

IACC Board Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2025 @ 1:00pm
Zoom Online

Members Present: Zac Hornung, Jeff Bradley, Caley Parrish, Kapil Arora, Joe Bolick, Joe Mayne, Jeff Phillips, Abe Sandquist, Jennifer Trent

Absent: None

Guests: Theresa Stiner

The meeting began with a roll call and approval of the agenda. Jennifer Trent moved to approve the agenda and Joe Mayne seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The group then discussed and approved the meeting minutes from August 14, 2025. Joe Mayne moved to approve the minutes of August 14, 2025 meeting, and Caley Parrish seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chapter Directors Report: Jennifer Trent discussed submitting award nominations for the U.S. Composting Council's annual conference. Jennifer proposed nominating a compost manufacturer member for awards like Manufacturer of the Year, with Jay Petticord and Iowa City being potential candidates. Zac suggested considering both public and private sector facilities, highlighting Jay Petticord's growth in the state and Iowa City's expansion of their food waste program. The group agreed to gather more information about the nomination process and potential candidates before making a final decision.

Zac agreed to review award categories and set up categories for potential submission, with Jennifer helping after her busy week. The team discussed two free registrations for the USCC conference, with Jeff Bradley and Jeff Phillips expressing interest, while Joe Mayne and Zac offered to give priority to others if needed. Zac planned to book his conference attendance before the registration increase in November, and Caley indicated she might attend only for equipment demos, suggesting others take the full conference slot. Awards are due on November 8, 2025 at 11:59 PM.

Iowa DNR Report: Theresa Stiner presented Iowa DNR's report and an update on the status of Executive Order 10 Hearings Status. Theresa reported that the hearings went well with no significant comments on Chapter 102. Theresa explained that the rule will move forward for governor and EPC approval, with two more hearings scheduled for January 27 and 29. She noted that DNR is under a hiring freeze pending federal budget resolution which may cause some delay in the rule making process but she is expecting the new compost rules to be in-acted by May or June 2026.

Membership Committee Report: Zac reported on membership outreach, having contacted non-renewing members and discovered some outdated entries on the membership list. Many members do not renew their membership until the Fall ISOSWO Conference.

Programs and Training Committee Report: Jeff Phillips and Jennifer Trent discussed challenges in organizing a field tour for compost facilities with the board members. Abe Sandquist mentioned an alternative option of touring his facility in Fall 2026 for his company's potential collaboration with Ag Spectrum for research trials using their compost. Abe further shared updates on ongoing compost projects in western Iowa and plans for future tours, while also highlighting marketing efforts for compost-based products. The group also touched on advocacy efforts, with Abe planning to contest certain IDALS rules regarding separation distances for storage/stockpiling of finished compost. The board further discussed IDALS storage regulations, with clarifications needed on temporary storage vs permanent long-term storage, while in-field stockpiling follows different guidelines for low nutrient-dense products.

Jeff Phillips suggested holding a strategic planning meeting in November or December to review past goals and establish new ones for the upcoming year, with a focus on self-facilitation rather than hiring a moderator.

Advocacy Committee Report: No report.

Communications and Marketing Committee Report: Joe Bolick mentioned that IACC Display at the Fall Meeting in was well received although staffing was little challenging. The group discussed plans for the upcoming Fall Conference in Davenport, focusing on incorporating more organic and composting-focused content. Jeff Phillips suggested including a tour of the Davenport compost facility and potentially offering CEU-based training sessions. Zac proposed organizing a demonstration to build and monitor compost piles, though logistical challenges were noted. The group agreed to advocate early for space and opportunities to include these activities at the conference, with Joe mentioning he would bring up the ideas at the IRA board retreat. Jennifer mentioned the Davenport facility's 30-year anniversary event, which some members might attend. The board also discussed future events, including a potential golf outing and awards banquet to be held during the annual meeting in June.

Organizational Development Committee Report: No report

Finance Committee Report: In the finance update, Caley reported that IACC's balance as of September 30, 2025 is at \$25,065 with recent dues payments to IRA. IRA charges 15% on incoming funds as part of their administrative fees.

Old Business: Conflict of Interest Policy - The board approved a conflict-of-interest policy drafted by Zac, which requires board members to sign and disclose any conflicts during their term. Jennifer Trent made the motion to approve the conflict-of interest policy and Joe Bollick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: IDALS Chapter 44 Revision - The group discussed the IDALS Chapter 44 revision, with Jennifer requesting to review the draft before Abe sends it to IDALS.

Composting Tour Sites Discussion: The board members explored potential tour locations for next year, with Metro and Des Moines compost sites being considered. Jennifer offered to contact the Iowa Department of Transportation about their compost usage on roadways, while Zac agreed to reach out to Old Castle in Oskaloosa about a possible tour of their bagging facility and blending operations. The group discussed potential tour sites for composting operations, including a site in Hardin County using mortality composting, though Kapil noted it was mostly static windrows with limited activity. Jeff B offered to connect Jennifer with his retired DOT brother for environmental contacts, while Jennifer mentioned receiving a call about a farmer using compost tea for health purposes. Jeff B mentioned that Vermeer is always open for a

tour.

Other Business: Jeff Phillips announced an upcoming stakeholder group meeting on October 27th regarding Iowa's organics management plan, with about 60 people already registered, and invited others to attend. Jeff mentioned that HDR has been working with Iowa DNR to envision a statewide plan. Webinar will focus on where we are and if we are on the right path forward.

Adjourn: Joe Mayne moved to adjourn the meeting and Jennifer Trent seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Next meeting: 1:00pm via Zoom Online on November 13, 2025. Zac Hornung to send details to board members reminding them of the next meeting.