

**Indiana Vegetable Growers Association
Annual Report
November 30, 2015**

Membership. IVGA had 96 regular and 10 corporate members in 2015.

Communications.

Web Site. The website remains at ivga.org.

Membership Email. An account was established at Mailchimp for no charge. On Jan.17, 2015, an email was sent to all members with email addresses (89) inviting them to attend the annual meeting, renew membership, and review the proposals submitted for funding.

Outreach. IVGA had a display at the following events:

Indiana Horticultural Congress, Jan. 20-22, 2015, Indianapolis (John Young)

Indiana Small Farm Conference, March 6, 2015, Danville (John Young and Tom Roney)

Gifts and Grants.

IVGA issued a call for proposals in late 2014, received four proposals, and voted to fund two with gifts of \$1,000 each:

- “Determining the efficacy of a red yeast, *Sporobolomyces pararoseus*, as a biological control agent on leafy greens and tomato”, Dr. Amanda Deering, Food Science and Dr. Mary Catherine Aime, Botany and Plant Pathology, Purdue.
- “Certification of a GAPs Trainer for Delivery of Produce Food Safety Training”, J. Scott Monroe, Purdue Extension.

IVGA issued another call for proposals in September 2015 and has received three proposals for review at the December 11 board meeting.

Indiana Horticultural Congress. IVGA co-sponsored the 2015 Indiana Horticultural Congress with Purdue University and other producer organizations.

Letters of Support.

IVGA wrote a letter of support for the following grant proposals:

“Development of a National Coordination Center (NCC) for Food Safety Training, Education, Extension, Outreach, and Technical Assistance for Small and Medium-Sized Farms, Beginning and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers, Small Processors, and Small Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Merchant Wholesalers” submitted by Drs. Oliver and Deering at Purdue University to the FDA.

“Specialty Crops and High Tunnels: Evaluating Success and Building Future Capacity” submitted by Drs. James Farmer and Julia Valliant at Indiana University and Dr. Elizabeth Maynard and Ms. Jodee Ellett at Purdue University to the Indiana State Dept. of Agriculture Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. \$134,709 was requested. This grant has been funded.

Discussions with Government Agencies

IVGA President, Secretary/Treasurer, and several board members met with Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Ted McKinney and several of his staff to provide input to the ISDA strategic plan.