President’s Report—Elizabeth Wahle

Attending Illinois Farm Bureau board meetings has been an interesting addition to my work. Being a horticulturist and working mainly with specialty crop producers, the meetings have given me an opportunity to hear additional discussion on issues faced by livestock and commodity producers. Many of those issues have overlap with specialty crop producers, but still many more are completely new issues to me. For example, prior to attending these meetings I had no working knowledge of sow gestation crates and the controversy over their use. I was told by many IEAA Past-Presidents that attending the IFB Board meeting would broaden my horizons, and now that I have a few under my belt, I certainly agree.

Please join us for the next IEAA membership meeting which will be held in conjunction with the Spring JCEP meeting on March 8 at the Macon County Extension Office. Our meeting will start at 10:00am and we will have 1 hour to conduct our business, so it’s a short one, before joining the other association members for legislative and administrative updates, followed by lunch and an afternoon PDO.

The NACAA AM/PIC will be for the first time held in conjunction with the JCEP Galaxy IV in Pittsburgh, PA from September 15 - 23, 2013. The NACAA Board has assured us they will do everything in their power to ensure this will be the same high quality meeting as previous stand-alone AM/PICs while meeting the professional improvement needs of the membership. Although registration is not yet available, early bird registration will be $450, regular registration will be $450 and late registration will be $550. A spouse or guest registration will be $300 and children will be $50.00 each. The official NACAA host hotel will be the Marriott City Center with a nightly rate of $169/night plus taxes and fees. For more details on Galaxy IV as they become available, go to http://www.jcep.org/galaxy.htm. I will be attending as the Illinois voting delegate and I hope you’ll be able to join me in September.

Teresa Steckler has agreed to represent IEAA at the JCEP Leadership Conference (Feb 12-14, Memphis, TN)

Some good news; campus has agreed to fund our representative to PILD again this year. Sonja Lallemand has agreed to attend JCEP-PILD (April 21-24, Alexandria, VA) in Mike Roegge’s place.

I will be attending the 2013 NACAA AM/PIC (Galaxy IV, September 15-20, Pittsburgh, PA) and serving as the IEAA voting delegate.

Southern District News

The IEEA Southern District has set the following dates for District meetings. Please mark these dates on your calendars. Suggestions for meeting locations are always welcome.

The Southern District will be hosting the 2013 IEEA Fall Membership Meeting, so please try to attend District meeting as we work together to put together an enjoyable annual meeting for the entire association.

March 22, 2013
May 24, 2013
August 16, 2013
November 1, 2013
2013 NACAA Awards Application Deadline Fast Approaching

By now you should have received The County Agent magazine that lists the 2013 professional improvement and awards programs plus the committee directory. I hope you are planning to enter one or more offerings. Submit your entries online at nacaa.com/awards no later than March 15 for the following categories: Communications, Search for Excellence, Excellence in 4-H Programming, Professional Excellence, and Public Relations (PRIDE program). The following is a brief description of some of the award areas.

Communications Program recognizes excellence in creation of a program promotional piece, personal column, computer generated graphics presentation, and 11 other categories.

Search for Excellence recognizes excellence in programming in eight subject matter areas: sustainable agriculture, crop production, farm & ranch financial management, farm health & safety, landscape horticulture, livestock production, remote sensing & precision agriculture, and young, beginning, or small farmer/rancher.

Excellence in 4-H Programming recognizes excellence by members who developed and carried out an outstanding Extension youth development program.

Illinois has done well in the past, but we can do more. Look through The County Agent and make your entry plans. Time spent applying for NACAA awards is time well spent!

Contact Rhonda Ferree if you have questions.

2012 NACAA Service Award Winners

The NACAA Achievement Award (less than 10 years of service), and Distinguished Service Award (10 or more years of service) are the highest honors that the national association can confer upon its active members. They represent the top two percent of the membership of NACAA as chosen by their peers and the state Directors of Extension. The 2012 Illinois winners are listed below:

Mike Roegge—Distinguished Service Award. Mike has been an active member of NACAA and IEAA since 1980, when he began his Extension career. He has held numerous state leadership responsibilities, and currently serves as President-elect of IEAA. His extension program focuses on small farms, and fruit/vegetable production.

Richard Hentschel—Distinguished Award. Richard is a Horticulture Educator focusing on Commercial Horticulture and works with the Green Industry Associations of Illinois. He serves on four Extension state committees and teams, including two advisory boards for college curriculum development. He is a member of the Education and Information Advisory Committee for the Morton Arboretum, and serves as the immediate Past President of IEAA.

Jennifer Schultz Nelson—Achievement Award. Jennifer is the Horticulture Educator in Dewitt, Macon and Piatt counties. Her responsibilities include administration of the Master Gardener program, as well as Green Thumb Operation, an urban community gardening program. She is passionate about hands-on learning in her programs. She and a colleague developed the Summer Horticulture Institute for elementary school teachers. The Institute provides teachers with hand-on lessons and experiences to take back to their classrooms.

Mike Roegge

NACAA President Paul Wigley, Richard & Retta Hentschel

Bill Viar, Jennifer Schultz Nelson, Paul Wigley
Extension Retiree Gathering

There were 18 U of I Extension Retirees who attended the gathering at Giant City State Park Lodge on October 17, 2012. At noon the group enjoyed an excellent meal of fried chicken served family style. After the meal Bob Walker reported on the 15 telephone calls and letters received from those who could not be present. Each retiree then gave a report on some of their most interesting activities during the past year.

The Southern IL Extension retirees plan to meet again at the Giant City State Park Lodge on October 18, 2013 for a noon luncheon.

In Memory—Elroy E. “Al” Golden

Elroy E. “Al” Golden passed away August 26, 2012 at the age of 89. He is survived by his wife, Urla.

