



Iowa Extension Council Association Board of Directors

Candidate Voting Procedure and Ballot

Below is the ballot for the IECA Board of Directors. You may vote for one person to represent your administrative region on the association board for a 3-year term. Any person who is a current Extension Council member in your region is eligible to serve on the Board of Directors. If you wish to vote for a Council member not listed, please write his or her name in the space provided. Place an (X) or (✓) in the box beside the candidate you are voting for.

Once you have completed your ballot, please return it, postmarked by **May 10** to:
IECA
611 Roosevelt St.
Lisbon, IA 52253

Region 20:

Place an (X) or (✓) in the box beside the candidate you are voting for.
You may vote for 1 candidate.

Paul Gieselman (Louisa County)

(Name)

(County)

Write-in candidate

Ballots postmarked after May 10 or not marked correctly will not be valid.

Please sign your name and county below (*for verification only – names will not be associated with your response*).

(Name)

(County)

Candidate Profile

Paul Gieselman

Louisa County

Number of Years on Extension Council: 5

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Iowa Extension Council Association's Board of Directors?

I am an enthusiastic supporter of Extension. I have a wide range of leadership skills from the Agriculture sector that I believe would be valuable to the Council. I love a good challenge. I see it as an opportunity to develop a deeper understanding about Extension.

2. What contributions do you feel you could make to this association?

I come from an unconventional county (Louisa) and I hope my perspective is fresh and possibly different. I enjoy networking and have a wide range of contacts to help with solving various issues. I enjoy helping others succeed.

3. What types of experiences you have had on your extension council?

I have helped work through several human resources issues, including a hostile work environment, detrimental behavior on social media, and the hiring of several employees. I have overseen the installation of solar panels on our office, and the purchase of two vehicles that are a cost savings. I was chair and very involved in creating a local Economic Development position in our office, as well as dissolving the past Development Board structure for being ineffective. I have served on every committee, and contributed in each.

4. Please tell us briefly about yourself.

I am 43 and a 5th generation family farmer. I am married to my wife Sara and we have 3 boys – August is 10, Benjamin is 7, and Capp is 5. I am an avid Native American artifact collector and hunter. I can operate and fix anything with an engine. Our family enjoys travelling and my boys have many great experiences from that. I have personally been on trade missions to Canada, Puerto Rico, and China, as well as numerous trips to DC and Des Moines to lobby for legislative issues.