



## Illinois Agri-Women Annual Meeting

February 6, 2025

10 AM - 1:00 PM

### CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS

#### President's Report

2024 was a busy year for Illinois Agri-Women! We offered several state and regional tours, promoted not only our organization but agriculture overall at Ag Legislative Day and at the Illinois State Fair, hosted another amazing Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference and offered monthly Coffee Chats! We will share a recap of the 2024 events in the upcoming report. In 2025, we once again look forward to hosting numerous opportunities for our members to gather in person and online!

Please watch your email, the website and social media for more information! Please check out our "Member Tools" under "News and Events" on our website, <http://www.illinoisagriwomen.org>. You will find helpful IAW information within the "Member Tools" including a "Job Board". If you need assistance with accessing this area on the website, please let me know!

The IAW Executive Board has monthly e-board meetings at 7am on the last Thursday morning of the month. We are always looking for new opportunities to provide to our members whether that be a farm or agriculture business to tour, a training for our members to help them gain new skills or a speaker to help us gain insight on a specific sector of the industry. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any ideas at all or need anything taken to the board.

I cannot wait to see all of you in 2025!

Kelsey Neville - IAW President

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Please also check out our logo wear website. Everything can be shipped or I can pick it up and bring it to the annual meeting for you.

Deb Schultz  
Past President



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#### Vice President of Education Report

2024 was a great year with many opportunities for IAW members to meet and learn about various topics in agriculture. 2025 schedule is developing very nicely and full of exciting opportunities to connect. The following is a list of education events and items that were provided to our membership through 2023.

- Jan 4 Coffee Chat - Nathalie Schmidt
- Feb 1 Coffee Chat- Traci Barkley
- Feb 9 IAW Annual Meeting- Scheel's, Springfield, IL
- Feb 29 Professional Development Event, WCFA, Cobden, IL
- Mar 1 Women Changing the Face of Agriculture, SIU, Carbondale, IL
- Mar 7 Coffee Chat - Heather Hampton-Knodle
- Mar 12 Ag Legislative Day, Springfield, IL
- May 2 Coffee Chat - Dr. Aslihan Spaulding
- Jun 6 Coffee Chat – Rachel Berry
- Jun 13 WCFA In-Person Planning Meeting
- July 11 Coffee Chat - Cheryl Mitchell
- Aug 1 Coffee Chat – Gayle Baker
- Aug 9 Illinois State Fair Agriculture Day
- Aug 16 Southern Illinois Regional Event - Flamm Orchard, Peachbarn Winery
- Sept 5 Coffee Chat – Rosemary Galdamez
- Oct 3 Coffee Chat – Kristi Jones
- Dec 5 Coffee Chat - Elizabeth Strom

Thank you,

Kelsey Neville



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**Vice President of Advocacy Report**

This position is currently vacant



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#### **Past President Report**

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#### Membership Report

There are 94 active IAW members in the fiscal year from Feb 1, 2024 – Jan 31, 2025. This is a net gain of 1 Membership from our previous fiscal year.

27 Members did not renew from the prior year (Feb 1, 2023 - Jan 31, 2024)

28 Memberships are New members

25 Memberships are associated with WCFA Sponsorship Packages (12 of these are new included in line above)

Thank you to all who have chosen to be part of this organization this year! Membership fees are \$50 each year. \$20 remains with Illinois Agri-Women and \$30 is the portion of your annual dues that is paid to the American Agri-Women organization.

Membership dues are payable starting February 1st and due by March 31st. Notification will be sent out electronically by the end of January 2024 for membership renewals for the year ahead.

Join us in our mission to support the agriculture industry, to work for legislation to support and preserve family farms, to communicate with other organizations, to educate the public, and to promote agricultural awareness.

