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GEAPS Executive Update

By: **Steve Records**, GEAPS Executive Director

First and foremost, I hope you and your families are all healthy and safe. The last few weeks have presented us all enormous challenges, both to our personal health and our businesses. We are all in the midst of dealing with our current situations and learning how to emerge strong. The other side will bring a 'new normal' and we must be prepared to adjust to new needs and opportunities. While the core of what we do won't change, how we do it likely will. GEAPS, like your businesses, is no different in this respect.

Adaptability is the ability to adjust to new conditions. Last fall, GEAPS started a new strategic planning process to ensure we positioned our organization to deliver more member value and organizational growth in the future. We challenged ourselves early in that process to be more agile, more adaptable. The COVID-19 pandemic is challenging our adaptability while also highlighting the importance of being a flexible organization. Over the last few weeks, we made the difficult decision to cancel GEAPS Exchange. We recognize the other parts of GEAPS – our membership and professional development programming – could also be impacted in the short term. Needless to say, we must adapt.

While we all face significant uncertainty, there is one thing about which I am certain – GEAPS is a strong organization because of you – our members. Your commitment and that of our leaders, companies and sponsors means we will all weather COVID-19 and emerge strong. I ask for and thank you in advance for your continued support of GEAPS through these events with the knowledge that the impact GEAPS will bring back to you and your companies will continue even stronger in the future.

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GEAPS

EXCHANGE CANCELLED

GEAPS Cancels Exchange 2020

Credits and Refunds will be Issued Without Fees

Weeks after postponing GEAPS Exchange 2020 until July, GEAPS has officially cancelled the event. All meetings and events scheduled in conjunction with Exchange 2020 are also cancelled. GEAPS will offer refunds in three ways: as credit towards any other GEAPS program or service, as gifts to the association or as reimbursement.

According to GEAPS International President Steve Myers, Bunge Milling, GEAPS decided to cancel the show to protect the health of everyone involved.

“Given the current COVID-19 situation, there was just no way to know if it would be safe to have our conference in July,” Myers said. “In the interest of the health of our attendees, exhibitors and staff we have cancelled our conference for 2020. We appreciate the support of our members, sponsors and exhibiting companies through this challenging time.”

Executive Director Steve Records said the outcome was disappointing and pointed to how safety is a major theme for many things GEAPS does.

“Given the unknowns we all are facing for the foreseeable future, including the safety of large gatherings of people, we know this is the right thing to do,” Records said. “We have immediately turned our efforts to ensuring GEAPS Exchange 2021 in Columbus, Ohio, will be the best conference possible. We are planning and taking precautions to deal with lingering health and safety concerns from COVID-19 next spring.”

GEAPS will process refunds as swiftly as possible, but they could take up to four weeks to process. Thank you for your patience as we work through these unprecedented times!

GEAPS Exchange 2021 is scheduled for Feb. 20-23, 2021, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. Booth sales for the conference are currently open and attendee registration will open in the fall.

REFUND DETAILS

If you never cancelled your registration

- Look for an email from GEAPS with instructions on how to process your credit or refund

If you cancelled your registration and paid a cancellation fee

- GEAPS is refunding the fee
- Please look for an email from GEAPS with more information

If you booked a room in the Exchange 2020 Room Block for March

- All room night reservations were cancelled without fee

Exhibitors and Sponsors

- Thank you for supporting GEAPS and Exchange 2020
- Your refund can be issued as a reimbursement or as a credit towards future years

If you would like to support GEAPS, credit can also be given to the organization.

Please note, any gifts are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution at this time.

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GEAPS Exchange 2020 has been cancelled, but we would still like to thank the companies that committed their support for the event!

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Vote for International and Associates Board Leaders

It is time to elect new leaders for the International and Associates boards. All active Regular and Associate members will receive a link to an online ballot with voting instructions via email in April. The deadline to vote is Monday, June 1. The following pages include profiles of all candidates. GEAPS will announce both election results in July.

INTERNATIONAL BOARD CANDIDATES



Second Vice President Candidate

DAVID MCKERCHAR, MCGOM, PAg, CCA, Parrish & Heimbecker, *Canadian Prairies Chapter*

Mr. David McKerchar is regional construction coordinator for Parrish & Heimbecker, Yorkton, Saskatchewan. A GEAPS member since 2012, he currently serves as GEAPS International third vice president, member of the Chapter Leader Advisory Support and Information Council and member of the Chapter Resource Committee. David is also a Professional Agrologist (PAg) member of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists (SIA), representing the Yorkton branch as Councilor to the Provincial Council. David also serves on the Planning Committee for the Canadian Association of Agri-Retailers (CAAR) annual trade show and conference.

“I am committed to working with industry professionals to build GEAPS into a networking and knowledge center for the grain and processing industries. Allowing the freedom for people to share their knowledge in an open environment where best practices and lessons can be discussed with others, for the benefit of all. Where people from across North America and around the world can learn new ideas, and gain new knowledge.”



INTERNATIONAL BOARD DIRECTOR CANDIDATES



CALEB BANCROFT, EGT LLC, *Columbia River*

Mr. Caleb Bancroft is assistant operations manager for EGT LLC, Longview, Washington. A GEAPS member since 2016, he has served in both International and chapter leadership. He currently serves as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee, the Chapter Leader Advisory Support and Information Council and as president of the *Columbia River Chapter*.

“Serving in local chapter leadership and on the Strategic Planning Committee has reinforced the importance and benefits of GEAPS and brought to light some the challenges we face going forward. I would utilize my experience in grain export operations in the Pacific Northwest, our interior origination facilities and from the construction industry to provide balanced and unique perspective in service to my fellow members.”



STEELE BOYD, Riceland Foods, Inc., *Mid-South*

Mr. Steele Boyd is director of commodity operations for Riceland Foods in Stuttgart, Arkansas. A GEAPS member since 2011, he has served in both International and chapter leadership. He currently serves as director on GEAPS International Board of Directors and as Secretary/Treasurer of the *Mid-South Chapter*.

“Conservation, quality and safety are key parts of the future of grain-related operations. I have a strong interest in and aptitude for discovering new and innovative ways to strengthen these goals. As an International Board director, I will bring my focus, years of agriculture experience and a dedication to the future leadership of grain-related operations.”



CASEY JONES, MKC, *Great Plains*

Mr. Casey Jones is vice president director of northern operations for MKC in Moundridge, Kansas. A GEAPS member since 2010, he has served in International leadership, including the 2014 Host Advisory Council.

“I am truly honored to be nominated for this position, and I know that my varied background in agriculture operations provides me with a unique ability to truly bring the voice of the industry to GEAPS. Our organization holds a critical position in the industry by continuing to provide education, leadership and services to individuals and companies. The networking and knowledge available through GEAPS is one of the core reasons I have encouraged numerous colleagues to join and become active in the organization. These services helped propel my professional career and shaped my personal development.



TIM KRAMER, Bunge Milling, *Kansas City*

Mr. Tim Kramer is maintenance superintendent for Bunge Milling, Atchison, Kansas. A GEAPS member since 2010, he has served in both International and chapter leadership. He currently serves as director on the GEAPS International Board of Directors; as a member of the Membership Committee and Chapter Leader Advisory Support and Information Council; and as president of the *Kansas City Chapter*.

“GEAPS is a great source of information and training. I hope to help our organization stay healthy and active.”



INTERNATIONAL BOARD DIRECTOR CANDIDATES



CHUCK KUNISCH, Michigan Agricultural Commodities, *Michigan/So. Ontario*

Mr. Chuck Kunisch is facility manager, general manager and acting safety director for Michigan Agricultural Commodities, Marlette, Michigan. A GEAPS member since 2002, he has served in International leadership. He currently serves as a member of the Exchange Educational Programming Committee and serves on NGFA's SHEQ Committee.

"I have been involved with GEAPS a good portion of my career. I have benefited personally and professionally from the people I have met through GEAPS. MAC has also benefited from what I learned and put into practice. I hope to be able to do the same thing for the next generation of grain facility operators. I want to do anything I can to promote safety in the grain industry to have all grain workers and our customers return home at the end of the day safe and healthy. I am ready, willing and able to commit the time needed to fulfill all of my GEAPS duties. I am fully supported by the ownership and management of Michigan Agricultural Commodities."



TRACE LOPEZ, Vita Plus Corp, *Michigan/So. Ontario*

Mr. Trace Lopez is lead PCQI for Vita Plus, Gagetown, Michigan. A GEAPS member since 2016, he has served in chapter leadership. He currently serves as director of the *Michigan So./Ontario Chapter*. He also serves as captain of a local fire department.

