



## Illinois Agri-Women Annual Meeting

February 26, 2021

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### **2021 Annual Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 12:00 PM by Deb Schultz, President

#### **CONSENT AGENDA** - *See additional reports and materials sent out prior to the meeting*

Items may be moved off the consent agenda for further discussion.

- President's Report – Deb Schultz
- Vice President of Education Report – Kelsey Vance
- Vice President of Advocacy Report – Kelli Martin
- Secretary – Jessica Schneider
- Treasurer – Anjie Erbsen
- Bylaws – Karen Westbrook
- Nominating Committee Report – Karen Westbrook
- Southern Illinois Director Report – Jill Biehl

Karen Westbrook motions to approve the Consent Agenda Nathalie Schmidt seconds; Motion Passes

#### **ITEMS NOT REQUIRING ACTION**

##### IARC Report

Kristina Jacobs, IARC Liaison

Penny Lauritzen Reported for Kristina

- Kristina was reelected as President and Penny was reappointed VP
- Lynn Curry, Shirley Bartelt and Nathalie Schmidt were reappointed to the Board of Trustees for IRAC
- Have filed with the state officially as IRAC, 501 3C of Illinois Agri-women
- Have revised Policy and Procedure to use Quick Books for the accounting system
- IRAC address has been changed to match the Treasurer with the State of IL and will do so in the future
- Scholarships
  - 4 Scholarships are available
    - Scholarships are due March 31<sup>st</sup>
    - Currently have 5 applications
    - Looking for volunteers to help with Judging – This will be in April and May
      - See Lynn if interested in Volunteering



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- WCFA 2021 Online Curriculum
  - Womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com
    - Interns have been hard at work with Gayle putting together the website and content
    - Have 38 Career Exploration videos and only have 2 videos not uploaded currently that were planned for students
- WCFA 2022 - March 4th, 2022 Galesburg, IL
- NEW Roots Festival – Penny Lauritzen
  - Cancelled 2021 due to COVID 19 and hoping to reschedule June of 2022

### Online Outreach

Gayle Baker

- Online Member Tools
  - Password will be changing – Will be reaching out with the new password after membership is updated and renewals are done.
- IAW Job Board
  - Take a look and if you would like a posting listed please let Gayle or Deb know to get that upload3ed for you
- Facebook Group
  - WCFA is very active on Facebook and Instagram
  - Check Facebook for Updates

### Awards

Diana Ropp, Past President

- Agri-Business Award – Anjie Erbsen
  - Is a Sr. Leasing Officer at Compeer Financial
  - 20 IL offices within Compeer's territory
- IL Outstanding Woman Farmer – Nathalie Schmidt
- 2020 Hall of Fame Award – Penny Lauritzen

### New Business

- Ag Legislative Day
  - Waiting for information – Will be held virtually
  - Will put out more information as it becomes available
- Jill Biehl – Southern Director
  - Did program with SIUC in the Fall and went really well
  - March 19<sup>th</sup> 12-1:30 Planning on doing the same format as the fall (Zoom)
  - Will be a mix or current and past students and faculty



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- Stay tuned for more information!
- Membership – Nathalie Schmidt
  - Membership Dues Renewals are active now – Around 20% of membership has already renewed
  - If you have questions please reach out to Nathalie or Anjie Erbsen

### Adjournment

Kristina Jacobs motions to adjourn Nathalie Schmidt seconds

Motion passes – Meeting adjourns 12:52 PM