

# Agricultural Business Club at Iowa State University

## Main Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2025

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held on September 18th in Curtiss 0127. President Kyle Durst called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. There were 164 members present.

### Officer Reports:

- **Secretary:** The minutes of the August meeting were briefed by Lainey DeVries. Approved by club members.
- **Treasurer:** Theo Klaes announced the current balance available is \$122,003.68. Approved by club members.
- **CALS Council:** CALS week is here! Head to campus for free lunch and activities. There will also be a CALS Connect Career Fair Mixer to network with industry representatives.
- **Reporters:** Follow our social media!
- **Logistics Coordinators:** Hope you enjoyed the food. Be sure to submit any food requests for future meetings.

### Committee Reports:

- **Ag Alliance:** The Ag Alliance kickoff event will be on Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00-6:00 pm. Applications are due September 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 pm.
- **Banquet:** The Agricultural Business Homecoming Tailgate will be on October 25.
- **CALS Career Day:** The Pre-Career Fair Mixer will be on Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00 pm (directly after the Ag Alliance Dinner). The CALS Career Fair will be on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please fill out the form if you are interested in helping companies set up on the morning of the Career Fair.
- **New Member Engagement:** Congratulations to the new committee members! Seniors, please fill out the form if you are interested in being a mentor.
- **Philanthropy and Service:** Thank you to everyone who wore jeans! As a club, we raised \$550 that will go to the Boys and Girls Club of Ames. Roadside Clean-Up will be on October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Professional Meetings:** Trivia Night will be on October 21<sup>st</sup>, and awards will be given for first place, second place, and best dressed.
- **Publicity:** Club polo orders are due on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Recruitment and Social:** Congratulations to Macey McKenna for correctly guessing the exact score for the Cy-Hawk game! The Kickball tournament for Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> is cancelled.
- **Sponsor Relations:** The golf outing will be on September 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am - 3:15 pm at Coldwater Golf Links. Please fill out the email from Claire to preference your team.

- **Travel:** The fall industry tour will be from October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be traveling to Indianapolis, IN, and stopping at Kinze Manufacturing, DeKalb Seed, Corteva, Beck's Hybrids, Elanco, and Slagel Family Farms.

**Guest Speakers:** Megan Bierschenk, POET

Megan lives on her family farm with her 2 kids. Megan has been with Poet for 13 years since she graduated from Iowa State University. She is currently serving as the grain merchandising manager at the Shell Rock, Iowa, location, but often visits other locations.

**Meet the Faculty:** Dr. Jodi Sterle, Department of Animal Science

Dr. Jodi Sterle is the Harman Endowed Professor in Undergraduate Teaching and Learning in the Department of Animal Science at Iowa State University. She serves as Associate Department Chair for Teaching for over 1000 students enrolled in Animal Science. Sterle earned a B.S. in Animal Science from Michigan State University and a M.S. and Ph.D. in Swine Reproductive Management from the University of Missouri. Dr. Sterle has taught courses in introductory animal science, issues facing animal science, swine science, domestic animal reproduction, and The Art and Heritage of Livestock. She advises several student organizations and serves as an academic adviser for 80 students. Sterle has developed and co-led ten study abroad courses, including her signature program: Development of Heritage Breeds of Livestock in the UK (England, Scotland, and Wales), which she has led six times. Sterle grew up on a small, diversified livestock and crop farm in southeast Michigan. Jodi and her husband Steve have two sons, Jake (ISU graduate: Animal Science '22; MBA '22) and Jackson (ISU graduate: Animal Science '25).

**Old Business:**

- Advisor Voting

**New Business:**

- CALS Olympics
- Mr. CALS

**Member Recognition:**

- Member of the Month: Alexis Boord
- New Member of the Month: Tyson Gehrke
- Old Member of the Month: Carson Ruen

**Advisor Comments:** Dr. Amani Elobeid – Faculty Advisor

- Dr. Amani shared a video of a chipmunk that had gotten into her bird feeder and used it to teach us a few lessons:
  - Don't let distractions knock you off course
  - Get creative
  - Make the most of every opportunity

- Know when to take a break
- Keep your sense of humor
- Channel your inner chipmunk!

**Drawings:**

- Are You Here: Paige Mehmen won \$50.
- Wheel of Fortune: Ava Connolly won \$20 from the A!

**Announcements:**

- The Etiquette Dinner will be on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Check-in and mocktail hour begin at 5:00 pm, program to begin at 5:45 pm, and the dress is business professional. The event is at the Gateway Hotel in Ames, IA.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Etiquette Dinner	Thursday, September 25 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 Check-in; 5:45 Start
Golf Outing	Friday, September 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 Check-in; 10:00 Golf
Ag Alliance	Monday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	4:45 Check-in; 5:00 Dinner
Pre-Career Day Mixer	Monday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 Check-in; 7:00 Start
October Meeting	Thursday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5:30 Social; 6:00 Meeting
Jim Knuth Lecture Series	Thursday, October 30 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 Social; 6:30 Lecture
November Meeting	Thursday, November 13 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 Social; 6:00 Meeting
Election Meeting	Thursday December 4 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 Social; 6:00 Meeting

President Kyle Durst adjourned the meeting at 6:52 PM.