"I am committed to helping constituents in the grain and feed industries learn the best ways possible to keep employees safe. Being a member of our local fire department for over 15 years I have learned that no matter what industry you are in, going home to our families should always be the goal. I feel that safety should be the number one priority in all facilities. Through GEAPS we can continue to train managers and their employees on the safest ways to enter grain bins, clean conveyors/mixers and all the other processes involved in our industry."



MERVIN RAPP, III, CGOM, CHS Inc., *Gulf South*

Mr. Mervin Rapp is team leader for CHS Inc., Belle Chasse, Louisiana. A GEAPS member since 2011, he has served in both International and chapter leadership. He currently serves as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee, the International Board Nominations Committee, the Exchange Educational Programming Committee, the Chapter Leader Advisory Support and Information Council, the Young Professionals Group, and as vice president of the *Gulf South Chapter*.

"What first brought me to GEAPS was a young eager mind wanting to gain exposure and experiences from the grain industry. I believe in building a culture of learning. I take GEAPS' mission seriously and want to be a part of the future of GEAPS."



NICK STEINBACH, Two Rivers Cooperative, *Greater Iowa*

Mr. Nick Steinbach is safety coordinator for Two Rivers Cooperative, Pella, Iowa. A GEAPS member since 2011, he has served as chair of the Ag Cooperative Safety Directors of Iowa and currently serves as a board member of the Midwest Ag Safety Directors Association.

"For the past 35 years the agricultural industry has been my vocation. I have a strong passion for the grain/feed business and worker safety in agriculture. My goal will be to use my past experience and current industry knowledge, with the help of industry contacts, to provide resources and support to the members of GEAPS in order to make their work environment safer and more efficient. I will also work to grow the membership and make GEAPS a solid organization that members of the grain industry will want to participate in."



ASSOCIATES BOARD DIRECTOR CANDIDATES



COURT CHRISTENSON, Solvay, *Minneapolis*

Mr. Court Christenson is North America technical rep for Solvay, Owatonna, Minnesota. A GEAPS member since 1999, he currently serves on the Exchange 2020 Host Advisory Council. He has attended three chapter events within the last year and every GEAPS Exchange within the past five years. He is also a member of International Association of Operative Millers, Almond Alliance and American Pistachio Growers.

“As a 20-year plus member, I realize the value GEAPS has brought to my continued growth, both personally and professionally. I look forward to representing fellow associate members and contributing to the overall well-being of the organization.”



DUSTIN DRAKE, Drake Inc., *Greater Nebraska*

Mr. Dustin Drake is president/owner for Drake Inc., Waco, Nebraska. A GEAPS member since 2007, he has served in chapter leadership. He was an officer of the *Greater Nebraska Chapter* from 2013-2015. He attended the 2019 North Central Regional Conference and has attended every GEAPS Exchange within the past five years. In addition to his volunteer leadership, he has been a four-time speaker for KGFA Maintenance Training on Concrete Elevator Repairs. He is also a member of the American Shotcrete Association and International Association of Operative Millers.

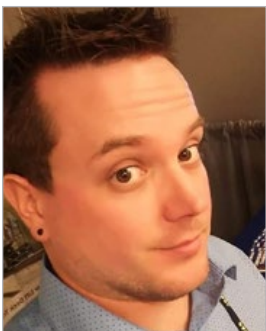
“My commitment to helping advance GEAPS’ mission by serving on the Associates Board will be to help promote fellowship, leadership, communication and networking between all members. I believe with my experience of being a GEAPS member and attending the Exchange Expo for the last 13 years, I can be an asset towards achieving goals of the association.”



ROBERT EWANCHUK, Stantec, *Canadian Prairies*

Mr. Robert Ewanchuk is Western Canada rail sector lead for Stantec, Surrey, British Columbia. A GEAPS member since 2017, he has attended four chapter events within the last year and three GEAPS Exchanges within the past five years.

“I will be dedicated in helping to mentor all engineering employees with the current railway standards, to ensure that their companies will be able to design the highest quality rail spur lines, along with the safest operational procedures.”



RYAN FOSS, Falcon Shuttle Rail, *Canadian Prairies*

Mr. Ryan Foss is regional account manager for Falcon Shuttle Rail, Winnipeg, Manitoba. A GEAPS member since 2017, he has attended six chapter events within the last year and two GEAPS Exchanges within the past five years. He serves on the Golf Committee with the *Canadian Prairies Chapter* and is a volunteer fundraiser for STARS Air Ambulance.

“I am happy to offer any service I can to continue to build up GEAPS membership, raise funds or aid in the organization of events for GEAPS.”



ASSOCIATES BOARD DIRECTOR CANDIDATES



DOUGLAS HODGES, Meyer Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc, *Mid-South*

Mr. Douglas Hodges is vice president of sales and marketing for Meyer Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc, Mountain Home, Arkansas. A GEAPS member since 2016, he has attended three chapter events within the last year and three GEAPS Exchanges within the past five years. He serves on the Golf Committee for the *Mid-South Chapter*. He is also a member of the Texas Grain and Feed Association.

"I've been fascinated with the industry ever since I walked into my first elevator in 2005 in Louisiana, Missouri and rode a belt elevator to the top to look at the roof. The grain industry has been my focus over these last 15 years and I've enjoyed learning from all the people I've visited. I think I bring a fresh way of thinking to the table and enjoy the interactions of others."



DAN LYNCH, Warrior Mfg LLC, *Kansas City*

Mr. Dan Lynch is district sales manager for Warrior Mfg LLC, Hutchinson, Minnesota. A GEAPS member since 2018, he has attended five chapter events within the last year and three GEAPS Exchanges within the past five years. He is also a member of National Grain and Feed Association, International Association of Operative Millers and the Carolina Feed Industry Association.

"During my previous time in the industry, I wanted to be more involved with a board type position. Now, back in the industry, I feel it is the right time to more fully engage in an associate leadership position. For being a smaller, growing company, Warrior has a very strong presence in our industry. Our commitment to excellence is a value that I look forward to bringing to a GEAPS leadership position."



JOSH MCCLURE, ASP, PMI Nebraska LLC, *Greater Nebraska*

Mr. Josh McClure is safety director for PMI Nebraska LLC, Grand Island, Nebraska. A GEAPS member since 2012, he has served in both International and chapter leadership. He is the president of the *Greater Nebraska Chapter* and currently serves on the Chapter Leader Advisory Support and Information Council. He has also served on the Educational Programming Committee and Exhibitors Committee for the 2019 North Central Regional Conference. He has attended seven chapter events within the last year and every GEAPS Exchange within the past five years. He is also a member of the Nebraska Grain and Feed Association and Great Plains Safety and Health Organization.

"I have been very blessed by the friendships, education, networking and leadership opportunities that GEAPS has given me. Serving in my chapter, the region, and for the EPC has been very rewarding and productive. I believe it is important to mentor future industry leaders and educate current members so that we continue to be the grain industry's knowledge resource."



JOE MELTON, DEKRA, *Siouxland*

Mr. Joe Melton is director of safety consulting services for DEKRA, Lawton, Iowa. A GEAPS member since 2011, he has attended three chapter events within the last year and four GEAPS Exchanges within the past five years. In 2019, he was a speaker at Exchange and the North Iowa Regional Conference. He is also a member of the Ag Coop Safety Directors of Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota and Nebraska.

"I have been around the grain industry since I was 13 years old in Boone County, Iowa. I worked one year directly in the grain industry at our local coop, another three years in construction of On-Farm storage and the last 10 years supporting the industry as a safety, leadership, and behavior consultant. I have 3 brothers who work full time in the grain and agriculture industry, so the mission of thriving the industry in the safest, most efficient manner possible is personal and one my family has taken pride in for many generations. I value innovation through the expo and chapter meetings, providing top flight education curriculum through Exchange education tracks and GEAPS online portal and providing leadership opportunities through chapter involvement and board opportunities. I want to continue to grow GEAPS as the premier grain industry provider of content and education while challenging ourselves to remain innovative to the changing times and workforce demands."



ASSOCIATES BOARD DIRECTOR CANDIDATES



MARCUS NEAL, Interstates, Kansas City

Mr. Marcus Neal is market sector leader for Interstates, Louisburg, Kansas. A GEAPS member since 1998, he has served in both International and chapter leadership. He was the 2016 International Board President, 2018 *Kansas City Chapter* president, and 2009-2011 *Mid-Atlantic Chapter* vice president. He currently serves on the Membership Committee, GEAPS Foundation Board and as the GEAPS representative for the K-State IGP Advisory Board. He has also served on the Marketing Oversight Committee and Chapter Leader Advisory Support and Information Council. He has attended eight chapter events within the last year and every GEAPS Exchange within the last five years. He has also been a contributor for the National Grain and Feed Association/Grain Journal Facility Design Conference and is a member of National Grain and Feed Association and Pacific Northwest Grain & Feed Association.

