

**Indiana Vegetable Growers Association
Annual Report for 2017
January 2, 2018**

Membership. IVGA had 69 regular and 8 corporate members in 2017.

Member Benefits. Members received a hard copy of the Midwest Vegetable Production Guide for Commercial Growers (ID-56) (value \$15) and a hard copy subscription to the Vegetable Crops Hotline newsletter (value \$15). Members were also eligible for a free subscription to American Vegetable Grower magazine.

Directories.

IVGA Membership Directory. The directory was updated, printed, and hard copies mailed to members in December 2017.

IVGA Directory of Wholesale Suppliers. The directory was updated, printed, and hard copies mailed to members in December 2017. Pdf and spreadsheet versions are available at the IVGA web site.

Communications.

Web Site. The website remains at ivga.org.

Outreach.

IVGA had a booth at the Indiana Horticultural Congress, January 10-12, 2017, in Indianapolis.

IVGA and the Indiana Hort Society co-sponsored a summer field day at Tuttle Orchards on June 28, 2017.

Gifts and Grants. IVGA issued a call for proposals on Oct. 4, 2016, received four proposals, and the board voted to contribute \$1000 for “Supporting the Vegetable Industry Success: Marketing Tools for Farm Decision-Making” by Dr. Ariana Torres, Assistant Professor, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture/Ag Economics, Purdue University. The donation was made in 2017.

Indiana Horticultural Congress. IVGA co-sponsored the 2017 Indiana Horticultural Congress with Purdue University and other producer organizations.

Letters of Support/Position

OISC. IVGA wrote a letter to the Office of the Indiana State Chemist stating that members are willing to sign individual waivers of liability required by the manufacturer/distributor in order to be able to use pesticides that might be registered in Indiana for use on fruits and vegetables.

Support Letter. IVGA wrote a letter of support for a grant to evaluate organic transplant growing media submitted to the USDA/ISDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program by E. Maynard, W. Guan, P. Langenhoven and L. Hoagland. The grant has been funded.