



Illinois Agri-Women Annual Meeting

February 6, 2024

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1108 Trinity Lane, Bloomington, IL 61704

10 AM - 1:00 PM

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MINUTES

Kelsey Neville called the meeting to order at 10:19 AM.

CONSENT AGENDA - *See additional reports and materials*

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
- Regional Directors Reports

Jessica Schneider moved to approve the consent agenda without the treasurer's and nominating committee report. Penny Lauritzen seconded. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report and 2025 Budget - Anjie Erbsen

- Reviewed the 2024 Treasurer's Report
 - Current Balance is \$5825.19. A year ago the balance was \$8,523.
 - Krista Roberston Moved and Deb Schultz seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion Passed.
- Reviewed the 2025 Budget
 - Approved by Pat Yeagle and Seconded by Deb Schultz. Motion Passed

Nominating Committee Report

- The slate of officers was presented by Deb Schultz
 - President - Anjie Erbsen
 - VP of Education - Jessica Fleming
 - Treasurer- Deb Schultz
 - Membership Chair - Margie Menacher
 - Policies and Procedures - Lisa Muirheid Martin
- Nominations from the floor were sought. Hearing none, Diana Ropp moved and Denise Smith seconded to accept the nominations. Motion Passed.

We honored Eleanor Zimmerlein and her time and committee to Illinois Agri-Women. Anjie reported that we received memorials.

We received \$550 in memorial funds from the Eleanor Zimmerman estate. Martha Blum motioned that we use the memorial funds being used to fund the Helen Henert Scholarship. Karen Westbrook seconded. Motion Passed.

Penny Lauritzen made a motion that the scholarship be renamed to Helen Henert/Eleanor Zimmerlein Ag Education Scholarship. Pat Yeagle seconded. Motion Passed.

A discussion was had about the memorial funds. We have \$1300 in funds in the memorial that has been sitting there overtime for 10 years. We discussed the purpose of these funds being used for scholarships to go to AAW.

- Krista Robertson volunteered to develop guidelines for administering these funds that would be presented to the board. Karen Westbrook volunteered to help.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING ACTION

Reviewed the 2025 IAW Events

Penny Lauritzen reviewed Generations of Agriculture Across America (GoAG3) - A proposed award/outreach project through IARC that was going to be in conjunction with AAW Convention. Goal was for \$10,000 for award dollars. Currently have raised \$5,000. They had anticipated gathering applications through this winter with awards being presented in the fall. Penny Lauritzen and Karen Westbrook are currently requesting input on how we still move forward with this project and the funds we have raised.

- Form a subcommittee to discuss.

IARC Report

Penny Lauritzen, IARC Liaison

- Scholarships
- WCFA 2025 - March 7, 2025 Carbondale, IL

Awards

Diana Ropp, Central Regional Director

New Business

- AAW Dues
 - AAW would like to increase the dues from \$30. We currently collect \$50 in dues with \$20 remaining in IAW. We are asking for feedback on how our membership feels about this so we can provide feedback AAW.
 - In 2023 \$18,000 of dues was received by AAW. IAW supports AAW to the tune of \$3500-4000 per year - approximately 20% of the dues. There are 25 affiliates of AAW.
 - Sarah Micheals moved that we not support an increase in dues. Denise Smith seconded. Motion Passed.
- AAW Convention Update - AAW will not be hosting the annual convention in Illinois for 2025. It is proposed to be hosted in Kansas. Items from the Floor

- Coffee Chats - We will be discontinuing this program due to lack of engagement in attendees.
- VP of Advocacy - We have an open call for volunteers for this position, which involved organizing Ag Legislative Day and staying up to date on current issues.

Officer Transition

Pat Yeagle moved to adjourn. Seconded by Krista Robertson. Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am for lunch.

A panel of commodity organization panel occurred after the meeting,.