"I'm committed to having a leadership role in helping GEAPS fulfill its mission to be *The Knowledge Resource for the World of Grain Handling Operations*. I believe GEAPS is in a unique position to bridge the gap between industry, education, technology and innovation needed in our industry; and in the coming years and decades, the opportunities GEAPS provides will continue to move towards the accomplishment of our mission."



PERRY NETTLES, Ecolab, Mid-South

Mr. Perry Nettles is central regional manager for Ecolab, Bono, Arkansas. A GEAPS member since 2011, he has served in both International and chapter leadership. He currently serves as an Associates board director and was an officer of the *Mid-South Chapter* from 2012-2019. He volunteers on both the *Mid-South Chapter* Fishing Tournament and Scholarship committees. He has served on the Chapter Resource Committee, Chapter Leader Advisory Support and Information Council, and Exchange Host Advisory Council. He has attended five chapter events within the last year and every GEAPS Exchange within the past five years. He is also a member of the Tennessee Feed and Grain Association and USA Rice Federation.

"I am a huge proponent of increasing the industry knowledge around stored product pests and fumigation efficacy and specifically the new FSMA regulations related to the grain industry."



LAURA SCHULZ, Painters USA Inc, Golden Triangle

Ms. Laura Schulz is general manager, Texas region for Painters USA Inc, Grand Prairie, Texas. A GEAPS member since 2016, she has served in International leadership. She currently serves as an Associates board director and is a member of the Exchange Educational Programming Committee. She has attended every GEAPS Exchange within the past five years.

"I have been committed to contributing to the education of GEAPS members since 2016. As a member of the EPC, I volunteer to help coordinate education sessions at Exchange. I also sit on the committee for the Idea Exchange to help bring awareness to the newest technologies and products in the industry to promote safety and increase efficiency for grain handlers and managers. These educational opportunities ensure the sustainability and growth of the grain industry."



All active Regular and Associate members will receive a link to an online ballot with voting instructions via email in April. The deadline to vote is Monday, June 1.



ASSOCIATES BOARD DIRECTOR CANDIDATES



MATTHEW SCHMITT, PE, CGOM, CGPM, Keen Project Solutions LLC, *Greater Iowa*

Mr. Matthew Schmitt is structural engineer for Keen Project Solutions LLC, Ankeny, Iowa. A GEAPS member since 2014, he has served in both International and chapter leadership. He is the president of the *Greater Iowa Chapter* and vice chair of the Membership Committee. He also serves on the Chapter Leader Advisory Support and Information Council and Young Professionals Task Force. He has attended five chapter events within the last year and three GEAPS Exchanges within the past five years. In addition to his volunteer leadership with GEAPS, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Ankeny Economic Development Corporation and is a member of their Salute to Industry planning committee. He is also a member of the Structural Engineers Association of Iowa (SEAIA), Knights of Columbus Council 15603 and Ankeny Economic Development Corporation.

“As a chapter officer, I helped to put on the first-ever live chapter webinar meeting at the GRI Chapter, and we also held our first daylong Maintenance Day, modeled after the Great Plains Chapter. On the Membership Committee, I help to advance and improve Student Day at the Exchange. I have been instrumental in finding ways for students to be better engaged with Exhibitors at the Expo by answering scenarios, which both educate the students about the industry and give exhibitors a chance to talk about their company to potential employees or future customers.”



ED ZDROJEWSKI, Grain Journal, *Cornbelt*

Mr. Ed Zdrojewski is editor for Grain Journal, Decatur, Illinois. A GEAPS member since 2005, he has served in both International and chapter leadership. He currently serves as an Associates Board director and is a member of the Continuing Education Program Oversight Committee. He was an officer of the *Cornbelt Chapter* from 2014-2016 and has served on the Exchange Educational Programming Committee and Marketing Oversight Committee. He has attended three chapter events within the last year and every GEAPS Exchange within the past five years. He is also a member of the National Grain and Feed Association, American Feed Industry Association and International Association of Operative Millers.

“I am committed to advancing GEAPS’ mission to be the knowledge resource for the grain and processing industry, through ongoing activities such as GEAPS Exchange, chapter meetings, and distance education programs, but also to finding and developing new platforms and formats for members to access the knowledge and industry contacts they need.”

Thank you for your service!

The following leader’s terms are expiring:

Kris Smelser, MillerCoors, *Intermountain*

After serving on the International Board for six years, Kris is no longer eligible for re-election.

Wade Spencer, Bulk Conveyors Inc, *Great Plains*

After serving on the Associates Board for six years, Wade has decided not to run for re-election.

Thank you both for your service to GEAPS!

The following leaders’ terms are up, and all are seeking re-election:

International Board Directors

Steele Boyd, Riceland Foods Inc, *Mid-South*

Tim Kramer, Bunge Milling, *Kansas City*

Associates Board Directors

Perry Nettles, Ecolab, *Mid-South*

Laura Schulz, Painters USA Inc, *Golden Triangle*

Ed Zdrojewski, Grain Journal, *Cornbelt*



GEAPS Offers New Bundled Pricing for Credential

Buy Five Courses, Get One Free!

GEAPS and Kansas State University are now offering a bundled price on their joint credential program. Anyone who purchases five of the six courses required for the Credential in Grain Operations Management receives the final course for free. Courses are a part of the GEAPS/K-State Distance Education Program.

Investing in credentials for employees is a great way to ensure standardized training for new employees, especially those with a background outside the industry. The bundle includes an advising session with GEAPS staff. The half-hour meeting will plan a timeline for course completion through the end of 2021. The advising session is an opportunity to ask questions about the program before purchasing the courses.

With the bundle pricing, credentials cost \$3,500 for GEAPS members and \$4,525 for non-members. The free course is a \$700 savings for GEAPS members and \$965 savings for non-members.

Scott Brittingham, MCGOM, regional manager of Delaware grain facilities at Mountaire Farms Inc, enrolled in courses to gauge them as a training option for less-experienced employees. "Mountaire's business model puts a high emphasis on operational excellence," Brittingham said. "As I was researching the course offerings, my lifelong love of learning prompted me to sign up for courses to see if I could glean any information to supplement my years of experience in the grain industry."

For more experienced employees, credentials can be a valuable engagement tool. Not only will completing courses fill in knowledge gaps, it gives your employees a series of deadlines and goals to pursue. Brock Dexter, MCGOM, Senior Safety Specialist, CHS, pursued credentials to broaden his knowledge of the industry.

"When you work in the ag industry you know how elevators operate, how legs operate, how conveyors operate in a very general capacity," Dexter said. "These courses made you design a facility and realize how things should work in a perfect world when you get to start from scratch."

Learn more and sign up at www.geaps.com/bundle

COURSES REQUIRED:

- **GEAPS 500: Introduction to Grain Operations** or **GEAPS 501: Management Basics for Grain Facility Supervisors**
- **GEAPS 510: Grain Facilities Planning and Design I**
- **GEAPS 520: Grain Quality Management**
- **GEAPS 530: Quality Management Systems for Bulk Materials Handling Operations**
- **GEAPS 540: Entry Level Safety**
- **GEAPS 550: Materials Handling I**

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Members Develop Strategic Plan to Increase Membership, Revenue

When GEAPS Executive Director Steve Records started last year, one of his primary tasks was developing a new strategic plan for GEAPS. To achieve this goal, GEAPS surveyed members and customers last fall to establish strengths, weakness and opportunities for the association. Then Records put together a diverse group of members to discuss the results and identify key objectives for strategic growth.

The strategic planning committee includes long-time supporters, new members, grain workers and suppliers. Meeting bi-weekly since last October, they identified four key objectives for moving the organization forward:

- **Grow Membership**
- **Increase Member Engagement**
- **Advance Professional Development**
- **Grow Resources**

“One of the things that stands out to me is how passionate our members are,” Records said. “Their passion for GEAPS really drove the planning sessions. Our top priorities are focused on improving member experience and value while expanding our network and the services we provide to the industry.”

One of the volunteers on the committee was Colin McClure, PMI Nebraska, *Greater Nebraska Chapter*. McClure has been an active member over 35 years with GEAPS. McClure appreciated that the planning committee included both newer members and seasoned peers.

“We had a lot of great discussion,” McClure said. “The different perspectives are important. The industries we serve are always changing and evolving. We need to embrace these diverse viewpoints to stay in tune with the industry and plan for the future.”

For Kalah Schmitz, Ecolab – Pest Elimination, *Hoosier*, working on the strategic planning committee helped her build skills that will benefit her employer. She said proper organization and pre-work helped promote collaborative meetings and gave her ideas she could implement at work.

“One of the most interesting things for me was watching how our priorities pivoted based on the feedback we received on early versions of the plan,” Schmitz said. “I’m really excited for the ways we are working to drive membership growth and participation.”

