inspection Packers and Stockyards Administration and under the Secretary's office for Marketing and Regulatory Programs. De Jong worked with senator Chuck Grassley for 4 years and helped with the 2008 corn bill and most recently served as the Senior Policy Adviser for the Iowa Corn Growers Association. In November of 2017, De Jong was appointed by the Trump Administration to serve as State Executive Director of the Iowa Farm Service Agency. She is also an active supporter of Agriculture Future of America Organization and formed a nonprofit organization, Young Professionals in Agriculture. De Jong lives with her husband and two sons near Rhodes, Iowa where they run a cattle and row crop operations. For student advice, she stressed that your title is not what makes you a great leader. As said by Ronald Reagan, the best leaders are not the people who do the greatest things, the best leaders are who get the people to do the greatest things. She encourages students to build their personal "board of directors" to call on throughout their future endeavors and noted the importance of learning "how to learn" and adapt.

Meet the Professor: Dean Carmen Bain—Associate Dean of Academic Innovation, Professor of Sociology, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Dean Bain took on the role of the CALS Associate Dean of Academic Innovation in April. She grew up in New Zealand and was an exchange student in Brazil while in high school. Her parents were very curious people and they encouraged her to be like this as well. She then went to college but dropped out before the end of her first semester. Dean Bain worked for 10 years in various jobs before going back to school to study Sociology and Geography at the University of Canterbury. When she looks back, she reflects on the great people she met and encourages ISU students to utilize their experience at Iowa State to also build connections. Dean Bain went on to complete her master's at Canterbury in sociology and received her PHD in sociology from Michigan State University in 2007. Her main area of research is in the governance of agricultural and food systems, gender, agricultural and international development, and the social dimensions of agricultural biotechnologies. Dean Bain stressed the importance of where you are from and dove into the culture and traditions of her home, New Zealand. She explained to students that the main ag industry of New Zealand is the dairy industry and that they have strong biculturalism and ties to Britain. Hiking, fishing, and camping are some activities that

tourists and natives enjoy. She has done work in Uganda and always seeks to engage students and encourage curiosity. Dean Bain advises students to be curious, lifelong learners, open to change and new opportunities, and to build relationships.

Old Business

- Farm Credit Services elected to add \$25,00 to our club's endowment

New Business:

- Club Sponsors: This year, we told sponsors they could pause their sponsorships but keep their place in the benefits that come along with being a sponsor for the year. Many sponsors still renewed sponsorships. We have sponsors from local co-ops to fortune 500 companies and are thankful for their support.
Perfect Attendance: Still offering Perfect Attendance Scholarships, zoom attendance included. If you attend all the meetings, you will be put in a raffle for each class for a chance to win \$100 and then a club-wide raffle for a chance to win a \$500 scholarship (two \$500 scholarships are given out).

Member Recognition

- Member of the Month: Gabby Marti
- New Member of the Month: Britney Ford
- Old Member of the Month: Aaron Vittetoe

Advisor Comments: Izak Christensen

Opportunities present themselves at the right moments, be prepared to jump when it feels right (EBT). You miss 100% of the shots you don't take (Dr. Deiter). Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence (Izak Christensen). Be kind. Extend grace this semester to everyone around you (Amy Brandau).

Drawings:

- Wheel of Fortune: Megan Niewoehner \$20 in U. \$100 was in the A
- Are you here?: Not present, roll over to the September meeting.
- Polo Drawings: Kyle Hunter, Emily Bollum, Brayden Beinhart, Megan Niewoehnek

Announcements:

- Golf outing sign up will be sent out on Monday at 10 am.
- Look for the polo order and other club apparel.

President, Cody Tjossem, adjourned the meeting at **7:20 PM**.