

International Leadership Alumni Conference (ILAC)'s
ADVISORY BOARD

“Passion Led Us Here – To Continue Our Journey”



ANNUAL REPORT

August 2020 – August 2021

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 October 29th, January 14th, March 18th, May 20th and July 22nd
- Continued to seek future international and national ILAC hosts, any assistance is appreciated
- Implemented Advisory Board Officer work sessions to prepare for upcoming Advisory Board meetings
- Held 2021 Annual ILAC Advisory Board/Association meeting via Zoom on July 22nd (21 attendees)
- Held 2nd, 3rd and 4th Virtual Hospitality Rooms via Zoom on October 16th, December 11th and March 19th
- Held 1st Virtual Leadership Event, “Leadership in Times of Crisis, Natural Disasters” on November 18th (60 attendees)
- Held 2nd Virtual Leadership Event, “Leadership in Times of Crisis, Natural Disasters – Part 2” on January 21st (90 attendees)
- Featured Adin Hester, CA; Tom Brant, PA and Mike Petter, TX on the Alumni Spotlight page of the website
- Presented 2020 Outstanding Alumni Award to Barbara Baie, IL
- Renewed 2-year term for Advisory Board member – Tom Brant, PA
- Elected 5 new Advisory Board members – Barbara Baie, IL; Fred Diver, KS; Cathie Leimbach, Ontario, Canada; Mike Petter, TX and Robert Reid, Ontario, Canada
- Elected 2 new Ex-Officio Advisory Board members – Kurt Fuchs, MD and Deanna Van Klaveren, CA
- Re-elected Tom Brant, PA as Chair and Lisa James, AZ as Vice-Chair
- Elected Sharma Torrens, AZ as Secretary and Gerald Clausen, NE as Treasurer
- Approved financial standing for a total balance of \$4,968.95 held at the First National Bank in DeKalb, IL
- Updated the Marketing Brochure (downloadable from website) for all to share, promote and advocate
- Received and utilized sponsorship for Zoom meeting platform from Consolidated Ag Consulting in Arizona

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 Orlando, Florida – Cancelled (COVID-19)
2021 Annual Meeting Only via Zoom
2022 Annapolis, Maryland
2023 TBD
2024 TBD, California

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2021 – 2022 Advisory Board Members

Tom Brant, PA – Chair
Sharma Torrens, AZ – Secretary
Barbara Baie, IL
Fred Diver, KS
Cathie Leimbach, Ontario, Canada
Mike Petter, TX
Jeanna Smaaladen, ND

Kurt Fuchs, MD
Ex-Officio Member

Deanna Van Klaveren, CA
Ex-Officio Member

Lisa James, AZ – Vice Chair/Website
Gerald Clausen, NE – Treasurer
Derwood Brett, AR
Tiffany Ground, AZ
Richy Naisbett, AL
Robert Reid, Ontario, Canada

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