GEAPS International Board of Directors invited the committee to a full-day strategic planning session in January to discuss GEAPS’ mission and progress on the plan. GEAPS International President Steve Myers, Bunge Milling, *Kansas City*, is impressed with the goals included in the plan.



“With this new plan, we are stepping out of our comfort zone and pushing GEAPS to be more data-driven,” Myers said. “We have a big membership goal that we are shooting for. We are going to learn a lot and will emerge as a more agile organization.”

The goal is for the Board to approve the plan by the end of April, allowing GEAPS to identify tactics and plan a budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

January International Board Meeting

GEAPS International Board of Directors met Jan. 17, in Minneapolis. The Board discussed a number of topics, including potential membership models and a number of topics related to Exchange. The group approved plans for showing SILO the film at Exchange 2020 and narrowed the list for Exchange 2025 sites to Minneapolis and Kansas City. The meeting closed with a discussion about how GEAPS can improve support for chapters.

March International Board Meeting

The Board held a virtual meeting March 25. A large part of the day focused on reviewing the strategic plan. The group discussed farmer outreach and how chapters can connect with farmers. There was also a discussion about how to use technology to facilitate a virtual chapter. The group also reviewed work-in-progress on the Exchange postponement.

Strategic Planning Committee Members

Caleb Bancroft, EGT LLC
Chris Blair, NEW Cooperative Inc.
R. Scott Brittingham, MCGOM,
Mountaire Farms Inc
Jeff Jones, MKC
Cheryl Lansink, Comco Controls
Colin McClure, PMI Nebraska
Mervin Rapp, CHS

Kalah Schmitz, Ecolab –
Pest Elimination
Alex Westlind, The
Weitz Company
Julia Kloehn, GEAPS
Kristin Miller, GEAPS
Deb Most, GEAPS
Steve Records, GEAPS



online resources

If you are looking to learn more about the industry without traveling to training, GEAPS has a huge variety of materials available for members.

Knowledge Resource Center

The Knowledge Resource Center on geaps.com is packed with papers and articles about the industry. Every speaker at Exchange submits a paper recapping their session, which live in the resource center. You can sort the resources by core competency or search by keyword. Every article is free for GEAPS members, you will just need to log in to the site to access the content. Visit geaps.com and click on "Resources."

Webinars

GEAPS partners with *Grain Journal* to offer free webinars. Upcoming webinar schedule:

2020 Planting Decisions in the Face of COVID-19

Thursday, April 30

Dr. Gary Schnitkey, University of Illinois

Aeration Management and Control Decisions

Tuesday, June 23

Dr. Carol Jones, Oklahoma State University

You can view past webinars for free in the Knowledge Resource Center.

Distance Education

GEAPS and K-State offer a full catalog of online courses that will help you improve your job skills and become more valuable to your employer. Five courses are available in May, and you can register for any course through the rest of the year at www.geaps.com/distance. GEAPS members get a discount on registration!

May 12 – June 16 Courses

Registration closes May 6

GEAPS 511: Grain Facilities Planning and Design II

GEAPS 520: Grain Quality Management

GEAPS 544: Preventing and Responding to Grain Dust Explosions

GEAPS 554: Grain Elevator Equipment Maintenance: An Inside Look at Key Components

GEAPS 610: Interpretation of Process Flow Diagrams



Record Crowd Attends Grain Elevator Managers Course

GEAPS and Kansas State University held the Grain Elevator Managers Course in January. The course drew a record 43 attendees from 15 companies across 11 states and provinces. It took place over four days at Kansas State University.

For Jimmy Spitzer, location manager at Tempel Grain Elevator, it was his second time taking the course. After attending last winter, he brought a new manager at his company this year. He said the information on aeration, maintenance and people management were things he would bring back to his facility. Shayne Abele, elevator superintendent from Farmers Grain Company, attended from Pond Creek, Oklahoma.

"Our company is expanding and they recommend this course for management jobs and future advancement," Abele said. "The aeration part was phenomenal. I'm running a newly acquired elevator and we've got a lot of aeration issues."

The January course was the first of two offerings planned for 2020.

May Course Postponed to December

Due to COVID-19 Coronavirus concerns, GEAPS and Kansas State University have postponed the Grain Elevator Managers Course to Dec. 8-11 this year. It was originally scheduled for May 5-8.

Registration is still open for the course, it will remain open through the fall. To learn more and register, visit www.geaps.com/practice.



Scholarship Applications Due May 29

Harold Reese Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship provides financial assistance to participants in the GEAPS/Kansas State University Distance Education Program, and to students at other schools studying grain-related fields.

Kaufmann Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship supports current industry professionals who are looking to improve their versatility by eliminating language barriers in the workplace.

Applications for both scholarships are available on www.geaps.com. Applications are due by Friday, May 29. For more information, contact education@geaps.com, (763) 999-4311.



Congratulations, Graduates!

Please join us in recognizing the following individuals for completing a distance education course from GEAPS and Kansas State University. Each student listed below has successfully completed course requirements and earned one continuing education credit, plus a certificate of recognition.

GEAPS 500: Introduction to Grain Operations

Jake Armstrong, Cameron Grain
Devon Beiswanger, Purdue University
Angela Buss
Brenton Cox, Exponent
Helen Farrelly, Cargill Inc
Daniel Hamilton, Renkert Oil, LLC

Deanna Hammond, Cooperative Producers Inc.
Lizzy Helgoth, Paoli Farmers Cooperative Elev
Michael Kempke, The Cooperative Grain and
Supply Company
David Legare, Richardson International Ltd
Daniel Littlejohn, Littlejohn Grain Inc

Mat McFall, CHS Inc
Deborah Most, GEAPS
Scott Peterson, CHS Inc
Kyle Schafer, Purdue University
Gregory Weingartz, Michigan Agricultural
Commodities Marlette

GEAPS 541: Developing an Effective Safety Culture at Your Company

Kevin Brian, Mountaire Farms Inc
Connor Cuskaden, Purdue University
Brant Ferguson, Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd
Brandon Gibson, Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd

Anthony Kulbacki, Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd
Aden Lawlor, Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd
Josh Loos, CCS Group, LLC
Nathan Rink, Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd

Kyle Schafer, Purdue University
Stephen Sterling, CHS Inc
Peter Tuinema, Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd

GEAPS 550: Materials Handling I

Mike David, Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd
Rocky Donald, The Andersons Inc
Ma. Cristine Concepc Ignacio, Iowa
State University

Craig Nimegeers, Ag Growth International
Tanner Shlakat, Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd

Brad Sproul, Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd
Alex Wiwcharuk, Richardson International Ltd



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UNIVERSITY

HEREBY RECOGNIZE

CREDENTIAL IN GRAIN OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

Braidy Fehr, Parrish & Heimbecker
Dean Sansome, Parrish & Heimbecker
Joshua Thorkildsen, Parrish & Heimbecker

CREDENTIAL IN GRAIN PROCESSING MANAGEMENT

Randy Tinker, Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Co

SPECIALIST CREDENTIAL IN GRAIN HANDLING EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT

Brett Aanestad, Parrish & Heimbecker
Jacob Crockford, IBT Industrial Solutions
Keith Anderson, United Grain Corp
Mark Emery, CHS Inc
Steven Chivilo, Lewis M Carter Mfg Co
Wayne Hunter, Parrish & Heimbecker

SPECIALIST CREDENTIAL IN PROPERTY AND CASUALTY RISK MANAGEMENT

Anthony Kulbacki, Parrish & Heimbecker

SPECIALIST CREDENTIAL IN GRAIN QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Adam Gorsuch, Michigan Agricultural Commodities
Calvin Kerr, Parrish & Heimbecker
Jay Bergland, GEAPS
Tiago Van Zeller, DACSA Atlantic SA

MASTER CREDENTIAL IN GRAIN OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

Jay Bergland, GEAPS
Mark Emery, CHS Inc
Steven Chivilo, Lewis M Carter Mfg Co
Wayne Hunter, Parrish & Heimbecker



125 Attend Great Lakes Regional Conference in Sandusky, Ohio

Over 100 attendees and exhibitors from eight states and provinces gathered at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio, for the Great Lakes Regional Conference Feb. 26-28. GEAPS' *Seaway, Michigan/So. Ontario* and *Hoosier* chapters plan the event. The conference included an expo hall with over 30 exhibitors and seven education sessions.

GEAPS Executive Director Steve Records gave an update on GEAPS' plans for the future, attended chapter meetings and interacted with GEAPS members. "My first six months on the job have been incredibly exciting," Records said. "We are exploring a number of ways to build the value of GEAPS, improve the impact of our existing programming, be more accessible to our members and expand to new audiences."

After attending two chapter meetings, Records acknowledge the passion of the GEAPS members in attendance. He said a number of his conversations centered on ways to leverage that excitement and energy to expand GEAPS' network.

