

ISB/ISG At-Large Candidate Profile

Betsey Emerick – Vandalia, Illinois

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

- Rend Lake College; Associates of Science & Arts
- Southern Illinois University; Bachelor of Science in Finance

Board Participation in Soybean-Related Organizations

- At-Large Director for the Illinois Soybean Association

Board Participation in County and Community Level Organizations

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Board Participation in State/Federal Organizations

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Board Participation in Other Organizations

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

- As a farmer and real estate investor, I recognize the importance of promoting agriculture, growing high quality commodities and educating the public about sustainability and profitability. I appreciate and thank the Illinois Soybean Association for supporting those same values at the local, state and national level. My passion for agriculture is not only my vocation, but my true advocacy. This multi-generational passion for agriculture is my foundational qualifier as your next At-Large Director. I can best be described as having on farm experience with an outbound personality combined with a first-hand knowledge of soybean production, marketing and house flipping. These strengths shall serve Illinois Soybean Association and its membership in advocating to industry leaders, farmers, future farmers, landowners and elected officials.

As a lifelong farmer, I consistently strive to better my profession and myself. In doing so, I am a proud graduate of the Illinois Agriculture Leadership Foundation Class of 2020. Through the Foundation, my leadership depth and experience continue to grow, ultimately serving me well as an agriculture and soybean advocate. As part of my personal betterment, I have attended training and education sessions, including local and regional soil health meetings, Top Producer seminars, as well as regional agricultural management and operational peer groups. I look to discover something new that I can take back and implement on the farm.

At present, I serve as an At-Large Director for the Illinois Soybean Association. I was elected in 2019 and have served two terms. I have been a member of the Soybean Production Committee, Marketing Committee and Finance Committee. I have also participated in several Washington DC Fly-Ins as well as trade missions. I believe my passion and experience qualify me to fill the role of At-Large Director of the Illinois Soybean Association. Thank you for your consideration.