ICEC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

20 February 2026
6:30 p.m.
Kirkwood Horticulture Building
In-person and via Google Meet

Attending:			
Louis Beck	X	*Ex Officio:*	
Kyla Burns		Gus Elliott	
Ellen Carman, Sec'y	X	Dien Judge	
Heather Gamm		Chris Like	
Jared McGovern, Vice-Chair	X	Jerry Neppel	X
Tiffany Morgan, Chair	X		
Ted Neal	X		
Jim Pifer	X	*Contractor:* Linette Bernard	X
Kean Roberts	X		
Peg Steffen	X	*Guests:*	
Samuel Taylor, Treasurer	x	Jessica Schellhorn	
		Penny Perkins	X

Quorum was confirmed then Tiffany Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Louis Beck made the motion to approve the agenda. Sam Taylor seconds. Motion passes.

Jerry Neppel made the motion to approve the minutes of the 20 January 2026 meeting as written. Louis Beck seconds. Motion passed.

Reports

1. Review Treasurer's Report – Sam Taylor provided a written report for review and noted the current balance reflects more unrestricted funding from membership revenue and from Winter Workshop revenue. Taylor noted that his recommendation remains unchanged; increasing unrestricted funding remains the top priority to sustain and grow ICEC's mission. This is Taylor's last meeting and his final report. ExCom thanked Taylor for his service.

Action Items

1. Treasurer needed for 2026 – Tiffany Morgan noted that no ExCom member has yet to step forward to take the treasurer position.
2. Approve 2026 ExCom slate of officers – The following slate of 2026 officers presented to ExCom are: Jared McGovern, Chair; Tiffany Morgan, Vice-Chair; Ellen Carman, Treasurer; and Kean Roberts, Jim Pifer, and Ted Neal will serve as Co-Secretary. Louis Beck made the motion to approve the slate of officers as read, Jared McGovern seconds. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Approve 2026 Budget – Tiffany Morgan shared the 2026 Budget that was worked on with input from Heather Gamm and Linette Bernard. This budget is still a deficit budget. Kean Roberts made the motion to approve the 2026 Budget as presented. Jared McGovern seconds. Motion passed. ExCom will need to continue to explore additional ways to generate revenue and / or reduce costs.
4. Determine ExCom meeting dates for remainder of 2026 – Tiffany Morgan said that no one day of the month and time worked for everyone, but the best choice was for the remainder of the ExCom meetings for 2026 be on the third Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. Those dates are April 15, June 17, August 19, October 21, and December 16.
5. Need motion to form ad hoc committees for 2026 (Winter Workshop 2027, Member Events and Outreach) – Tiffany Morgan asked for a motion to approve ad hoc committees for 2026. Louis Beck made the motion to approve, Ellen Carman seconded. Motion passed. Tiffany Morgan noted that both the standing committees – Finance, Communications, Nominations – and ad hoc committees of Winter Workshop 2027 and Member Events and Outreach need members! Morgan asked that every ExCom member commit to at least one committee.
6. ee360+ Grant awarded – Linette Bernard reported that ICEC was awarded $2,000 of the $2,500 request from NAAEE to build student chapters. Tiffany Morgan made the motion to allow Linette Bernard to be the designated signatory for the Memorandum of Understanding when it is received by ICEC should the paperwork allow. Morgan made the motion to approve, Jerry Neppel seconds. Motion passed. The first student chapters will be part of this grant and will be Kirkwood Community College and the University of Iowa.

Discussion Items

1. 2026 Winter Workshop final details – Tiffany Morgan reviewed assignments for the day of the workshop.
2. 2027 Winter Workshop location – Louis Beck reported that the FFA Enrichment Center could not be booked with the fee waived. Location options include Southeast Polk Community School District or the University of Iowa Lindquist Center. Drake University was also mentioned as a possibility to ask.

Updates

1. Game Jam – Peg Steffen said that five teachers have signed up for Conservation Game Jam and expects 30-40 games to be submitted. Anyone willing to serve as a judge should contact Steffen.

Informational

1. Iowa Envirothon teams must sign up by 26 February 2026 and the Iowa Envirothon state competition will be held Monday, April 27, 2026. Anyone interested in volunteering to help, please contact Linette Bernard.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.