

International Leadership Alumni Conference (ILAC)'s  
ADVISORY BOARD

"Passion Led Us Here – To Continue Our Journey"



## ANNUAL REPORT

August 2019 – August 2020

*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](http://www.ilacconference.com) or [www.ilac-conference.com](http://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 by phone and virtually on October 17<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, June 25<sup>th</sup>, July 30<sup>th</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup>
- Advisory Board meets via Zoom for all ILAC related business, leadership development and social events
- Continued to seek future international and national ILAC hosts, any assistance is appreciated
- **2019 ILAC: Rural Leadership North Dakota and its Alumni Association hosted from July 29-August 1, 2019 and reported a profit of \$15,000**
- **2020 ILAC: "The Wedgworth Leadership Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources is saddened that we are unable to host ILAC 2020 this year out of an abundance of caution related to COVID-19."**  
**Christy Chiarelli, Director, Wedgworth Leadership Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources**
- Held 2020 Annual ILAC Advisory Board/Association meeting via Zoom on July 30<sup>th</sup> with approx. 32 participants
- Held 1<sup>st</sup> Virtual Hospitality Room via Zoom on August 14<sup>th</sup> with 10 participants
- Created Outstanding Alumni Award and Alumni Spotlight features on the website, as well as an Upcoming Events feature which will include future leadership webinars, social events and Advisory Board meeting schedule
- Updated the Marketing Brochure (downloadable from website) for all to share, promote and advocate
- Formed Nominating Committee to annually fill open positions and a Leadership Webinar Committee to plan those events
- Renewed terms for Advisory Board members – Tiffany Ground, AZ; Lisa James, AZ and Richy Naisbett, AL
- Developed a financial report for presentation at each Advisory Board meeting
- Approved financial standing for a total balance of \$5,319.08 held at the First National Bank in DeKalb, IL
- Accepted 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 TBD  
2022 TBD, Maryland

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### 2020 – 2021 Advisory Board Members

Tom Brant, PA – Chair  
Susan Adams, IL – Secretary/Treasurer  
Gerald Clausen, NE  
Tiffany Ground, AZ  
Jeanna Smaaladen, ND

Julie Gemmill, ND  
Ex-Officio Member

Lisa James, AZ – Vice Chair/Website  
Derwood Brett, AR  
Carolyn Fuerth, ONT  
Richy Naisbett, AL  
Sharma Torrens, AZ

Edmond Bonjour, OK  
Advisor & IAPAL Liaison



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