

Agricultural Business Club at Iowa State University

Main Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2020

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held October 22, 2020 in Troxel 1001. President Cody Tjossem called the meeting to order at **5:45 pm**. There were **127** members present.

Officer Reports

- Vice President: Committee applications will be opening up November 20th. Also keep an eye out for committee appreciation night details.
- Secretary: The minutes of the September meeting were briefed by Emma Kehrl. Approved by club members.
- Treasurer: Julia Campbell announced the current balance available is **\$89, 920.59**. Approved by club members.
- CALS: Ag Bus Club placed 2nd in CALS Olympics. Thank you to Kody Koberg for representing the Ag Bus Club for Mr. CALS.
- Reporters: Follow us on social media. Thank you to our social media spotlight, Tessa Geiger.
- Logistics: We will have pizza at the next meeting!

Committee Reports:

- Ag Alliance: Email Lydia if you're quarantined to receive a care package. Banquet is March 6th.
- Philanthropy and Service: Thank you for wearing jeans! Raised \$492 for Mary Greeley and COVID-19 Support. Upcoming events: Reiman Garden Pumpkin Carving and Green Dot Awareness Month.
- Professional Meetings: Trivia night coming up on October 27th. Doors open at 5:15 pm and trivia starts at 5:30. Blaze pizza will be served.
- Publicity: Thank you for ordering polos. They are ready to pick up in Heady 174. Clothing order should be in before the November meeting.
- Travel: Thank you to everyone who came out to the fall industry tour.
- Freshmen Engagement: Hosting a meeting featuring the current committee chairs and exec team to provide additional info to any interested freshmen. The meeting will be Thursday November 5th in Gilman 1352. There will be pizza!
- Sponsor Relations: Thank you for putting on a successful golf outing.

Guest Speaker: John Latham- Latham Seeds

John Latham is the President of Latham Hi-Tech Seeds and the Chairman of the American Seed Trade Association. John is an Iowa State Agricultural Business graduate and the 2018 Outstanding Alum. Latham Hi-Tech Seeds is a family-owned company that was founded in 1947. Latham Seeds offers quality products with hometown service and has been recently investing in precision ag in order to build relationships and bring more value to their customers. John also serves as the American Seed Trade Association Chairman. The ASTA is

a member organization that is 750 companies strong. As Chairman, he leads the ASTA Board and Executive Committee, communicates messages and build relationships. The ASTA focuses on domestic policy, innovation, intellectual property rights, trade, and communications. Connect with Latham Seeds on social media!

Meet the Professor: Dr. Peter Orazem- University Professor of Economics

Dr. Orazam is a University Professor of Economics and Director of Program for the Study of Midwest Markets and Entrepreneurship. He is a 1977 graduate in economics at the University of Kansas and received his Ph.D. in economics from Yale University. Dr. Orazem has been at Iowa State for 39 years. He was born in Ames, but his parents are refugees from Slovenia. Before coming to America, his father was at a refugee camp in Austria. They didn't want the Slovenian refugees competing with native Austrians for jobs, so the UN decided to let refugees with a high school degree go to college free of charge. His dad was able to go to college and gain a degree in economics before coming to the United States as a refugee. As for Dr. Orazem, he has done research in various countries. He is also an adviser to the ISU Econ Club, Stand-up Comedy Club, and has been the TA for the ISU Honors course Comedy College.

New Business:

- Election Procedures:
 - Important Dates:
 - Thursday, Nov. 12 (5pm): Self-nomination and essay forms due
 - Friday, Nov. 13 (midnight): Any disallowed nominees to be notified
 - Friday, Nov 13 (noon): List of initial nominees sent to members
 - Thursday, Nov. 17 (noon) to W Nov. 18 (noon): Absentee voting
 - Thursday, Nov. 19 (5:00 social, 5:30 meeting): Election meeting
 - Nominee Requirements
 - Ag Bus Major
 - Dues-paying member
 - GPA>2.0
 - Will be student through F21 (F22 for Jr. CALS Council Rep)
 - Presentations
 - Nominees give 1-3-minute talk
 - Max of 2 position slides allowed (including max of 1 slide up)
 - If slide position, allowed 30 seconds for additional comments
 - Max of 2 people can lend supporting comments per nominee
 - Can't speak on behalf of the 2nd nominee for same positions
 - Voting
 - With Top Hat
 - Where 1 candidate is elected:
 - If 3 or fewer candidates, vote once (largest vote getter IN)
 - If 4+ candidates, 1st vote, top ½ advance if no majority vote winner; 2nd vote, candidate with most votes IN
 - Where 2 candidates are elected (i.e. Reporter) positions

- If 10 or fewer candidates. 1st vote, top 3 advance, 2nd vote, largest vote getter IN. 3rd vote, on remaining 2 candidates for 2nd Reporter.
- If 11+ candidates, 1st vote, top ½ advance. 2nd and 3rd votes same as above.
- Voting Order
 - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Jr. CALS Council Rep, Reporters (2), Logistics Coordinators (2 including 1 being freshmen or transfer student)
- Perfect Attendance
 - All: Two \$500 scholarships
 - Per Class: one \$100 prize
 - In person or online attendance
 - Must be due paying member

Member Recognition

- Member of the Month: Devin Lansing
- New Member of the Month: Kelsey Henderson
- Old Member of the Month: Erin Chalupa

Advisor Comments: Dr. Deiter

Dr. Deiter announced that the ABC won the Creative Club award. You will miss 100% of the shots you don't take. (Dr. Ron Deiter, *w. Gretzky*). As for elections, Dr. Deiter can't tell you that you'll get elected if you run, but he does know you won't get elected if you don't run. If you are qualified and have time to devote to the club, this is your chance. If you don't run, you should still come vote for the most qualified candidates. Dress up and look professional. Prepare ahead of time and give your fellow members reasons to believe in you as a leader. In your speech, you could offer ideas on how to improve the position or club. If you get elected, be a leader that is about action and take pride in your accomplishments.

Drawings:

- Wheel of Fortune: Nolan Brand, \$20 in the A. Guaranteed \$100 next meeting!
- Are you here?: Bailey McKenna! Next time it will start over at \$50.

Announcements:

- Trivia Night: Tuesday, October 27th at 5:30 pm
- Self Nomination and Essay Forms: Thursday, November 12th at 5:00 pm
- List of Initial Nominees: Friday, November 13th. 12:00 pm
- Absentee Voting: Tuesday, November 17th-Wednesday November 18th 12:00 pm to 12:00 pm
- Election Meeting: Thursday, November 19th 5:00 meal, 5:30 meeting
- Committee Applications Open: Friday, November 20th 8:00 AM

President, Cody Tjossem, adjourned the meeting at **6:45 pm**.