**ILLINOIS CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of a Meeting**

**Held February 28, 2017**

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Corn Growers Association was held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Antonio, Texas on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm by Justin Durdan, President.

 Those present were:

 Justin Durdan Ted Mottaz

 Bill Leigh Jeff Jarboe

 Ken Hartman Grant Noland

 Mike Homerding Aron Carlson

 Also present were:

 Rod Weinzierl Jim Tarmann

 Phil Thornton Lindsay Mitchell

 Tricia Braid

***Review of Commodity Classic/Corn Congress***

Justin reviewed the schedule for board members for tomorrow at Commodity Classic and for the rest of the week.

The committee discussed the best procedures to get through the 130 proposed resolutions. The committee decided to color code the resolutions to indicate those that need state caucus discussion and those that don’t. Policy breakout teams should review consent agenda items as well as regular submittals.

Because a few farmers have unexpected changes to their schedules or delayed travel plans, Grant Noland will replace Dirk Rice as chair of the ethanol policy breakout committee.

Rod reminded the committee to try to connect with the Illinois Soybean Association Director from their district. Rod also reminded the committee that IL farmer members have been invited to our suite on Wednesday and Friday nights.

***Ag Legislative Day***

Ag Legislative Day will be held on March 30 in Springfield, IL. ICGA should have 2-3 farmers there to represent them.

***Illinois Beef Legislative Reception***

ICGA and the Illinois Beef Association will cohost a legislative reception in Springfield, IL on March 21 at the State House Inn. This reception was well attended last year and helped us better know the members of the Illinois General Assembly. Two or three ICGA directors should plan to attend.

***ICGA Legislative Intern***

ICGA would like to hire a legislative intern for the summer 2017.

 **It was moved by Jeff Jarboe, and seconded by Ted Mottaz**

 **THAT ICGA commit $5,000 for a summer 2017 legislative intern.**

 **The motion carried.**

***NCGA Leadership Academy***

NCGA Leadership Academy applications are due March 24. ICGA is also looking for DuPont Young Leader applicants.

 **It was moved by Kenny Hartman, and seconded by Aron Carlson**

 **THAT the meeting of the Executive Committee be adjourned.**

 **The motion carried.**

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 Mike Homerding, Secretary