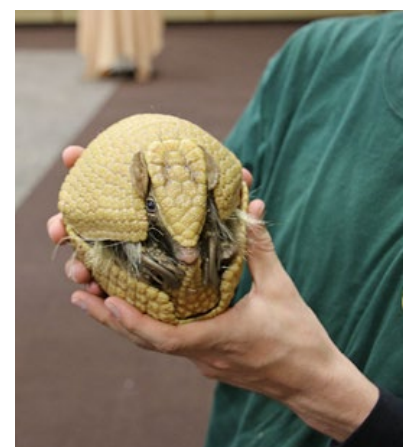
Attendee Brandon Lidster, Michigan Agricultural Commodities, attended from Blissfield Michigan. It was his first time attending a GEAPS event of any kind. He has a degree in environmental health and safety and has been working in the grain industry since last September.

Education sessions included a grain market outlook, employee onboarding, leveraging partnerships and crisis communications. Other activities included a tour of the Kalahari water park, bingo and a private rental of the water park.

The event will not be held next year with GEAPS Exchange taking place Feb. 20-23, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. When the Great Lakes Regional Conference resumes in 2022, it will move to Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Brandon Lidster Wins \$500 Education Credit

Brandon Lidster, Michigan Agricultural Commodities, won a drawing for a \$500 education credit from GEAPS. Lidster can use the credit for any of GEAPS professional development programs.



SAFETY AWARDS



Of the 444 facilities that enrolled in the 2019 GEAPS Safety Awards Program, 383 facilities successfully completed the year without any lost time injuries or illnesses.

Facilities in bold completed the entire year without a single recordable incident.

Company Name
STATE/PROVINCE FACILITY LOCATED IN
 Town that facility is located in ^{xx}* +

^{xx} Denote number of years facility has received the award

* Denote if facility is top five (and ties) for cumulative in years receiving the award

+ Denote if facility is top five (and ties) in cumulative hours without a lost-time injury or illness

Agrex Inc
NEBRASKA
 Laurel
 Superior ¹⁵

Agtegra Cooperative
NORTH DAKOTA
 Berlin
 Eldridge ⁵
 Hague
 Oakes
 Steele
 Strasburg

SOUTH DAKOTA
 Aberdeen – Bath
 Fertilizer
 Aberdeen – Bath
 Innovation Center
 Aberdeen –
 Grebner
 Aberdeen – West
 Terminal
 Alpena ⁶
 Andover
 Bowdle – Bowdle
 Agronomy
 Bowdle – West
 Bowdle
 Carpenter ⁶
 Chamberlain ⁶
 Clark
 Columbia ⁶
 Faulkton –
 Agronomy
 Faulkton –
 Cresbard Harvest
 Faulkton – Grain
 Frederick
 Harrold
 Herreid
 Highmore –
 Agronomy
 Highmore – Grain ⁶
 Houghton
 Huron – Air
 Huron – Corn
 Receiving ⁶

Huron – Elevator &
 Fertilizer ⁶
 Ipswich – Craven
 Fertilizer
 Ipswich – Craven
 Grain
 Ipswich – Farm
 Ipswich – Regional
 Office
 Ipswich – Truck and
 Auto Center
 Ipswich – Sun T
 Agronomy
 Ipswich – Sun T
 Grain
 Java
 Kennebec –
 Agronomy
 Kennebec – Grain ⁶
 Kimball ⁶
 Kimball – Fertilizer
 Langford
 Lebanon
 Leola – Petroleum
 Mansfield ⁵
 McLaughlin
 Miller
 Northville
 Pollock
 Redfield
 Redfield –
 Agronomy ⁵
 Redfield – Elevator ⁶
 Redfield – Energy ⁶
 Roscoe
 Stickney ⁶
 Tulare ⁵
 Warner
 Webster
 Wessington Springs
 Willow Lake ⁶
 Wolsey – Fertilizer ⁵
 Wolsey – Grain
 Woonsocket ⁶
 Yale

Angelina Grain Elevator
LOUISIANA
 Monterey ⁵

Bunge North America
 Canada
ALBERTA
 Fort Saskatchewan ⁵
Wainwright ⁸

MANITOBA
 Altona
 Russell ¹⁵ +

SASKATCHEWAN
 Humboldt ⁶
 Nipawin

Bunge North America
 United States
ALABAMA
 Decatur ¹²

ARKANSAS
 Arkansas City ^{41*}
 Blytheville ^{33*}
 Helena ¹⁷
 Osceola ⁹
 Sherril ¹⁸
 West Memphis ⁸

CALIFORNIA
 Rancho Cucamonga

ILLINOIS
 Albany ^{25*}
 Fairmont City ⁸
 Grand Tower ^{37*}
 Griggsville
 Homer ¹⁶
 Hull ²¹
 Kankakee ⁶
 Kankakee –
 Extrusion
 McLeansboro ⁸
New Canton
 Old Shawneetown ⁶

IOWA
 Burlington ¹⁷
 Council Bluffs ⁵⁺
McGregor
 Red Oak

INDIANA
 Indianapolis ⁷
Morristown
 Rushville ⁹
Rushville – Lotus ⁷
Waterloo ¹⁶
 Worthington ⁵

KANSAS
 Atchison

KENTUCKY
 Hickman ^{33*}
 Owensboro ¹⁰

LOUISIANA
 Jennings ⁹
 Jonesville
 Lake Providence ¹⁸
 Lettsworth ¹²
 Tallulah

MISSOURI
 Caruthersville ¹⁶
 LaGrange ^{33*}
 Louisiana ¹¹
Portageville ¹⁸

MISSISSIPPI
 Greenville
 Mayersville ¹⁸
 Rosedale ¹¹
 Vicksburg ¹⁸
 Yazoo City ^{33*}

NORTH CAROLINA
 Teachey

NEBRASKA
 Crete

TENNESSEE
 Finley ^{26*}
Memphis ⁵

TEXAS
 Muleshoe

Cargill Inc Canada
ALBERTA
Beiseker ¹⁷
Blackie
 Camrose ¹²
 Carseland ⁸
 Edmonton ¹⁷
Fairview ¹⁷
Leduc ¹³
 Lethbridge
Manning ¹⁷
Marwayne ¹⁷
Trochu ¹²
Vegreville ¹⁴
 Vermilion ¹⁷
Viking ⁵

MANITOBA
 Carman ¹⁶
 Dauphin ¹⁷
 Elm Creek ⁷
 Elva ¹²
 Hamiota ¹³
 Morris ¹⁷
 Nesbitt ¹²
 Plumas ¹⁶
 Swan River ¹³
 Winkler ¹⁷

ONTARIO
 Sarnia ¹²

SASKATCHEWAN
 Balcarres ¹²
Birch Hills ¹⁷
Canwood ¹⁷
 Congress ¹²
Davidson ¹²
Kindersley ⁷
Moose Jaw ⁵
 North Battleford ¹²

Raymore ¹⁷
 Ridgedale ¹⁷
 Rosetown
 Rowatt
 Unity ¹⁷
 Wynyard ¹⁷
 Yorkton ¹⁷

Cargill Inc United States
ARKANSAS
 West Memphis ⁵

COLORADO
 Byers ¹⁷
 Cheyenne Wells ²⁴

FLORIDA
 Tampa ¹⁵

ILLINOIS
 Beardstown ¹⁷
 East Dubuque
 East St Louis ⁵
 Florence ⁵
 Gibson City ⁹
 Gilman ⁹
 Havana ¹⁷
 Lacon ¹⁹
 Meredosia ¹²
 Morris ¹¹
 New Boston ¹⁷
 Ottawa ¹⁸
 Seneca ¹⁹
 Spring Valley ¹⁴

INDIANA
 Evansville ¹⁷
 Linden ²²
 Mt Vernon ¹²
 Portage ²⁰
 Tipton ²⁴

IOWA
 Buffalo ¹⁷
 Council Bluffs
Dubuque ⁵
Muscatine ⁵

KANSAS

Hutchinson – East ¹⁹
 Hutchinson – West
 Kansas City ¹⁸
 Ogallah
 Salina ¹³
 Topeka –
 Crossroads ¹¹
 Topeka – Gordon ⁶
 Wakeeny ¹²

KENTUCKY

Hickman ¹⁷

MICHIGAN

Decatur ⁶

MINNESOTA

Alberta ⁵
 Madison
 Maynard ⁵
 Pipestone ¹¹
 Savage – East
 Savage – West

MISSOURI

Charleston ⁵
 Forest City ¹³
 New Madrid ¹⁷

NEBRASKA

Albion ^{17 +}
 Carleton ¹⁸
 Gibbon ¹²
 Heartwell
 Holdrege ¹⁷
 Minden ⁶
 O'Neill ¹⁷
 Ord ¹⁷
 S Sioux City
 Shelton ¹⁷

