

Council Member Ideals

I am an elected official and recognize the important responsibility I am undertaking in becoming a council member for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach to serve my County Agricultural Extension District. I understand the importance:

1. To establish as a priority my attendance at meetings of the council and any committees to which I am appointed.
2. To come prepared to discuss the issues and business to be addressed at scheduled meetings, having read the agenda and all background material relevant to the topics at hand.
3. To work with and respect the opinions of my peers who serve on this council, and to leave my personal prejudices out of all council discussions.
4. To always act for the good of the organization.
5. To represent this organization in a positive and supportive manner at all times and in all places.
6. To observe parliamentary procedure and display courteous conduct in all council and committee meetings.
7. To refrain from intruding on administrative issues that are the responsibility of staff, except to monitor the results and prohibit actions that conflict with extension policies.
8. To avoid conflicts of interest between my position as council member and my personal life. If such a conflict does arise, I will declare that conflict before the council and refrain from voting on such matters in which I have a conflict.
9. To support in a positive manner all actions taken by the extension council even when I am in a minority position on such actions.
10. To abide by all laws, regulations, policies, etc., pertaining to councils and the operation of the county.
11. To get involved with at least one program initiative and participate in the accomplishment of its stated objectives.

If, for any reason, I find myself unable to carry out the above duties as best as I can, I agree to discuss my future as a council member with the council chairperson or regional director.