

ISB/ISG At-Large Candidate Profile

Ben Kuhns – Sullivan, Illinois

College/University Attended (list degree or certificate received along with dates attended)

- University of Illinois; Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Consumer Economics, May 2008

Board Participation in Soybean-Related Organizations

- Former Moultrie County Farm Bureau Board Member

Board Participation in County and Community Level Organizations

- Jonathon Creek Township Trustee
- Restoration Community Church of Sullivan Board Member
- Former Sullivan First United Methodist Church Board Member

Board Participation in State/Federal Organizations

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Board Participation in Other Organizations

- Former Advisory Board Member of McDonald Pelz Global Commodities LLC

Please explain why you want to serve as an ISB/ISG At-Large Board Director and how you are qualified for the position.

- I have a strong interest in continuing the growth of Illinois agriculture and advancing the interests of soybean farmers, I believe I can contribute meaningfully to the work of the ISA.

As a part of the agriculture industry as a farmer and the grain business, I understand the challenges that my fellow farmers face. My work as a farmer and as an export soybean and soybean meal broker has shown me the need for modern solutions, sound policies, and advocacy to ensure the success of the soybean industry in Illinois.

I currently serve on my township board, church leadership team, and was formerly on the county Farm Bureau board. I understand how teamwork, strategic planning, and open communication can achieve goals that benefit both individual farmers and the broader agricultural industry.

If given the opportunity to serve as an At-Large Director, I will work diligently to support ISA's mission of enhancing the profitability and sustainability of Illinois soybean farmers. I am particularly passionate about international trade and market development. I am excited about contributing to the organization using my on-farm experience along with my commercial grain background to help strengthen our soybean industry.