OHIO

Chillicothe
 Cincinnati –
 Kellogg ¹⁸
 Cincinnati – River
 Road ¹²
 Circleville ¹⁸
 Lima ^{26*}

SOUTH DAKOTA

Emery ¹⁷
 Parker ¹⁵

TENNESSEE

Halls ²⁰

TEXAS

Houston ⁵

CHS Inc

MINNESOTA
 Savage ⁷

Control Stuff Inc

MINNESOTA
 Cologne ⁵

The DeLong Company

ILLINOIS
 Hampshire
 Harvard
 Joliet – North ⁸
 Joliet – South
 Maple Park ⁸
 Marengo
 South Beloit
 Waterman ⁸
 Winnebago

KANSAS

Edgerton ⁶

NEBRASKA

Omaha

NEW JERSEY

Newark

NEW YORK

Clifton Springs
 Manchester

OHIO

Kirby

WISCONSIN

Avalon
 Sharon
 Union Grove

EGT, LLC

MONTANA
 Carter ⁵
 Chester
 Frazer

WASHINGTON

Longview

Farmers Grain Terminal

ARKANSAS
 Lake Village

LOUISIANA

Delhi ¹²
 Tallulah ²⁰

MISSISSIPPI

Belzoni ¹⁹
 Greenville

Greenwood

Hollandale ⁸
 Indianola ¹⁹
 Rosedale

General Mills Inc

MINNESOTA
 Minneapolis –
 Elevator T ⁶
 Minneapolis – Soo
 Elevator ⁵

Knobelsdorff Electric Inc

MINNESOTA
 Goodhue ⁵

Louis Dreyfus Company

LOUISIANA
 Port Allen

Mennel Milling Company

INDIANA
 Mexico

OHIO

Alger
 Jeffersonville
 Kingston
 Morral
 Nevada
 New Holland
 Radnor
 Troy
 Upper Sandusky
 Wharton

Miller Coors LLC

COLORADO
 Longmont ¹²
 Monte Vista

IDAHO

Burley ¹⁰

MONTANA

Huntley ¹⁵
 Power ⁵

WYOMING

Worland ¹³

Mountaire Farms Inc

DELAWARE
 Harrington
 Millsboro
 Seaford
 Townsend

MARYLAND

Millington
 Queen Anne
 Ridgely
 Trappe

NORTH CAROLINA

New London

VIRGINIA

Painter

Pacific Ethanol Columbia

LLC
OREGON
 Boardman

Perdue AgriBusiness

DELAWARE
 Bridgeville
 Seaford ¹³

INDIANA

Washington ⁶

KENTUCKY

Franklin ⁵
 Livermore ⁶

MARYLAND

Berlin ¹³
 Bishop ⁶
 Easton ¹³
 Hurlock – Hurlock
 Grain ⁶
 Hurlock – Shiloh
 Grain ¹³
 Linkwood ⁶
 Lothian ¹³
 Lynch ⁸
 Roberts

NEW JERSEY

Bridgeton ⁶

NEW YORK

Lakeville ⁵

NORTH CAROLINA

Chadbourn ¹³
 Cofield ¹³
 Elizabeth City ⁷
 Greenville
 Lumberton ⁶
 Pantego ⁶
 Plymouth

PENNSYLVANIA

Greencastle ⁸
 Marietta ¹²
 Marietta –
 Bainbridge

SOUTH CAROLINA

Hamer ⁸

VIRGINIA

Chesapeake
 Kilmarnock
 Kinsale ⁶
 Tappahannock ⁶

SCAFCO Grain Systems

WASHINGTON
 Spokane

The Scouler Co Canada

MANITOBA
 Morden
 Plum Coulee
 St. Jean-Baptiste
 Winkler – Flax
 Plant
 Winkler- Sunflower
 Plant
 Winnipeg

SASKATCHEWAN

Brooksby
 Richardson
 Saskatoon
 Tisdale

The Scouler Co United

States
CALIFORNIA
 Ontario ⁸

COLORADO

Idalia ⁷
 Sterling ¹⁰

IDAHO

American Falls
 Bancroft ¹⁶
 Grace ⁶
 Jerome ¹²
 Weiser ⁶

ILLINOIS

Andres
 Waverly

IOWA

Elk Horn ⁸
 Emerson
 Griswold ⁸
 Hancock
 Portsmouth ⁶

KANSAS

Coolidge
 Downs
 Goodland ⁷
 Minneapolis ⁹
 Pittsburg
 Pratt ⁸
 Salina
 Tribune
 Wellington ¹²
 Winona ⁵

MINNESOTA

Mentor
 Saint Hilaire

MISSOURI

Adrian
 Purdy

MONTANA

Silverbow ¹⁰

NEBRASKA

Fremont ⁵
 Hershey ¹⁰
 Holdrege
 Lamar ¹⁰
 Madrid
 Sidney
 Venango
 Wallace ⁸
 Wallace – Grainton

NEW MEXICO

Dexter

UTAH

Ogden ¹⁰

VIRGINIA

Windsor

WASHINGTON

Burbank ⁵

Structural Restoration Inc

MINNESOTA
 Farmington ¹⁷

Zen-Noh Grain Corp

LOUISIANA
 Convent ⁺

GEAPS Recognizes Outstanding Members, Chapters from 2019

Each year GEAPS recognizes members and chapters for outstanding accomplishments, including earning credentials from GEAPS and K-State; reaching membership milestones; and completing the year without a safety incident. GEAPS recognizes the following individuals for their accomplishments in 2019:

Credential Earners

The GEAPS/Kansas State University Distance Credentialing Program helps grain handling and processing operations professionals build their job skills.

GEAPS and K-State recognized the following individuals who earned credentials in 2019:

Master Credential in Grain Operations Management

Keith Anderson, United Grain Corp, *Columbia River Chapter*

Jay Bergland, GEAPS

Steven Chivilo, Lewis M Carter Mfg Co, *Canadian Prairies*

Dennis Doles, AgriMech Consulting LLC, *Kansas City*

Mark Emery, CHS Inc

Wayne Hunter, Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd

Randy Tinker, Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Co, *Greater Iowa*

Credential in Grain Operations Management

Crisanto Carrasco, CHS Inc, *Gulf South*

Jordan Classen, Cargill Inc, *Greater Nebraska*

Paul DeBussac, Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd

Paul Evans, Farmer's Cooperative Association, Inc., *Kansas City*

Braidy Fehr, Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd

Robert Halushka, Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd

Susan Kelso, Hansen-Mueller Co

Rhonda Knutson, United Grain Corp, *Minneapolis*

Daryl McCharles, Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd

Anthony McElwain, Legacy Farmers Cooperative, *Seaway*

Michael O'Connor, Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd

Carlos Rodriguez, Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd

Dean Sansome, Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd

Tiago Van Zeller Teixeira Da Silva, DACSA Atlantic SA, *Non-Chapter*

Joshua Thorkildsen, Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd

Specialist Credential in Grain Handling Equipment Management

Brett Aanestad, Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd

Keith Anderson, United Grain Corp, *Columbia River*

Steven Chivilo, Lewis M Carter Mfg Co, *Canadian Prairies*

Jacob Crockford, IBT Industrial Solutions, *Great Plains*

Mark Emery, CHS Inc

Wayne Hunter, Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd

Specialist Credential in Grain Quality Management

Tina Barrett, Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd

Jay Bergland, GEAPS

Dennis Doles, AgriMech Consulting LLC, *Kansas City*

Adam Gorsuch, Michigan Agricultural Commodities,
Michigan/So. Ontario

Calvin Kerr, Goderich Elevators (Division of Parrish & Heimbecker),
Michigan/So. Ontario

Dirk Koster, Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd

Tiago Van Zeller Teixeira Da Silva, DACSA Atlantic SA

Randy Tinker, Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Co, *Greater Iowa*

Specialist Credential in Property and Casualty Risk Management

Keith Anderson, United Grain Corp, *Columbia River*

Jay Bergland, GEAPS

Steven Chivilo, Lewis M Carter Mfg Co, *Canadian Prairies*

Oscar Cuellar, Richardson International Ltd, *Non-Chapter*

Dennis Doles, AgriMech Consulting LLC, *Kansas City*

Mark Emery, CHS Inc

Randy Tinker, Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Co, *Greater Iowa*

Credential in Grain Processing Management

Mark Emery, CHS Inc

Chad Olson, Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd

Matthew Schmitt, Keen Project Solutions LLC, *Greater Iowa*

Randy Tinker, Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Co, *Greater Iowa*

Membership Milestones

25-Year Members

GEAPS is pleased to recognize members who each celebrated a quarter century of continuous membership. Each received a silver pin honoring their service to the organization.

