

North Central Region

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J. Ernest “Ernie” Minton has been a passionate champion of the Land-grant mission, believing that the mission can best be achieved empowering and enabling faculty, particularly early career development to achieve their highest level. Ernie is an approachable, unassuming, plain-spoken, quiet, optimistic and thoughtful leader. While he may consider himself to have a ‘dull’ personality, all thoroughly enjoy his dry sense of humor, wisdom, thoughtful questions and his deep caring for others.

Regionally, Ernie has served North Central Regional Association (NCRA) of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors in a variety of leadership roles including the Multistate Research Committee (MRC), MRC chairing, while serving as Administrative Advisor to many multistate projects. Following the NCRA tradition, he became NCRA chair in 2014 and served a second term in 2015. He has also served on the NCRA Nominations Committee, North Central Regional Aquaculture Center Board and on the search committee for the NCRA Executive Director. Nationally, Ernie has served as one of two NCRA representatives to the ESCOP

Budget and Legislative Committee (chair 2018-20). He is also the ESCOP liaison to N-CFAR.

He joined the faculty at Kansas State University in the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry in 1983. Ernie was departmental director of graduate programs and research coordinator. He later became Interim Associate Director and then as Associate Director of the Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station. He was later also appointed as Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs. While active in research, Ernie published extensively in the animal and veterinary science literature. He also served in editorial roles for the Journal of Animal Sciences.

Ernie has received numerous honors and distinguished activities--Alumnus of the Year, Department of Agriculture, Western Kentucky University and Graduate Degree Graduate of Distinction, Animal Science Department, Oklahoma State University. A native of Kentucky, Ernie Minton received his bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky University, and MS and PhD degrees from Oklahoma State University.