



## Meeting Minutes

**May 8, 2025  
10:00 AM**

### **Meeting Location:**

**400 Claiborne Dr.  
Decorah, IA**

Virtual Meeting Link: [meet.google.com/vqs-avzw-pbq](https://meet.google.com/vqs-avzw-pbq)

**Members Present:** John Foster, Joe Bolick, Karmin McShane, Caley Parrish, Jeff Phillips (via phone), Jeff Bradley (via phone), and Joe Mayne (via phone)

**Absent:** Jenny Trent, Abe Sandquist

**Guests:** Zac Hornung

The meeting was called to order on May 8, 2025, by Foster at 10:02 am. Foster conducted a roll call.

Bolick moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Parrish, all ayes, motion carried.

Joe Mayne moved to approve the meeting minutes of April 10, 2025, seconded by Parrish. All ayes, motion carried.

**Chapter Director's Report:** None. Trent was recently in DC advocating for USCC. Bolick reported on the status of the Food Too Good to Waste Act and the daily changes to Federal funding. Foster, Trent, and McShane attended the April 24<sup>th</sup> Quarterly USCC chapter meeting. Foster reported Iowa received \$1,705.88 in funding for best practices and rebates. The Iowa chapter was one of the top performers. Moving forward, continue to track events, take photos, and document all the hard work the board is doing for submission to the USCC.

**IRA update:** The IRA Strategic planning session is scheduled for next week in Waterloo, and the IRA had a smooth transition from the Star chapter to the Brink for the website.

**Iowa DNR Report:** According to Bolick, the Bottle Bill is likely to be revisited in the next session, so IACC should be prepared with a consensus. Discussion ensued.

**Membership Committee Report:** McShane reported that she has emailed the contact list from the sustainability conference in Dubuque to create awareness about IACC and increase membership. The draft recruitment letter for the membership drive is underway; the USCC has a template.

**Programs and Training Committee Report:** Phillips sent a module list for the compost operator training. Phillip sent a slide template and requested that the presenter's slides be returned to him by the end of the month, so we have time to print the materials. IWRC is planning to print the training manuals. Discussion ensued about training details, including facilities, food, and

refreshments. The training link is live on the website, and we will go to the social meeting. Training hours: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Discussion ensued about getting a sign to recognize J Petticord for training sponsorship, and guest speaker options ensued. Foster will plan for a speaker; the meeting will start at 9:00 am and will conclude by lunch. A discussion ensued regarding the networking event following the compost training, and Bolick moved to set a budget of \$300 for the event. Parrish seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

**Advocacy Committee Report:** Foster reported that HB 165, the IDALS Crop Innovation Bill, was passed, which was a win for adding the definition of compost to the law and creating the term “beneficial substances” to assist with reducing the regulatory burden on compost distribution requirements. Foster also reported that he presented at the USCC legislative committee meeting regarding IACC efforts. A discussion ensued regarding contact water and how to model future regulations.

**Communications and Marketing Committee Report:** Bolick reported he has been busy with the Brink transition, and the committee is promoting ICAW week on social media. Zac is joining the USCC communication and marketing subcommittee. Bolick thanked Zac for all the progress on committee work. Ken Miller sent out compostable plastic degradation technology. Discussion ensued.

**Organizational Development Committee:** Foster prepares the annual meeting agenda and nominations for the Board. Hornung and Kapil have submitted nomination paperwork. All nominations are due June 6; the ballot will be approved at the June 12th meeting. Results will be announced at the annual meeting on June 25th.

**Finance Committee:** Financials were sent out, with a steady balance of \$2,475. Parrish reported no substantial changes anticipated in next year’s budget. Discussion ensued regarding fundraising and World-Centric proposed donation, and if we meet the criteria to proceed with an application for \$6000. More debate ensued regarding World-Centric and the details of funding. Foster is waiting for a follow-up from World Centric. Discussion ensued regarding IRA administrative costs, overhead costs, and website, as well as contracted services, and how you define administrative fees. No action was taken; the board decided not to actively pursue the funds.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Discussion of USCC Charter Agreement. Bolick moved to approve the Agreement, pending review by the IACC executive committee and IRA approval, seconded by Parrish. All were in favor; the motion carried.

Discussion and Direction Regarding FY26 Budget. Parrish reported a few minor changes, which are dependent on membership and dues. A discussion ensued regarding sponsorship and advertising categories, and the board recommended adjusting the amount from \$5,000 to \$1,000. Motion to approve as sent out, with a noted change in the sponsorship level down to \$1000, seconded by Phillips. All ayes, motion carried.

**Other:** None.

**Adjourn:** Bolick made a motion to adjourn due to a lack of further business; seconded by Parrish. All ayes, Motion carried. Decorah facility tour to follow. Next meeting: Virtual June 12, 2025.

Respectfully submitted, Karmin McShane, Secretary