

2017 ACI Annual Business Meeting Dinner

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ACI Members and Guests:

Please be our guest for dinner on **Thursday, March 30, 2017** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Beck Agricultural Center located at 4540 US 52 West in West Lafayette. This is our opportunity to update you on ACI's key priorities and programs, recognize retiring directors, and elect new board members.

We will also be joined by **CJ McClanahan**, a dynamic executive coach, who will share tips on unlocking the hidden motivation in your organization.

On May 25, 1961, President Kennedy inspired a nation to do the unthinkable - "landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the earth". Less than 10 years later, on July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first man to step foot on the lunar surface.

The truth is that most organizations are only tapping into a small slice of their potential. Most leaders believe that the key to increasing productivity is tactical.

Not true.

If you're interested in getting the most out of your team, you've got to start with a compelling vision that has very little to do with simply growing the bottom line.

In his talk, CJ will inspire you to uncover their purpose and build a vision for your organization. The message will provide insight to these concepts:

- *Why do most organizations struggle to identify and communicate their vision?*
- *How can this process unleash potential in your company*
- *What's the best process for articulating a meaningful vision?*
- *How can you make this a priority?*

Please join us for this important evening with fellow ACI members!

Kind regards,



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ACI Board of Directors Recognition & Election

ACI has long appreciated the support and leadership we have received from our legacy of directors dating back to 1902 for Indiana Grain and Feed Association and 1967 for Indiana Plant Food Agricultural Chemicals Association. This year we will be honoring our outgoing chairs:



- **Sal Sama**, Winfield Solutions (Indiana Plant Food and Ag Chemicals Association - IPFACA Chair and ACI Chair) and
- **Alan Lowe**, Lowe's Pellets & Grain (Indiana Grain and Feed Association - IGFA Chair).

Sal and Alan have shown unwavering support of our membership and true vision with regard to the future of ACI. Join us as we celebrate their tenure as ACI Chairs and honor other retiring directors.

During the business meeting, ACI members will also vote on slates of candidates for IGFA and IPFACA board seats. This is one of the most important responsibilities for ACI members as we ensure the strength of our leadership for future years.

ACI Key Priorities

Each fall, the ACI Policy Committee works diligently to compile a list of positions and priorities most important to our membership regarding important ag issues in our local, state and U.S. government. This year's legislative agenda included issues regarding taxes and budget; regulations; transportation; livestock; pesticides/fertilizers; grain/seed/feed; and water. You will have an opportunity at our annual meeting to hear about the status of these important issues.



ACI Educational Programs

In 2014, ACI and its Education Committee launched the Emerging Professionals Leadership Program (EPLP) to help grow a leadership pipeline and ensure a strong future for Indiana's agribusiness. Since that time, we have graduated nearly 60 aspiring leaders from across our membership and currently have 28 participants for 2017. We also partner with The Asmark Institute on Professional Applicator Training, with NGFA and the Ohio Agribusiness

Association on OSHA safety seminars and other partners on 4R stewardship and certification. These and other sessions prove to be a great educational tool for our membership. You will hear more about these and other future programs available for you, our members.



ACI Networking Events

One of the strongest aspects of our membership is the enthusiasm we share for fellow members. Each year we provide opportunities for our members to attend fun activities to enjoy time together. We will host our annual ACI Golf Outing on July 26th at the Trophy Club in Lebanon.



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