

# Agricultural Business Club at Iowa State University

Main Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2021

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held October 21, 2021, Gilman Hall Room 1352. President Gannon Cook called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. There were 156 members present at the October Meeting.

## Officer Reports

- **Vice President:** Thank you to all of the committees for working hard on all events and activities coming up. We have had great events so far, so thank you all for attending them.
- **Secretary:** The minutes of the September meeting were briefed by Emma Aljets. Approved by club members.
- **Treasurer:** Adam Knoblock announced the current balance available is \$76,158.75. Approved by club members.
- **CALS Council:** Senior Awards for Fall 2021 graduates are now available for nominations. Nominations close on October 31, at 11:59 p.m. Nominations for the Milleman Family Mentorship Award for faculty are also open.
- **Reporters:** Follow our social media! Social Media Spotlight: Bryce Jermier
- **Logistics:** We hope everyone enjoyed the pasta. Next month, we voted on having Chick-Fil-A for our meal.

## Committee Reports:

- **Ag Alliance:** Thank you to everyone who is participating in the Ag Alliance Program. The kickoff event was very successful, so thank you for that as well! Don't forget to keep in touch with your mentors and reach out if you have any questions.
- **CALS Career Day:** Thank you to everyone who came to the Pre-Career Day Mixer! There was a total of 177 students and 36 industry representatives in attendance. We hope everyone has had good luck following career fair.
- **Philanthropy and Service:** Thank you to everyone who wore jeans to the September Meeting! Our committee was able to raise \$453 for Hurricane Ida. Also, thank you to everyone who helped with highway cleanup. We were very thankful for Power Pollen, who let us use their parking lot and provided our meal after the cleanup. Our committee and exec team members had fun carving pumpkins at Reiman Gardens on Friday, October 15. Thank you to everyone for that as well!
- **Professional Meetings:** Trivia Night will be Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, with a 5:30 PM Social, and a 6:00PM Start. Trivia Night will be held in Heady Hall Room 368A. Wear your best Halloween costume for the chance to win prizes!

- **Recruitment and Social:** Thank you to everyone who is helping with Experience Iowa State Days with Amy. Unfortunately, there was no longer a post-meeting social after the October meeting, but the committee is preparing for an event around Dead Week. Also, be on the lookout for an ABC Tailgate on Saturday, November 6 before the ISU vs. Texas game. Details are TBD.
- **Sponsor Relations:** Thank you to everyone who came to the golf outing! Don't forget to pick up flag prizes if you were a lucky winner. Committee Charis should have sent out information about Leadership Dinner on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Check in will start at 5:30, and the event will start at 6:00. RSVP's for committee chair and four committee members can be sent to Jacob Hall at [chiphall@iastate.edu](mailto:chiphall@iastate.edu)
- **Travel:** Thank you to everyone who went on the Industry Tour! It was a very fun weekend, and we are glad everything went so smooth! Extra round of applause for four members who volunteered to drive the 15 passenger vans.
- **New Member Engagement:** The New Member Engagement committee will be having its Fall Agricultural Business Social on November 11, directly following the November ABC Meeting. The social is tentatively being held in the Iowa Farm Bureau Pavilion. There will be plenty of activities, including line dancing and a bags tournament (prizes for winners). Snacks will be provided, so join us for a fun night!

### **Guest Speakers: Megan Zwiefel, Megan Bierschenk, POET**

Megan Zwiefel and Megan Bierschenk joined us from POET, one of the world's largest producers of bioproducts. POET has a wide variety of bioproducts they manage, including biofuels, purified alcohol, CO<sub>2</sub> and dry ice, asphalt rejuvenation, feed products, and more! The pair shared about their experiences in the role of grain merchandisers, gave an overview of potential career/internship opportunities, and answered questions about how the transition after the POET and Flint Hills Resources acquisition has been going.

### **Meet the Professor: Kristine Tidgren**

Kristine Tidgren is an adjunct assistant professor in the Agricultural Education & Studies Department and the director for the Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation. Kristine's work focuses on studying and interpreting laws impacting the agricultural industry. In particular, she focuses on agricultural taxation. She teaches Agricultural Law (AgEds 451) to upper-level students during the spring semester.

### **Old Business:**

- Thank you to our members who represented our club in the CALS Week Olympics!

**New Business:**

- None

**Member Recognition**

- Member of the Month: Courtney Uhlenhake
- New Member of the Month: Sophie Bell
- Old Member of the Month: Wyatt Staab

**Advisor Comments: Elizabeth Burns-Thompson**

Elizabeth encouraged all members to keep up the great work this semester! We have already completed many of our larger events, but that doesn't mean that we can let off the gas yet. We are only halfway through the semester, so keep on going! Attendance is so important to keep all of our events being successful. Make sure you are getting out the most out of what our club has to offer and keep on doing a great job.

**Drawings:**

- Are you here?: Aidann Kinsella: Not In Attendance. Drawing will be \$100 at the next meeting.
- Wheel of Fortune: Marianna Brenner – won \$100 from the B. All letters will be in play at the next meeting.

**Announcements:**

- Next meeting, we will be voting on amendments to the bylaws regarding our Election Night procedures.
- Don't forget about all the fun events coming up soon!

President Gannon Cook adjourned the meeting at 6:44 PM.