

IMAB Bylaws Voting Member Update Approval – February 20, 2026

In review, there were five of us designated to vote in our bylaws on Nov 17th last year. So thank you for that!

And now we need that same subset of us to vote on a minor edit to the bylaws so we can settle the overall VOTING membership before our next meeting (March 4th).

We five are:

Don Cummings (now, recently installed IMAB chair)

Garth Lindner (IDNR)

David Beachler (NWS)

Breegan Anderson (ISDA)

Beth Carpenter (IDHS)... who replaces Allison Curry who recently resigned from IDHS

We had some discussion about maybe needing to increase the maximum number of overall IMAB voting members, but in the end, it was unnecessary. The only change we are voting on today is an update to "Article 4 - Membership" in the "Members" subsection, where we will be inserting the red text below at the bottom of that section

The following list comprises the voting members of the IMAB, in no particular order;

- Indiana Department of Natural Resources
- Indiana Department of Homeland Security
- Indiana State Department of Agriculture
- United States Geological Survey
- United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Indiana Department of Transportation
- MISO Group
- Indiana Agriculture Nutrient Alliance
- National Weather Service
- Indiana Farm Bureau
- Indiana Department of Environmental Management
- University Representative
- At Large

To explain the last two listed since they aren't named organizations: They exist to allow a different type of member. First, the University Rep that is currently attending is a professional scientist working in Earth and Planetary Sciences (and happens to be at Purdue). If she should ever drop off we would seek a "like" representative. The At Large category is for someone (like myself) who is unaffiliated (for me that's due to retirement)

but has particular knowledge or skillset to be helpful. All the orgs listed above them are self-explanatory and have been participating.

There may (and we hope there are), OTHER attendees who can bring advice and expertise, but they would not be a voting member. This is our way to ensure a single org can't front load a vote just by bringing a lot of people. One voting member per org. There are 13 members on the above list. Our max.

So here's the vote today: Please reply with YES or NO to include the above list in the bylaws as our stated membership.

Thank you for your help!

Don

PS my vote is YES. :)

Regards, and thank you,

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Subject: Re: Dear bylaws voters! (IMAB) - time sensitive. Need your reply this week. Thank you.

Yes.

Note: There is an organization listed below as Indiana Nutrient Alliance. The full organization name is Indiana Agriculture Nutrient Alliance (IANA).

Thanks,

Breegan

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YES. Fully support the addition of the named 13 entities into the bylaws.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

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Subject: Re: Dear bylaws voters! (IMAB) - time sensitive. Need your reply this week. Thank you.

My Vote is **Yes** for this adjustment.

-Dave

On Feb 20, 2026, at 11:18 AM, Lindner, Garth A <glindner@dnr.in.gov> wrote:

I'm late – apologies.

My vote - **YES**

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