**ILLINOIS CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of a Meeting**

**Held February 25, 2018**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Corn Growers Association was held at the Marriott Anaheim hotel in Anaheim, California on February 25, 2018.

 Directors present were:

 Aron Carlson Ted Mottaz

 Don Guinnip Randy DeSutter

 Garrett Hawkins Kate Danner

 Bill Leigh Terry Smith

 Matt Rush Marty Marr

 Keith Sanders Joe Murphy

 Mike Homerding Dave Rylander

 Bill Christ

Also present were:

 Rodney Weinzierl Travis Deppe

 Phil Thornton Dave Loos

 Tricia Braid Jim Tarmann

 Paul Jeschke

The Board meeting was called to order by President Aron Carlson with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm.

SECRETARYS REPORT

Don Guinnip presented the minutes of the January Executive Committee meeting.

 **It was moved by Dave Rylander and seconded by Marty Marr**

**THAT the minutes of the January 16, 2018 meeting of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Corn Growers Association be approved and placed on file.**

 **The motion carried.**

Don Guinnip presented the minutes of the January full board meeting.

 **It was moved by Don Guinnip and seconded by Kate Danner**

**THAT the minutes of the January 16-17, 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Corn Growers Association be approved and placed on file.**

 **The motion carried.**

TREASURERS REPORT

Mike Homerding reviewed the financial statements for the period ending January 31, 2018.

 **It was moved by Mike Homerding and seconded by Bill Christ**

**THAT the treasurer’s report be placed on file.**

 **The motion carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Kayla Veeder provided a quick reminder of Washington, DC travel plans and hotel rooms for March 11-14.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Aron Carlson reported for the committee.

***Classic/Corn Congress***

Aron reviewed the schedule for Illinois Corn board members for the week. The committee discussed the best procedures to get through the proposed resolutions. There will be a couple of controversial resolutions that will require some debate.

***Ag Legislative Day***

Ag Legislative Day will be held on April 11 in Springfield, Illinois. ICGA should have 2-3 farmers there to represent them. We will be doing a reception with Illinois Beef around this time as well. We will discuss this more when we’re in Washington, DC in March.

***ICGA Legislative Intern***

ICGA would like to hire a legislative intern for the summer 2018.

 **It was moved by the committee**

 **THAT ICGA commit $5,000 for a summer 2018 legislative intern.**

 **The motion carried.**

***NCGA Leadership Academy***

NCGA Leadership Academy applications are due March 30. Marty Marr would like to participate in the program this year.

***Other Business***

Kayla and Rod met with Illinois Soybeans last week and discussed where they are in the process of replacing their employee benefits. Leaders of our boards plan to meet to discuss how we should negotiate with Illinois Farm Bureau on administrative costs of the termination of the management services agreement.

 **It was moved by Ted Mottaz and seconded by Terry Smith**

**THAT we approve the Executive Committee Report.**

 **The motion carried.**

 **It was moved by Ted Mottaz and seconded by Kate Danner**

 **THAT the meeting be adjourned.**

 **The motion carried.**

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 Don Guinnip, Secretary