Nathalie Schmidt

IAW Membership Chair



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**Treasurer's Report - Anjie Erbsen, IAW Treasurer**

**Illinois Agri-Women - As of 2/1/2024 through 1/31/2025 - Budget to Actual**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Budget 2/1/24 to 1/31/25</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Dues: IAW/AAW Membership	\$ 4,500.00	5,151.26	\$ 651.26
Dues: IAW/AAW Membership - student	\$ 60.00	0.00	\$ (60.00)
Dues: IAW/AAW Membership - lifetime member	\$ 20.00	0.00	\$ (20.00)
Annual/Other Meeting	\$ -	79.15	\$ 79.15
Other Receipts	\$ -	<u>0.00</u>	\$ -
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>\$ 4,580.00</b>	<b>5,230.41</b>	<b>\$ 650.41</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	
Ag Day - IL State Fair	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Ag Day- IL Legislative Day	\$ 200.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 25.00
Awards	\$ 200.00	\$ 147.00	\$ (53.00)
Dues AAW Membership (120X\$30)	\$ 2,730.00	\$ 3,180.00	\$ 450.00
Dues AAW Affiliate Dues for IAW	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Filing Fees	\$ 15.00	\$ -	\$ (15.00)
Insurance (Renewal Due every third year - due '21 - \$330)	\$ 157.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 8.00
Office Supplies Stationary, Postage & Misc	\$ 50.00	\$ 98.87	\$ 48.87
Zoom Subscription	\$ 150.00	\$ 159.90	\$ 9.90
Canva Subscription	\$ 120.00	\$ -	\$ (120.00)
Web Site Dvelopment/Maintainance	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ (300.00)
Paypal expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Quickbooks	\$ 100.00	\$ 187.50	\$ 87.50
Scholarships - Helen Henert	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Other: Projects as approved through the year - JJC Mini-WCFA	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Reimbursements - May 17the cancelled event- Heather's dues	\$ -	\$ 395.00	\$ 395.00
Misc	\$ -	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ -
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,272.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,558.27</b>	<b>\$ 1,286.27</b>



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**Treasurer's Report - Anjie Erbsen, IAW Treasurer**

**Illinois Agri-Women Budget - Proposed    2/1/2023 thru 1/31/2024**

**Income**

Dues: IAW/AAW Membership	\$6,600.00	(132 existing memberships x \$50)
Dues: IAW/AAW Membership - Student	\$60.00	(2 Student)
Dues: IAW/AAW Membership - lifetime member	\$40.00	(2 Lifetime member)
Annual/Other Meeting	\$0.00	
Other Misc Receipts	\$0.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$6,700.00</b>	

**Expenses**

Ag Day-IL State Fair	\$250.00	
Ag Day- IL Legislative Day	\$250.00	
Awards	\$200.00	(estimated 4 awards at \$50/each)
Dues AAW Memberships	\$3,990.00	(132 memberships x \$30) (2 student x \$15)
AAW Affiliate Dues - 1-500 members	\$50.00	annual billing
Filing Fees	\$15.00	annual billing
Zoom Subscription Fees	\$150.00	annual billing
Canva Subscription Fees	\$120.00	annual billing
Insurance - changed to annual billing	\$165.00	annual billing
Office Supplies Stationary, Postage & Misc	\$100.00	
Web Site Development/Maintainance	\$1,800.00	New approval for website overhaul - The Tech Chef
Ledger Excel set-up	\$200.00	Simplified Business Solutions - Erica Schau
Scholarships	\$0.00	
Other: Projects as approved through the year	\$0.00	
Reimbursements	\$0.00	
Other Misc Expenses	\$0.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,290.00</b>	



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**Bylaws Changes Report**

There are no By-laws or Policy changes proposed to be addressed at the Annual Meeting on February 6, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L Westbrook  
By-Laws Committee Chair





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#### **Nominating Committee Report**

Madam President:

The Nominating Committee of IAW has met. We unanimously present the following report of individuals to fill the board positions that will be open in 2025 for the 2025 IAW Annual Meeting:

President- Anjie Erbsen

VP of Education-Jessica Fleming

Treasurer-Deb Schultz

Membership Chair-Margie Menacher

Policies and Procedures-Lisa Muirheid Martin

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Schultz, Chair

Karen Westbrook, Member

Jennifer Waters, Member