

Agricultural Business Club at Iowa State University

Main Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2025

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held on January 30th in Curtiss Hall 0127. President Jake Burress called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. There were 85 members present.

Officer Reports:

- **Secretary:** The minutes of the December meeting were briefed by Cale Kirstein. Approved by club members.
- **Treasurer:** Theo Klaes announced the current balance available is \$142,889.67. Approved by club members.
- **CALS Council:** Promoted attendance for the Pathways Innovation and Leadership Kickoff and Recognition Event.
- **Reporters:** Follow our social media!
- **Logistics Coordinators:** Fill out food recommendations on the attendance form!

Committee Reports:

- **Ag Alliance:** No update.
- **Banquet:** The 2025 Agricultural Business Club banquet will be held on Saturday, March 1st, in the Memorial Union's Great Hall. Check-in will be from 11:00 to 11:30 with the program starting at 11:30.
- **CALS Career Day:** No update.
- **New Member Engagement:** No update.
- **Philanthropy and Service:** No update.
- **Professional Meetings:** No update.
- **Publicity:** No update.
- **Recruitment and Social:** Hosting a Superbowl prediction contest. Fill out the QR by February 9th.
- **Sponsor Relations:** No update.
- **Travel:** Spring Industry Tour will be on April 25th.

Guest Speakers: Thomas Schutter - Farmers National Company

- Tom grew up on a small family farm in North Central Iowa. He graduated from Woden-Crystal Lake-Titonka High School in 2011. After high school he attended THE Iowa State University majoring in agricultural business with a minor in animal science. After graduating in the fall of 2014 he married his high school sweetheart and started with Farmers national company as a farm manager trainee in January 2015. After several years in the farm management industry, Tom was promoted to area sales manager in 2022 and now spearheads the North Central region's business development and real estate sales. He

is actively involved in his local community and served as a Deacon at his local church. Tom has three boys with his wife, Michelle and in his free time enjoys spending time on their acreage and working with their small herd of cattle.

Meet the Faculty: Dr. Carmen Bain – Department of Economics

- Dr. Bain has served as CALS Associate Dean for Academic Innovation since 2020. She is also a professor in the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice. A native of New Zealand and first-generation college student, Bain completed her BA and MA from the University of Canterbury, New Zealand, and her PhD from Michigan State University. Bain's teaching and research interests include the sociology of agriculture, food systems, and the environment; women and international development; and the social perceptions of GMOS and Gene Editing in Agriculture. She has lived and/or worked in Brazil, Chile, Ghana, Italy, the EU, New Zealand, Uganda, and the U.S. As Assoc Dean, Bain is responsible for leading the college's work related to undergraduate programs and policies, curriculum development, learning outcomes and assessment, and high-impact practices. She works closely with the CALS Study Abroad office

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- 2025 Budget
- Club Slogan
- 2025 Club Goals

Member Recognition:

- Member of the Month: Victoria Howell
- New Member of the Month: Everett Carlson
- Old Member of the Month: Hailey Jentz

Advisor Comments: Dr. Amani Elobeid – Faculty Advisor

- Outstanding Member scholarships; apply in OneApp by February 15th; seniors apply in Qualtrics.

Drawings:

- Are You Here?: Not in attendance. Drawing will be worth \$100 at the February meeting.
- Wheel of Fortune: Riley Walker won \$20 from the B!

Announcements:

Activity	Date	Time
February Meeting	Thursday, February 20th	5:30 Social, 6:00 Meeting

Club Banquet
March Meeting
Jim Knuth Lecture
Leadership Dinner
April Meeting
Spring Industry Tour

Saturday, March 1st
Thursday, March 13th
Tuesday, April 8th
Tuesday, April 15th
Thursday, April 17th
Friday, April 25th

11:00 am Check-in, 11:30
5:30 Social, 6:00 Meeting
6:00 Social, 6:30 Lecture
5:30 Welcome, 6:00 Dinner
5:30 Social, 6:00 Meeting

President Jake Buress adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM.