

International Leadership Alumni Conference (ILAC)'s
ADVISORY BOARD

“Passion Led Us Here – To Continue Our Journey”



ANNUAL REPORT

October 2023 – September 2024

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, since 2017
- 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 2nd, January 4th, March 7th, May 2nd and August 28th
- 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 California Preview Zoom Event on May 8th
- Presented annual 2024 Outstanding Alumni Award to Bill Van Skike, CA
- Held 2024 Annual ILAC Association meeting in California on June 27th
- Held regular Advisory Board meeting in California on June 27th
- Renewed 3-year terms for Advisory Board members – Mike Petter, TX, Fred Diver, KS and Robert Reid, Ontario, Canada
- Welcomed new Advisory Board member – John Rigdon, MD
- Elected Julie Gemmill, ND as Chair for a 1-year term
- Re-elected Jeanna Smaaladen, ND as Vice-Chair, Sharma Torrens, AZ as Secretary, Barbara Baie, IL as Treasurer and Tom Brant, PA as Past-Chair
- Approved financial standing for a total balance of \$3,767.17 held at the First National Bank in DeKalb, IL
- Updated the Marketing Brochure (downloadable from website) for all to share, promote and advocate

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 Monterey, California
2025 Lancaster, Pennsylvania

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2024 – 2025 Advisory Board Members

Julie Gemmel, ND – Chair
Tom Brant, PA – Past-Chair
Barbara Baie, IL – Treasurer
Bret Cude, KY (IL Alumn)
Fred Diver, KS
Mike Petter, TX
John Rigdon, MD

Abby Taylor Silva, CA
Ex-Officio Member

Edmond Bonjour, OK
Advisor & IAPAL Liaison

Jeanna Smaaladen, ND – Vice-Chair
Sharma Torrens, AZ – Secretary
Lisa James, AZ – Website & Information Manager
Tiffany Ground, AL (AZ Alumn) – Social Media Manager
Richy Naisbett, AL
Robert Reid, Ontario, Canada



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