David Ayers, Champaign-Danville Grain Inspection, *Cornbelt*

Gary Beachner, Beachner Grain Inc, *Great Plains*

Doug Berner, All-State Belting, *Kansas City*

Mark Bonk, *Minneapolis*

John Cherney, Berendsen Fluid Power Ltd, *Canadian Prairies*

Dion Etter, Producers Rice Mill Inc, *Mid-South*

Mel Fedeniuk, LV Control Mfg Ltd, *Canadian Prairies*

Bill Frogner, Integrated Solutions Group, *Minneapolis*

Tracy Gliori, TMI Coatings Inc, *Minneapolis*

Deborah Good, *Cornbelt*

Jeffrey Hahn, Agrex Inc, *Seaway*

Rick Horpedahl, *Inland Empire*

Mark Hutchison, *Gulf South*

Mike Kelley, Smith-Doyle Contractors Inc, *Mid-South*

Kevin McNab, Louis Dreyfus Company, *Columbia River*

Marcus Mears, Cargill Inc, *Minneapolis*

Michael Resner, The Essmueller Co, *Cornbelt*

Myron Rust, Ludlow Cooperative Elevator Co, *Cornbelt*

Jeff Showalter, Cargill Inc, *Greater Iowa*

Carl Wargel, *Non-Chapter*

Daryl Watts, *North Iowa*

40-Year Members

GEAPS is thrilled to recognize members who celebrated 40 consecutive years of membership. Each member received a bronze GEAPS pin to commemorate the milestone.

Ralph Baughman, Intl Fumigators Inc, *Golden Triangle*

Mark Daniels, *Minneapolis*

James Given, *Thunder Bay*

Roy House, *Great Plains*

Karl Keller, Keller Grain & Feed Inc, *Seaway*

Steve Kimes, *Minneapolis*

Harlan Lund, *Greater Iowa*

Donna Moraz, DeeRoss Co Inc, *Minneapolis*

Gary Olmstead, *Non-Chapter*

Mick Sertich, *Twin Ports*

Harold Sinfield, *Thunder Bay*

50-Year Members

GEAPS is thrilled to recognize three members who celebrated 50 consecutive years of membership. Honorees received a gold GEAPS pin to commemorate the milestone.

Richard Bigler, Commodity Services Inc, *Kansas City*

George Kornstad, *Non-Chapter*

Bob Lenhart, *Columbia River*

Chapter Member of Distinction

GEAPS recognized three outstanding individuals with Chapter Member of Distinction. Chapter officers submit nominations to recognize outstanding contributions to leadership and service to their chapters.

Mark Hueftle, Cooperative Producers Inc., *Greater Nebraska*

Colin McClure, PMI Nebraska, *Greater Nebraska*

Lorraine Lego, Alliance Grain Terminal Ltd, *Vancouver*

Top Recruiters

GEAPS members are constantly recruiting their friends, colleagues and suppliers. GEAPS is pleased to report that 89 members recruited a total of 114 new members this year.

9 Members Recruited

Scott Brittingham, MCGOM, Mountaire Farms Inc, *Mid-Atlantic*

5 Members Recruited

Barbara Grove, CGOM, Central Valley Ag Cooperative, *Great Plains*

3 Members Recruited

Karilyn Smith, Donaldson Co Inc, *Minneapolis*

Denis Tetrault, FWS Group of Companies, *Canadian Prairies*

Chapter Awards

GEAPS also honored two chapters with the Outstanding Chapter Award and Chapter Cup. The Outstanding Chapter Award went to the **Mid-Atlantic Chapter**, based in Salisbury, Maryland. Jason Illum, Bedeschi America Inc, was one of the judges for the award. He said two of the things that stood out for him were how the chapter reached out to non-members and incorporated Associate members into meetings.

Another judge, David McKerchar, Parrish & Heimbecker, said it was a difficult decision to choose between the top three chapters. "Some of the things the chapters did were outstanding," McKerchar said. "It came down to who was doing everything well and the *Mid-Atlantic Chapter* did a great job covering all areas of chapter involvement."

Minneapolis won the Chapter Cup. The Chapter Resource Committee bestows the award annually to the chapter that has highest recruitment of new members and retention of existing members. *Minneapolis* recruited 39 new members and retained 84.09 percent of their previous members.

Safety Awards

GEAPS longest running awards program is the annual Safety Awards. A complete list of winners is available on page 18-19. Each year the association recognizes the five facilities with the most cumulative hours without an incident and the companies with the most consecutive years without an incident.

Top Facilities: Cumulative Hours

- Bunge North America, Russell, MB – 2,064,247 hours
- The Kelly Group, Decatur, IL – 1,561,204 hours
- Bunge North America, Council Bluffs, IA – 1,546,738 hours
- Zen-Noh Grain Corp, Convent, LA – 1,479,223 hours
- Cargill Inc, Albion, NE – 1,079,384 hours

Top Facilities: Consecutive Years

- Bunge North America DeSoto Landing Arkansas City, AR – 41 years
- Bunge North America Fountain Bluff Grand Tower, IL – 37 years
- Bunge North America Blytheville, AR – 33 years
- Bunge North America Hickman, KY – 33 years
- Bunge North America LaGrange, MO – 33 years
- Bunge North America Yazoo City, MS – 33 years
- Bunge North America Finley, TN – 26 years
- Cargill Inc Lima, OH – 26 years
- Bunge North America Albany, IL – 25 years





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MEMBER PROFILE

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Jason Graham

Chapter and committees: *Mid-South*

Family:

The most important thing in my life is my family. My wife, Beatriz, and I were married on March 27, 2010. We have two wonderful children. Liliana, 10, looks just like her mother, thank God. My son, little Jason, is eight. The greatest joy in life has been watching them grow and develop their own personalities.

Position and Company:

Assistant Superintendent Louis Dreyfus Company in Rosedale, Mississippi

Years with company: 7 years

Years in Industry: 28 years

Past positions:

Elevator operator/shareholder of Hardeman Grain and Seed, Inc.
Lead operator Louis Dreyfus Company – Assistant superintendent Louis Dreyfus Company

Education:

Graduate of the Amarillo College 9th Fire Academy
EMT/certification

GEAPS-K-STATE DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMS

GEAPS 501: Management Basics for Grain Facility Supervisors
GEAPS 520: Grain Quality Management
GEAPS 525: Management of Insect Pests in Stored Grain

GEAPS 541: Developing an Effective Safety Culture at Your Company
GEAPS 554: Grain Elevator Equipment Maintenance I
GEAPS 555: Advanced and Preventative Maintenance for Grain Facilities Conveyance Equipment
GEAPS 550: Materials Handling I
GEAPS 542: Electrical Safety

Biggest influence on your career:

My family. They have pushed me to be the absolute best I can be. This allows me to leverage my abilities for more attractive positions.

How has GEAPS helped your leadership skills?

GEAPS 501 laid the groundwork for my journey to become an asset leader.

What are three of your favorite memories from GEAPS?

Education has been the highlight of my involvement in GEAPS. From workshops in Amarillo, Texas, to distant learning classes offered online. I enjoy these courses, and invite everyone to take courses as often as you can.

What is the best advice you have received from another GEAPS member?

GEAPS has an ocean of information and helpful insights out there, get involved!

What is one industry-wide trend affecting your company right now? How are you reacting to it?

COVID-19. As an asset leader, I am doing my best to make sure all employees are well informed as new information is brought to light.





GEAPS Committees Hold Virtual Meetings in March

GEAPS Exchange is usually a great opportunity for GEAPS' committees to gather, review current projects and plan for the future. This year the Membership, Continuing Education Program Oversight and Chapter Resource committees all held virtual meetings.

Membership Committee Meeting

The Membership Committee met Monday, March 23. The group discussed how Student Day will work for the new dates of Exchange 2020, elements of GEAPS' new strategic plan and chapter engagement.

The committee is passionate about Student Day and the program has grown considerably since 2014. The group discussed inviting company interns and children of attendees. Instead of working through a simulated scenario that would require interacting with exhibitors, students can take part in roundtable discussions about the industry and take a guided tour of the Expo Hall.

Discussion on the strategic plan focused on attracting new members, increasing member retention and expanding to new markets. The group is committed to growing the number of people who work at grain facilities. They talked about different pricing models and possible recruitment programs. For new markets, the discussion focused on farmers. There was some interest in the idea, but also a desire to strengthen GEAPS presence within grain handling facilities.

Continuing Education Program Oversight Committee Meeting

The Continuing Education Program Oversight Committee met Monday, March 23. They discussed the goals of the strategic plan and how current programs could evolve to reach a wider audience. The group also discussed potential non-industry technical and sales training opportunities.

GEAPS staff presented a new idea for feedback: a new experiential learning program that would allow companies to customize training at their own facility – eliminating travel expenses. The training would cover three to four days and companies would select from a bank of modules.

The meeting closed with a discussion on emerging markets and how farmers could benefit from training.

