

**SEIARA ANNUAL MEETING**  
**March 1, 2018**  
**Johnson County Extension Office, Iowa City**

- Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Ellis at 10:03 a.m.
- Secretary's minutes:** The minutes of the March 2, 2017 meeting were distributed. There were no additions or corrections.
- Treasurer's Report:** Ryan Drollette provided the treasurer's report (attached in secretary's book).
- Motion:** Motion to approve was passed.
- President's report:** Jeff Ellis provided a welcome to the annual meeting and thanked everyone for being a part of the day.
- SE Farm:** 2017 was a relatively normal year temperature-wise. August was cool. Very dry from end of May through early July. Soybean yields were 65 bu/ac and corn total production was 206 bu/ac (235 in rotated corn). New 2017 projects included 5 ac of sweet corn for grain production, rye crimping for organic soybean production, Syngenta seed treatments, and liquid potassium sidedress in corn.
- Fungicide standability study in corn and LTCC NxKxS studies ended in 2017. The final planting of miscanthus for Emily Heaton's study was planted in 2017. New project for 2018 includes in-furrow fungicide in corn and removing the inside row of the windbreak.
- Events: spring field day, fall field day, nitrogen week, Agronomy New Student Learning Community, Council for International Visitors to Iowa City – Russian Ag Delegates.
- Barn received update in 2017 including an overhead door and repaired soffit from damage several years ago.
- Tim Goode:** Farm manager for ISU research farms shared updates on the Dean search and information about the SERF 2017 Annual Progress Report.
- Dicamba Legalities:** Kristine Tidgren, Director, Center for Agricultural Law & Taxation, described information regarding liability when using dicamba and discussed current court cases involving dicamba.
- ISU Weather Stations:** Daryl Herzmann, Systems Analyst III, Iowa Environmental Mesonet, shared tips to use the ISU Environmental Mesonet and where to find information useful for your farm.
- Lunch:** Hills Bank and Furlong Family Farms sponsored lunch.
- Crop Rotation:** Matt Liebman, ISU Professor of Agronomy, discussed benefits of longer crop rotation including nearly equivalent profitability, improved soil health, reduced disease presence potential, and higher yields.
- Crop Market Outlook:** Chad Hart, ISU Extension Economist, provided a lively discussion on the market outlook and recent improvements in the market.

**Adjournment: *The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

Meaghan Anderson, on behalf of SEIARA Secretary Virgil Schmitt.