



## Illinois Agri-Women Annual Meeting

February 18<sup>th</sup> 2022

10AM—1PM

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### **2022 Annual Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 10:16 AM 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
- Vice President of Education Report
- Vice President of Advocacy Report
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Bylaws
- Nominating Committee Report
- Regional Directors Report

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

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

##### IARC Report

Kristina Jacobs, IARC Liaison

- Report of Funds for IRAC
  - Heather suggested to use some of the Grant Funds to work on some of the projects with IL corn in the State and Chicagoland area
- Audit has been completed
- IRAC Annual Meeting will finish up this afternoon
- Scholarships – are set up with WCFA
  - Looking for volunteer judges – Please reach out to Lynne!
- WCFA 2021 Online Curriculum
- WCFA 2022 - March 4th, 2022 Galesburg, IL
- NEW Roots Festival – Has been Postponed
  - Looking for new board to head this project.



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### Online Outreach

Gayle Baker

- Online Member Tools – Password to be released once Membership renewals are complete
  - IAW Job Board
    - If you have jobs for your company please send to Gayle to post.
  - Facebook Group
    - Will be posting updates and other emails being sent out
    - Looking to increase activity – Send ideas to Gayle or if you attend an event, send photos to Gayle to Post!

### Awards

Diana Ropp, Past President

- Agri-Business Award – Gayle Baker
  - Gayle is an agricultural engineer with Maurer-Stutz, Inc. In Gayle's spare time she is an active member of the IL Farm Bureau Young Leaders. Gayle's talents spill over into IAW and all of its projects. WCFA is an excellent example of Gayle's leadership skills bringing the message of agriculture to young women all over the State of IL. Gayle handles the websites for all of the IAW projects and programs as well as the social media presence. Not to mention she is excellent with graphic design whenever we need her expertise. Illinois Agri-Women, and its subsidiaries, are very blessed to have Gayle Baker on the team!
- IL Outstanding Woman Farmer – Heather Hampton Knodle
  - Heather, husband Brian and four kids primarily raise corn, soybeans and wheat. They have a small herd of Black Angus cows, and find themselves challenged with a few goats and chickens for good measure too. Your tireless devotion to improving and creating economic opportunities and agriculture policy is inspiring. Improving broad band access to rural areas has been on the top of Heather's lists most recently and your timing has almost been inherent. She's got a fun, down to earth educational blog. And is serving as this year's Distinguished Lectureship Speaker at the American Society of Agronomy's Annual Meeting. Has served on the county board, created an economic development board and launched several initiatives and programs. In between being a mom, wife, farmer,



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business professional, agriculture advocate and devoted daughter she assumed the role of American Agri Women President this past November.

We are so proud of you and I am confident your solid, voice for truth and what is the best result for all attitude will take AAW to a new level of industry impact yet to be seen.

- 2020 Hall of Fame Award - Shirley Bartelt
  - She's an independent trailblazer devoted to service and agriculture. Has held the offices of IAW President, Vice President and Treasurer and IARC Treasurer. In 2012 she was recognized as the IAW Outstanding Farmer. And is proud to be one of the first women to serve in an advisory capacity for her local Farm Service Agency. She has assisted with WCFA, attended numerous IAW Annual Meetings and participated in American Agri-Women National Conventions. An accountant by trade she grew up assisting on her family farm. Her future husband and business partner would attend school in another district. And two farm kids wouldn't cross paths until becoming part of their Young Farmers Board through their local Farm Bureau.
  
- Outgoing President – Deb Schultz
  - It's customary to recognize our outgoing President. And it is my honor and privilege to recognize Deb Schultz for serving as President for the last two years. There have been challenges and changes galore in a short two years! And as I told her last night, today's meeting change to Zoom at the last minute from our usual in person format was just the cherry on top of her ice cream sundae Presidential tenure!! Deb, on behalf of the Illinois Agri-Women Executive Board and membership. Thank you so much!! Thank you for your guidance, your leadership and your kind optimistic spirit. We are thankful to have you as part of our organization!

### New Business

#### Membership – Nathalie Schmidt

- Membership Dues Renewals are active now – Membership will be sending out new password for Membership Tools!
- March 31<sup>st</sup> is the Deadline – Any questions, reach out to Nathalie Schmidt



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### IL Ag Legislative Day

Kelli Martin

- Will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Virtually
  - She will be sending out more information for signing up

### AAW Update

Heather Hampton-Knodle

- Thank you to the members within IAW for stepping up and helping Heather in different areas of AAW!
- Mid-year will take place in South Jordan, Utah March 24-26 2022
  - Register on AAW Website
- Joint meeting with AAW Foundation and E-Board will be held for the first time
  - Talk about joint goals and hopefully be on the same page going forward.
- 2022 Fly in To Washington, DC is June 5-8
  - Vaccination will be required but working to come to an agreement
- 48<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention for AAW will be November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> in Bozeman, Montana
  - More information to come!
- A lot of rebuilding done in AAW since November and have been happy with the results so far!

## Adjournment

**Karen Westbrook Motions to Adjourn the Meeting; Shirley Bartelt Seconds**

**Motion Passes**

**Meeting adjourns 11:35 AM**