

2026 Advanced Directors Program (ADP)

February 26-27, 2026

Location:

Iowa State University Digital Ag Innovation Lab

3800 University Blvd Suite 1220

Ames, Iowa 50011

(Easy On-Site Parking)

Advanced Directors Program!

We are excited to announce that our 2026 Advanced Directors Program (ADP) will be offered on February 26-27, at the Iowa State University *Digital Ag Innovation Lab*, in South Ames.

ADP is designed to advance directors' knowledge and boardroom expertise.



Here's what you should know about ADP.

- DCP (Director Certification Program) must be completed before registering for any ADP. The Iowa Institute for Cooperatives has a record of directors who completed DCP.
- ADP is capped at 24 directors (first-registered first-served), with no more than four directors per cooperative. The cap keeps the programs interactive and allows directors from multiple cooperatives to attend.
- The program fee is \$1,250 per director, which includes lunches and dinner. The registration link is available [here](#) or by going to our events page on our website.

ADP Hotel Information:

A block of rooms is available for booking at the Courtyard by Marriott Ames through this [booking link](#). The booking link is open through January 26, after which, attendees can still reserve rooms at the hotel, but availability will be first-come, first-served. Dinner on the first night will be held at Dublin Bay, which is within walking distance of the hotel.

Tentative Agenda
Thursday, February 26, 2026 – Day 1
 Site: Digital Ag Innovation Center

9:45 a.m.	-	10:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions - Bobby Martens , Executive Director, Iowa Institute for Cooperatives
10:00 a.m.	-	12:00 p.m.	Macroeconomics & the Federal Reserve - Bobby Martens , Executive Director, Iowa Institute for Cooperatives
12:00 p.m.	-	12:45 p.m.	Lunch
12:45 p.m.	-	1:30 p.m.	Digital Ag Innovation Lab Overview - Allison Doyle , Business Development, Digital Ag Innovation Lab
1:30 p.m.	-	5:15 p.m.	Managing a Cooperatives' Capital: The Role of the Board of Directors - Brian Briggeman , Professor and Director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University
5:30 p.m.			Networking Dinner – Dublin Bay (320 S 16th St, Ames) In walking distance of Courtyard by Marriott Ames

Friday, February 27, 2026 – Day 2
 Site: Digital Ag Innovation Center

8:00 a.m.	-	12:00 p.m.	Global Trade - Chad Hart , Retired Professor of Economics and Extension Economist, ISU John Crespi , Professor of Economics & Director of the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development, ISU
12:00 p.m.	-	12:45 p.m.	Lunch
12:45 p.m.	-	3:15 p.m.	Boardroom Leadership: Critical Conversations and Accountability - James Summers , Max S. Wortman, Jr. Professor of Management, ISU
3:15 p.m.	-	3:30 p.m.	Wrap-up and Feedback - Bobby Martens , Executive Director, Iowa Institute for Cooperatives

Speaker Bios:



Brian Briggeman is a Professor and Director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University. Brian's research and extension program focuses on agricultural finance, cooperative management, and macroeconomics. He also teaches agricultural finance and cooperative management and advises graduate students.

Prior to joining K-State, Brian worked for the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Oklahoma State University, and Farm Credit Services of America. He holds a bachelor's degree from K-State, a master's from Texas A&M University and a Ph.D. from Purdue University.



Jim Summers is the Max J. Wortman, Jr. professor and associate professor of management at Ivy College of Business at Iowa State University. He earned his Ph.D. at Florida State University in organizational behavior. He teaches MBA and Exec MBA courses on leadership and negotiation.