

International Leadership Alumni Conference (ILAC)'s
ADVISORY BOARD

“Passion Led Us Here – To Continue Our Journey”



ANNUAL REPORT

August 2021 – August 2022

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 has accomplished the following:

- Maintained the ILAC website www.ilacconference.com or www.ilac-conference.com
- Continued Social Media activity on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn
- Continued communications (Mail Chimp) to ILAC database (past attendees, IAPAL Directors and other subscribers)
- Held regular Advisory Board meetings virtually via Zoom on November 4th, January 13th, March 17th and June 9th
- Held Advisory Board Officer work sessions to prepare for upcoming Advisory Board meetings
- Continued to seek future international and national ILAC hosts, any assistance is appreciated
- Held 5th and 6th Virtual Hospitality Rooms via Zoom on September 9th and January 27th
- Held Maryland Preview Zoom Event on June 23rd
- Featured Mike Petter, TX and Cathie Leimbach, OH (Ontario Alum) on the Alumni Spotlight page of the website
- Presented 2021 Outstanding Alumni Award to Edmond Bonjour, OK
- Held 2022 Annual ILAC Association meeting in Maryland on August 1st (60 attendees)
- Held regular Advisory Board meeting in Maryland on August 2nd
- Accepted resignations from Advisory Board members – Derwood Brett, AR and Gerald Clausen, NE
- Renewed 3-year terms for Advisory Board members – Barbara Baie, IL, Jeanna Smaaladen, ND and Sharma Torrens, AZ
- Elected 1 new Advisory Board member – Bret Cude, KY (IL Alum)
- Elected 1 new Ex-Officio Advisory Board member – Cindy Garretson-Weibel, WY
- Re-elected Tom Brant, PA as Chair and Sharma Torrens, AZ as Secretary
- Elected Cathie Leimbach, OH (Ontario Alum) as Vice-Chair and Barbara Baie, IL as Treasurer
- Recognized former Advisory Board members – Susan Adams, IL and Julie Gemmill, ND
- Received 2-\$250 financial gifts to acknowledge the passing of Mike Clark, OH
- Approved financial standing for a total balance of \$3,098.54 held at the First National Bank in DeKalb, IL
- Updated the Marketing Brochure (downloadable from website) for all to share, promote and advocate
- Established ILAC Zoom account to use for ILAC activities

The Advisory Board extends their sincere appreciation for the support, participation and contributions.

ILAC Locations

2015 Denver, Colorado
2016 Edinburgh, Scotland
2017 Lexington, Kentucky
2018 New Orleans, Louisiana
2019 Dickinson, North Dakota
2020 Annual Meeting Only via Zoom
2021 Annual Meeting Only via Zoom
2022 Annapolis, Maryland
2023 Cody, Wyoming
2024 TBD, California

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2022 - 2023 Advisory Board Members

Tom Brant, PA – Chair
Sharma Torrens, AZ – Secretary
Barbara Baie, IL – Treasurer
Fred Diver, KS
Richy Naisbett, AL
Robert Reid, Ontario, Canada

Kurt Fuchs, MD
Ex-Officio Member

Deanna Van Klaveren, CA
Ex-Officio Member

Cathie Leimbach, OH (Ontario Alum) – Vice Chair
Lisa James, AZ – Website & Information Manager
Bret Cude, KY (IL Alum)
Tiffany Ground, AZ
Mike Petter, TX
Jeanna Smaaladen, ND

Cindy Garretson-Weibel, WY
Ex-Officio Member

Edmond Bonjour, OK
Advisor & IAPAL Liaison



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