

**Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 1, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held Thursday December 1, 2011 in 125 Kildee Hall. President Andy Chamra called the meeting to order at 5:37pm.

**Officer Reports:**

- *Vice President:* Julie Haugen informed the members that the committee chairs will be chosen at the executive officer retreat on MLK, Jr. Day in January.
- *Secretary:* Minutes from the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were read by Kelsi Guinn and approved as read.
- *Treasurer:* Jordan Vittetoe reported the current balance on hand as \$8,037.91. He is still in the process of getting the p-card so members will need to talk to Tory Mogler in the meantime.
- *Ag Council:* Nathan Johnston announced he was awarded the CALS Council Vice President position, so he will be stepping down as the Sr. Ag Council representative and become an honorary executive member.
- *Reporters:* If you aren't receiving the newsletter let Donna McCune know, her email is dlmccune@iastate.edu.

**Meet the Prof:** Julie Haugen introduced Dan Otto: Professor of Economics. He entertained the members while wheeling around on his scooter due to his ankle surgery. He said he used his scooter's bell to scare people out of his way on the sidewalks on campus. He also told about his RAGBRAI experiences with his group called Cyclaholics, and about meeting a life size cutout of Lance Armstrong. On a more serious note, he talked about how his experience in the Peace Corps led him to further his education in economics. His research includes rural development, economic development incentives, and strategies to value add to the state.

**Committee Reports:**

- *Banquet:* Chelsy Sonnichsen told the members to expect a parent letter over break concerning the banquet and tickets. Kurtis Dop reminded the group that perfect attendance members get a free banquet ticket.
- *Publicity:* Caleb Martin announced the jackets that were ordered would be in by Tuesday. If you have ideas of new club apparel you would want, email Caleb at cmartin@iastate.edu

**Speaker:** Nathan Johnston introduced Kevin Drury: CEO of Hedlin Ag Enterprises. Mr. Drury talked about the job search. He encouraged members to build your own brand, be flexible, never burn bridges, and be professional. He thought hotsummernights@gmail.com wasn't a professional email. Some of his career advice was to not be a job hopper-show stability and results, do not misrepresent yourself, and the good communicators will have a "leg up" in the future.

**Old Business:**

- President Andy Chamra informed the group that Committee Chair Applications are due **Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** in 174 Heady

**New Business:**

- Tory Mogler was elected the Sr. Ag Council rep. position
- December Member of the Month: Ambria Vogt for her hard work and fun emails for R&R.
- New Member of the Month: Jordan Cowan; Old Member of the Month: Dakota Hoben
- Graduating Senior Recognition: Ross Payne will be working for Helena Chemical Company and Jason Kuhlmann will be returning to the family farm.

**Advisor Comments**

- *Dr. Deiter* announced his nominations of Dakota Hoben and Amy Peyton for the Wallace E. Barron All-University Senior Award. Matt McLaughlin and BJ Brugema were also nominated from outside of the department which shows the Agricultural Business Students are the Crème of the Crop.
- *Dr. Edwards* reminded the group to fill out the Key Contributor applications to be awarded at the banquet. (Officers are not eligible.)

**Drawings**

- **Guess the Member:** Kayla Reiter won **\$5** for correctly guessing Emily Flory.
- **Wheel of Fortune:** Bria Vogt won **\$20** for choosing A because that's what her name really starts with.
- **Perfect Attendance:** Each winner received **\$100**.

Senior – Shane Beck, Junior – Julie Haugen, Sophomore – Emily Flory, Freshman - Rick LeFevour

A motion to adjourn the meeting was properly made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43.