

Agricultural Business Club at Iowa State University

Main Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2025

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held on November 13th in Curtiss 0127. President Kyle Durst called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. There were 111 members present.

Officer Reports:

- **Secretary:** The minutes of the October meeting were briefed by Lainey DeVries. Approved by club members.
- **Treasurer:** Theo Klaes announced the current balance available is \$84,371.45. Approved by club members.
- **CALS Council:** November 12th was CALS Council's election night. They will also be hosting a dodgeball tournament on November 19th will all proceeds supporting Food at First. Admission will be \$5 per team, 5:30-6:00 pm check in 6:00 start, 5-8 members per team, taking place at State Gym.
- **Reporters:** Make sure to follow the club's socials! The social media spotlight winner was Morgan Schoof
- **Logistics Coordinators:** Hope you enjoyed the food. Please submit any food requests for future meetings.

Committee Reports:

- **Ag Alliance:** Responsibilities include creating mentorship pairings between students and industry professionals by creating a sign up and reaching out to sponsors as well as planning the Ag Alliance Kickoff Dinner and sending out monthly topics for pairings to discuss.
- **Banquet:** Responsibilities include planning the annual club banquet in March and the homecoming tailgate. Congratulations to attendance winners Clayton Baum, Sydney Krueger, Garret Rossman, and Morgan Schoof.
- **CALS Career Day:** Responsibilities include facilitating the Pre-Career Fair Mixer and setting up and managing CALS Career Day. This is a committee for members to network with industry representatives and gain experience with event management and logistics.
- **New Member Engagement:** Congratulations to the Backyard Game Night raffle winners Nadia Harrig, Tyson Gehrke, and Autumn Martin. Throughout the semester members of the committee shadowed various Agricultural Business Club committees, attended a philanthropy event, hosted a social for our members, participated in a mentorship program and mock interviews, and attended an exec team dinner.
- **Philanthropy and Service:** Responsibilities include planning philanthropy events for the club.
- **Professional Meetings:** Responsibilities include preparing the club's AAEA outstanding club award application and planning the club's annual trivia night.

- **Publicity:** Responsibilities include preparing the display for banquet, updating brochures, updating the heady bulletin board, updating the website, creating new sales items, updating portable display, preparing club apparel orders, Shutterfly book, and annual report.
- **Recruitment and Social:** Responsibilities include hosting a variety of social events to help build relationships among club members. They also attend recruitment events throughout the year to inform prospective new members about the club.
- **Sponsor Relations:** Responsibilities include planning and executing the club's annual leadership dinner in the spring semester, planning and executing the annual golf outing in the fall semester, and maintaining contact with club sponsors.
- **Travel:** Responsibilities include planning the fall and spring industry tours.

Guest Speakers: Ashley Kahler, Smithfield

Ashley grew up in Cambridge IA just south of Ames on her family's farm. She attended Iowa State where she studied Animal Science and Agriculture Communications. She graduated in May of 2023 and started with Smithfield as a Fresh Meats Sales Rep for 2 years. She currently lives in Prescott IA in SW Iowa and has transitioned into a Sales Account Manager position on the packaged sales team for Smithfield.

Meet the Faculty: John Reasoner, Department of Economics

John Reasoner is an academic advisor within the department of economics and primarily advises with students majoring in Agricultural Business. John co-coordinates the Agricultural Business and Economics learning community with Dr. Ebby Luvaga and teaches two classes. John is a member of multiple committees on campus, including the CALS Academic Advising Committee, which he chairs. John also is the scholarship coordinator for the Economics program and participates in many recruitment activities. John is a lifelong Iowan who grew up in Creston and completed an undergraduate program in History and Social Studies Education at the University of Iowa. He taught 10th grade world history for two years at Creston, Iowa prior to making a career switch into his current position in the Department of Economics.

Old Business:

- Jim Knuth Lecture
- Election Informational Meeting

New Business:

- Constitution Approval
- Election Procedure

Member Recognition:

- Member of the Month: Rylee Wells
- New Member of the Month: Elias Fulkerson
- Old Member of the Month: Shade Bunker

Advisor Comments: Dr. Amani Elobeid – Faculty Advisor

- Dr. Amani shared some tips for success on finishing the semester strong:
 - Peck away at tasks
 - Work on time management
 - Prioritize
 - Take a Break
 - It's okay to ask for help
 - Take care of yourself
 - Have people you can lean on

Drawings:

- Are You Here: Julia Steinbrech, drawing will be worth \$50 at the next meeting.
- Wheel of Fortune: Tyson Gehrke won \$50 from the S!

Announcements:

- The election informational meeting will be on Tuesday, November 18th.

Activity	Date	Time
Officer Info Meeting	Tuesday, November 18 th	5:00 Social, 5:30 Meeting
Election Meeting	Thursday December 4 th	5:00 Social; 5:30 Meeting

President Kyle Durst adjourned the meeting at 7:01 PM.