



# NETWORK NEWS

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## MARCH BUSINESS LUNCHEON

### **“Iowa Agriculture: Leadership and Our State’s Top Industry”**

Leadership Network members and guests welcome **Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey** as our March guest presenter.

Bill Northey is a fourth generation farmer from Spirit Lake, Iowa, who grows corn and soybeans. Northey returned to Spirit Lake to farm with his grandfather after graduating from Iowa State University in 1981.

He is serving his second term as Iowa Secretary of Agriculture after being reelected in November of 2010.

As Secretary, Northey has committed to traveling to each of Iowa’s 99 counties every year to hear from farmers and rural residents with a stake in the future of agriculture. These meetings allow him to listen to their needs and better lead the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship as it seeks to serve the people of the state.

His priorities as Secretary of Agriculture are advancing science and new technologies to better care for our air, soil and water and reaching out to all Iowans to tell the story of Iowa agriculture.



**Meeting details on page 2 – Make a reservation today!**



## LUNCHEON MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2011

11:45 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

**DES MOINES EMBASSY CLUB AT THE RUAN CENTER  
7<sup>TH</sup> AND GRAND AVENUE, 33<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR**

### *LUNCHEON BUFFET RETURNS!*

\$20.00 cash or check payable to Leadership Network  
*RESERVATIONS (or cancellations) accepted  
through noon on Tuesday, March 15*

Contact Us page at [www.dmlleadershipnetwork.org](http://www.dmlleadershipnetwork.org)  
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## TRANSITIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Send us your news! [desmoinesleaders@yahoo.com](mailto:desmoinesleaders@yahoo.com)

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Immediate Past President Dave Leto is seeking nominations, including self nominations, for new board members. We will have at least one slot to fill for the term beginning on June 1. Please send Dave a message indicating your interest at [dleto@thepalmergroup.com](mailto:dleto@thepalmergroup.com) as soon as possible. The Nominating Committee will meet in April to finalize the slate for May voting.

April 21. Guest Speaker **Nabeel Meghji, Peak 4 Poverty.**

May 19. **AIB College of Business Scholarship awarded. Election of 2011-2012 Board of Directors.** Tons of networking time before summer break in June, July, and August. Watch newsletter for August get-together after work – just for fun!

## CAMPUS CORNER WITH BMA

Welcome back to another Campus Corner with BMA, your Student Chapter!

We are excited that spring officially begins this month; it means more sunshine and warmer temps. With this in mind, we look forward to getting back outside for community service projects such as Adopt-A-Highway. We are sure after being covered in snow all winter, the ditches are in need of much “spring” cleaning. March also brings with it a little luck...St. Patty’s Day will be here before you know it. We look forward to this month’s meeting which happens to fall on March 17; remember to wear your green.

Our members recently wrapped up finals and enjoyed a week break; so March kicks off the start of a new term and for a few, this may be their last as they approach graduation. One member graduating at the end of Spring Term is our former President Madeline Henry. Last month we honored her with a plaque for her hard work, dedication, and inspiring leadership during her year of service. She devoted much time and showed great passion in leading BMA. We wish her continued success!

Our partnership in working at the Iowa Events Center continues to grow having worked events such as Iowa Energy games and the high school state wrestling tournament. This month at the Events Center, we gear up for Boys’ State Basketball, Cirque du Soleil, and a Kenny Chesney concert! If you happen to be at one of these events, stop by our stand as it’s always great to see people we know.

Lastly, we have finalized the plans for this year's annual trip; a reward for the hard work and many hours members devote to the group. The end of May we will be flying twenty of our members plus sponsors to the Riviera Maya in Mexico for six days and five nights at an all-inclusive Iberostar resort. The temps will be in the 80-90s, clear blue water, white sand beaches, and the resort and surrounding area will have plenty to offer. Our members are most definitely excited to have this opportunity to travel abroad, experience a different culture, and enjoy a little relaxation.

Thank you all for continuing to support the Leadership Network and our student chapter at AIB.

Until next month,

~BMA



***PLEASE JOIN US!***

Our Mission

Leadership Network enhances community knowledge and involvement by promoting personal and professional development for leaders of Central Iowa through networking, educational and social opportunities.

**New Member Application**  
**\$95 for one year (June 1 to May 31)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Professional certification \_\_\_\_\_

Business name \_\_\_\_\_

Street address or postal address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile # \_\_\_\_\_

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