

IOWA INSTITUTE FOR COOPERATIVES

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Dear Iowa Institute Member,

We will be hosting our Summer Director/Manager Workshop on Tuesday, June 18th at the Huxley Learning Center located at 1551 Hwy 210 in Huxley, just off Interstate 35 at exit 102. We would prefer your registrations as soon as possible but we need them no later than Friday, June 14th to guarantee meal counts. We have assembled a diverse agenda on various topics that we hope will appeal to your Board of Directors and Management team.

Our first speaker is Will Secor with CoBank's Knowledge Exchange Group. Will is going to visit with you about supply chains and Block Chain technology. Many of you have heard about Block Chain and many of you have thought it was probably years off. Are you aware that if you want to sell produce to Wal-Mart you have to enroll in their Block Chain Technology by the fall of 2019, that's not so far off? Block Chain has the potential to enhance and stream line your entire supply chain. However like most technological advances, nobody wants to be first one in but if you wait too long you will be on the outside looking in. Will is going to take you through what Block Chain is, what it could deliver to your supply chain and where and how it is being utilized already.

After a short break, Dr. Lee Schulz with Iowa State University will update you on the economics of African Swine Fever. There has been a great deal of speculation about how big of an impact ASF has had on China's and neighboring countries' swine herds. Dr. Schulz is going to track you through the best estimates of the impact but more importantly what this event will mean to U.S. swine producers and ultimately corn and soybean producers. With the decreased exports and enormous carry over crops, it looks like we are going to be consuming more of our corn and soybean production in the US and this could be a huge factor in maintaining viable markets.

After these two very pertinent speakers, we will take a break for lunch.

After lunch our first speaker is Katie Hall, Director of Government Affairs with the Iowa Institute. Katie will review the highlights of the 2019 Iowa legislative session. She will review what was accomplished; but probably more important, she will discuss what was left undone and will need to be completed in 2020.

Following the update from Katie, we have invited Kristine Tidgren with the Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation (CALT) to update you on Section 199A(g). It has been over a year since Congress passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) and we are still waiting for final guidance from Treasury on rules for Section 199. Kristine will update you on what we know, what we think and what we are waiting for. In addition, Kristine will update you on the Iowa Department of Revenue and how they are interpreting Section 199.

After these two presentations, we will finish with one very interesting presentation. Jim Hoyt just retired from serving on the Board of Directors for ACIDI/VOCA. VOCA is an organization that provides resources

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and people to under developed countries with an emphasis on agriculture and cooperatives. Jim will share some of the opportunities and travels he has participated in and discuss the opportunities that are available to you. There is a great deal of expertise amongst our membership related to agriculture and cooperatives. There is an abundance of opportunities and need for you to share your experience with countries that are desperately trying to develop their infrastructure and economies. If you have ever thought about this form of "giving back," this will be a great opportunity for you to hear about the opportunities that exist.

That's a full day of speakers and diverse topics with a lot of information. Please share this agenda with your Board of Directors and staff. Once you have determined who would like to attend, return the enclosed registration form as soon as you can but no later than Friday, June 14th.

If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact us. Thanks for your support and participation and most of all thank you for your membership.

Sincerely,

David Holm
Executive Director

AGENDA

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8:30	--	9:00	REGISTRATION, COFFEE, JUICE, AND ROLLS
9:00	--	10:30	BLOCK CHAIN – WHAT IS IT AND WHAT DOES IT DO? <i>Will Secor</i> <i>CoBank</i>
10:30	--	10:45	BREAK
10:45	--	12:00	AFRICAN SWINE FEVER - UPDATE <i>Dr. Lee Schulz</i> <i>Iowa State University</i>
12:00 noon	--	1:00	LUNCH
1:00		1:30	RECAP OF 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION <i>Katie Hall- Director of Government Affairs</i> <i>Iowa Institute for Cooperatives</i>
1:30	--	2:15	SECTION 199A(g) UPDATE <i>Kristine Tidgren</i> <i>Director Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation</i> <i>Iowa State University</i>
2:15	--	2:30	BREAK
2:30	--	3:30	INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL OPPORTUNITIES <i>Jim Hoyt</i>
		3:30	CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURN

REGISTRATION FORM

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Cooperative Name: _____

Cooperative Town: _____

**Please list names of persons who will be attending.
Managers, Directors, and Staff Members are all invited.**

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**Registration Fee is \$295 per person if sending 1-4 persons from the same association.
Registration Fee is \$250 per person if sending 5 or more from the same association.**

Please fax this form to 515-292-1672 or email to info@iowainstitute.coop; then mail a copy with your check by Friday, June 14, 2019 to:

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