After serving US Army in WWII, he received his B.S. Degree with Bronze Tablet honors from University of Illinois in 1950. He began his Extension career in 1950 in Champaign County, and in 1954 was promoted to Farm Adviser in DeKalb County. A lifelong learner, he received his MSBA in 1963 and Doctorate of Education in 1970 from Northern Illinois University. He studied Agricultural Policy at Colorado State University, Agribusiness at Harvard, and Farm Appraisals at University of Wisconsin. In 1970 he was promoted to Assistant Extension State Program Leader, and was named full professor in 1973.

After retirement from Extension he began another full career in farm management.

His full obituary can be found here.

In Memory—Robert Raymond “Bob” Harris

Robert Raymond “Bob” Harris passed away September 24, 2012 at the age of 71. He is survived by his wife Glenda.

Bob received his B.S. degree in 1964 and his M.S. degree in 1966 from University of Illinois.

He devoted his 35 year Extension career to helping the farmers in Moultrie and Douglas counties.

His full obituary can be found here.
In Memory—Herbert Eugene Short

Herbert Eugene Short passed away on October 26, 2012 in Springfield at the age of 87. He is survived by his wife Cara.

He graduated from Wapella Community High School in 1943 and immediately joined the US Navy, serving in the Medical Corps with the 4th Marine Regiment, Sixth Division in the invasion of Okinawa. After his discharge, he attended University of Illinois where he earned his B.S. degree.

He worked with agricultural organizations his entire life, and was an Extension Agriculture Adviser in Warren and Menard counties.

His full obituary can be found here.

In Memory—Wallace E. “Wally” Reynolds

Wallace E. Reynolds passed away on December 26, 2012 in Rockford at the age of 80. He is survived by his wife Pat.

Wally graduated from University of Illinois in 1954, and served in the military from 1954 to 1956. He was assistant farm adviser in Lee County from 1956-1960, and became Boone County Agriculture Adviser in 1960, serving there until his retirement in 1996.

His full obituary can be found here.

In Memory—Byron Hutchins

Byron Whiting Hutchins passed away May 6, 2012 at the age of 90. He resided in Rockford with his wife, Margaret.

He earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees from University of Illinois, and served with the 15th Air Force near Naples, Italy during WWII. From 1951 to 1978, he worked as an Extension Farm Adviser in Carroll County, then as an Area Adviser in Dixon, Illinois.

After retirement in 1978, he and his wife traveled extensively while writing guidebooks for backpackers, canoeists, and bicyclists.

His full obituary can be found here.
ILLINOIS JOINT COUNCIL OF EXTENSION PROFESSIONALS
Spring Meeting, March 8, 2013

Macon County Extension Office
3351 N. President Howard Brown Blvd.
Decatur, IL 62521
Phone: 217-877-6042

9:00 a.m.  ESP Meeting
10:00 a.m. Extension Association Meetings
11:00 a.m. U of I Extension & Extension Partners Update
11:30 a.m. Lunch
12:30 -3:30 p.m. Why this Work? Developing a Passion for Results in Your Business, Career & Life

Mark Sturgell, Certified Business Coach, Certified Career Specialist
Founder & Principal, Performance Development Network

Cost is $15 payable to ESP by March 1, 2013. After deadline, registration fee is $20. The registration fee includes the luncheon as well as other meeting expenses. Note that extra meals might NOT be available for anyone not submitting their check after March 1, 2013.

Special dietary requests are not available.

ILLINOIS JOINT COUNCIL OF EXTENSION PROFESSIONALS
Spring 2013 ILJCEP Meeting Registration

Name: __________________________  __________________________
Address: __________________________  __________________________
Phone: __________________________  Email address: __________________________

Please mark which association meetings you will be attending:

___ ESP Association Meeting
___ IEAA Association Meeting
___ IEAPCS Association Meeting
___ IFPYF Association Meeting
___ ILACDEP Association Meeting

You must send a non-refundable check for $15 (payable to ESP) to Jenny Garner by March 1, 2013.

Jenny Garner
University of Illinois Extension
321 W 2nd Avenue
Milan, IL 61264

Travel:
Mileage will be covered by central funds for current employees who attend the full PDO.
Illinois Extension Agricultural Association

Officers:
- President: Elizabeth Wahle
- President Elect: Mike Roegge
- Vice President: Teresa Steckler
- Secretary: Stephanie Porter
- Treasurer: Jennifer Fishburn
- Past President: Richard Hentschel

District Directors:
- Northern: Martha Smith, Nancy Plooard
- Central: Stephanie Porter, Jennifer Schultz Nelson
- Southern: Teresa Steckler, Sonja Lallemand

Newsletter Editor: Teresa Steckler

Benefits of Joining IEAA
- Participate in defining the future of your profession
- Opportunities to become better acquainted with other NACAA members and staff on regional and national levels
- Recognition from colleagues for your educational programs and other activities
- Direct input into Extension policy that may affect your future
- Satisfaction of doing your part in the advancement of your profession
- Improvement of professional skills and abilities through Association activities

Goals of IEAA

The Pursuit of excellence in Extension Education by professionals interested in agriculture.

Objectives:
- To encourage the pursuit of professional improvement activities by IEAA members.
- To provide leadership opportunities for IEAA members.
- To recognize members for professional excellence.
- To provide professional improvement opportunities for IEAA members.
- To promote professional improvement by IEAA members.

Protect, enhance and promote the interests of Extension Professionals.

Objectives:
- To encourage participation in IEAA activities.
- To build coalitions with other Extension organizations in the advocacy of and in response to University administration, legislators, and other officials on matters impacting Extension professionals.
- To serve as a conduit between field staff members and administration.
- To provide a means for program development in all facets of agriculture.

NACAA on The Web
http://www.nacaa.com