

International Leadership Alumni Conference (ILAC)'s
ADVISORY BOARD

“Passion Led Us Here – To Continue Our Journey”



ANNUAL REPORT
August 2018 – August 2019

This Annual Report was created and approved by the ILAC Advisory Board to share with our Leadership Program Directors, alumni, stakeholders and other interested parties, annually.

The Mission of ILAC is to foster commitment, networking and growth for all agricultural/rural leadership program graduates through communication, professional development and social activities in order to enhance the effectiveness as alumni leaders in their own communities.

In that respect, the Advisory Board (formerly Advisory Group) has accomplished the following:

- Maintained the ILAC website www.ilacconference.com or www.ilac-conference.com
- Continued Social Media activity on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn
- Held regular meetings via Free Conference Call on February 7th, March 28th, May 16th and June 27th
- Designed new “letterhead” for communication purposes
- Established annual Outstanding Alumni Award, as nominated by the ILAC host
- **2018 ILAC: Louisiana’s Agricultural Leadership Development Program hosted from November 5-8, 2018 in New Orleans, LA. The theme was “It’s All About Water and Culture” and there were 56 attendees**
- Presented Outstanding Alumni Award to Adin Hester from California at ILAC 2018 in New Orleans, LA
- Updated the Marketing Brochure (downloadable from website) for all to share and promote
- **2019 ILAC: Rural Leadership North Dakota and its Alumni Association hosted from July 29-August 1, 2019 in Dickinson, ND. The theme was “Legendary: Leading North Dakota in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Diverse Cultures!”, along with its 57 attendees**
- Presented Outstanding Alumni Award to Jeanna Smaaladen from North Dakota at ILAC 2019 in Dickinson, ND
- Approved Organizational Guidelines major revisions to align with potential non-profit status for ILAC
- Officially changed name of Advisory Group to Advisory Board with approval of revised Organizational Guidelines
- Expanded Advisory Board’s Secretary position to Secretary/Treasurer position
- Created “Ex-Officio” Board position(s) to include upcoming hosts
- Renewed terms for Advisory Board members – Derwood Brett, Arkansas and Sharma Torrens, Arizona
- Welcomed two new Advisory Board members – Gerald Clausen, Nebraska and Jeanna Smaaladen, North Dakota
- Advisory Board meets by phone and/or internet (FCC - Free Conference Call)
- Approved financial standing by combining U.S. and Canadian funds for a total balance of \$5,815.71

ILAC Locations

2015 Denver, Colorado
2016 Edinburgh, Scotland
2017 Lexington, Kentucky
2018 New Orleans, Louisiana
2019 Dickinson, North Dakota
2020 Orlando, Florida
2021 TBD, California
2022 TBD, Maryland

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2019 Advisory Board Members

Tom Brant, PA – Chair
Susan Adams, IL – Secretary/Treasurer
Gerald Clausen, NE
Tiffany Ground, AZ
Jeanna Smaaladen, ND

Julie Gemmill, ND
Ex-Officio Member

Lisa James, AZ – Vice Chair/Website
Derwood Brett, AR
Carolyn Fuerth, ONT
Richy Naisbett, AL
Sharma Torrens, AZ

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