Chapter Resource Committee

The Chapter Resource Committee met Thursday, March 26. One of the major focuses of the meeting was chapter programming. The group discussed the types of consistency they would like to see across chapter meetings, including: standard operating procedures, new member welcomes and ways to get attendees involved. GEAPS also explored the chapter leaders' interest in standardized business plans, email platforms and a chapter leader newsletter.

The group also discussed chapter recognition programs. They wanted to ensure chapters are motivated to provide great experiences for members. They decided more real-time recognition would be ideal.



The **Canadian Prairies chapter** met Feb. 25 at the Norwood Hotel in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Fisaha Unduche spoke to 31 members and guests about Manitoba flood forecasting.



Canadian Prairies

The **Columbia River chapter** met Oct. 24, 2019, at Northwest Motor Service in Longview, Washington. The 21 members and guests enjoyed a tour and presentation by Jeff Richter. Business items discussed included Exchange 2020, acquiring a new credit card reader and plans for their next meeting.

The **Columbia River chapter** met Dec. 17, 2019, at Heathen Brewing Feral Public House in Vancouver, Washington. Thirteen members and guests attended the holiday social gathering. The chapter discussed their golf tournament and enjoyed a white elephant gift exchange.

The **Columbia River chapter** met Feb. 25 at the Port of Kalama in Kalama, Washington. Mike Meyers and Robert Hall, Ecolab, spoke to 18 members and guests about vessel fumigation from start to finish. The business meeting gave overviews of a SILO viewing, Exchange 2020 and their upcoming golf tournament.

The **Great Plains chapter** met Jan. 22 at Vortex Solids and Bulk Handling in Salina, Kansas. More than 90 members and guests participated in the chapter's Maintenance Day which included a hands-on demonstration and learning event. Multiple speakers discussed preventative maintenance, grain belt splicing, proper drive belt and pulley sizing and maintenance, general electrical for elevators and chain conveyor maintenance.

The **Great Plains chapter** met Feb. 25 at IBT Grain Division in Wichita, Kansas. More than 40 members and guests attended Fall Protection Training hosted by Emery McReynolds, 3M Safety Products. Attendees had a safety harness demonstration and a business meeting.

The **Great River chapter** met Jan. 14 at the Iowa Machine Shed Restaurant in Davenport, Iowa. Steve Hansen, Extron, spoke to six members and guests about temperature monitoring and grain spreaders.

The **Greater Nebraska chapter** met March 10 at the Chicken Coop in Grand Island, Nebraska. Matt Krenk, Boyd's Electric, presented on electrical maintenance, including daily work routines and items needing regular maintenance.



Gulf South

The **Gulf South chapter** met Jan. 16 at the LSU Foundation Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. More than 60 members and guests, including students and faculty from the LSU College of Agriculture, enjoyed an

evening of networking, dinner and learning. Dr. Yvette Marsh, LSU, gave a presentation on recruiting and staffing in today's challenging environment. Sponsored and organized by Louis Dreyfus Company, the evening concluded with the formal funding of the first ever GEAPS chapter-sponsored fully-endowed ag scholarship.

The **Gulf South chapter** met Feb. 20 at Cypress Lakes Country Club in Destrehan, Louisiana. Over 50 members and guests enjoyed networking, dinner and a presentation on the dust control pyramid. Sponsored by CHS, the presentation discussed how facility layout and equipment design were the building blocks of dust control in our facilities, and that dust collection systems are the final piece of the system.



Hoosier

The **Hoosier chapter** met Feb. 7 at Anarchy Axe Throwing in Indianapolis, Indiana. This was the chapter's annual night out with spouses. Six members and their dates enjoyed the evening out.



Mid-Atlantic

The **Mid-Atlantic chapter** met Feb. 14 at Heritage Shores in Bridgeville, Delaware. John Stainbrook, Mountaire Farms, spoke to 32 members and guests about feed mill quality and how it is more than just stirring grain. The chapter also discussed upcoming meetings, lifetime membership nominations and incorporating alternative meeting locations and pricing structures for future meetings.



Mid-Atlantic



Mid-Atlantic

The **Mid-Atlantic chapter** met March 3 at Adam's Grille in Fruitland, Maryland. Jess McClure, NGFA, spoke about the NGFA/OSHA Alliance; OSHA's "Stand Up for Safety" week, April 13-17; and the Walking-Working Surfaces Standard as it pertains to new ladder regulations. The chapter also presented anniversary pins to Marcus Hammond and Kevin Brian.

The **Mid-South chapter** met Feb. 6 at the Brinkley Convention Center in Brinkley, Arkansas. This was the chapter's annual conference and equipment expo and more than 140 members and guests attended. Multiple speakers presented on a variety of topics. The chapter business meeting discussed upcoming meetings, previewed the spring golf event and presented scholarships.

The **Twin Ports chapter** met Oct. 16, 2019, at Hammond Steakhouse in Superior, Wisconsin. The eight members and guests had an open discussion about the grain industry, specifically about the effect of new regulations for the year and what closeout looks like for each elevator.

The **Twin Ports chapter** met Nov. 20, 2019, at Vikre Distillery in Duluth, Minnesota. The 12 members and guests enjoyed a tour of the distillery.

The **Twin Ports chapter** met Jan. 15 at Hammond Steakhouse in Superior, Wisconsin. The nine members and guests enjoyed a group discussion on the 2019 harvest for local grain distribution and forecasted the 2020 season.

The **Vancouver chapter** met March 11 at the Atrium Inn in Vancouver, British Columbia. Andrew Knapp, APTIM, gave 25 members and guests a presentation on dustless transfers and ship loading. Attendees learned insights into the traditional ways things were done and how accurate they were.



Take Your Membership to the Next Level – Get Involved!

By: Colin McClure, PMI Nebraska, *Greater Nebraska Chapter*

GEAPS membership is a must if you are involved in any grain-related business. The basic benefits are there for anyone - access to other industry professionals and educational opportunities. If you want to leverage your membership to propel your career, it's crucial to get involved.

There are so many benefits to volunteering locally or internationally. Either way, your network will expand more than you would believe as you meet and interact with more members. You will develop planning and leadership experience. And more likely than not, you will have a lot of fun.

We all have different life situations. If you are worried about time constraints, don't be. You can tailor your commitment for different positions. After your term is over, you will likely miss the involvement and look for other opportunities to contribute.

I encourage you to invite and actively recruit colleagues to join GEAPS. It is a valuable opportunity to advance your career path by expanding your network and maximizing your knowledge resources.

Notice to Chapters: Deadlines Extended for Elections and Meeting Reporting

Elections

GEAPS is extending the deadline for election results by two months. Election results for fiscal year 2021 will be due Aug. 1, 2020 – the same day financial reports are due. We encourage you to try electronic elections this year. If you have any questions, please contact chapterservices@geaps.com.

Meeting Reporting

The Chapter License and Affiliation Agreement requires each chapter hold and report at least three meetings each fiscal year. Similar to elections, we will not enforce this standard for chapters who fell short of meetings due to the coronavirus.

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New Members

Welcome these new members who joined GEAPS recently.
Italics denote Student Members.

Canadian Prairies

Robert Hall, Ecolab, recruited by
Jeff Johnston

Ron Demmers, LV Control Mfg Ltd,
recruited by Brent Murray

Colin Martin, Stockdales, recruited by
Jim McKerchar

Cameron Tytgat, WSP Canada Group
Ltd., recruited by *Gary Smith*

Cornbelt

Rafael Delgado, Growmark Commercial
Construction, recruited by *Josh Blazier*

Derek Payne, Roanoke Farmers Assn,
recruited by Don Leman

Don Seltzner, Landmark Services
Cooperative, recruited by *D Fred
Johnson*

Gulf South

Brody Benge, Zen-Noh Grain Corp,
recruited by Kyle Brugger

John Corley, ThermoVac, recruited by
Philip Kelly

Greater Iowa

Seth Lawson, Lawson Rigging &
Fabrication, recruited by *John Tuttle*

Mike Moss, Schumacher Elevator Co,
recruited by Don Kester

Dan Pearson, Big Soo Terminal,
recruited by Derek Degroot

Jess Seeley, Nationwide Agribusiness
Insurance Co, recruited by *Alan Tweeten*

Hui Yee Tan, Iowa State University,
recruited by Priyanka Gupta

Greater Nebraska

Troy Beam, Delux Mfg Co, recruited by
Steve Schultz

Jason Powell, Robinson Electric,
recruited by Austin McCleery

Mark Robak, R&S Track Inc, recruited by
Dave Healey

Great Plains

Nathan Eck, MKC, recruited by *Erik Lange*

David McDonnell, Occupational Safety
and Health Admin, recruited by *Gary
Kearn*

Kansas City

Jared Sloan, General Mills Inc, recruited
by *Paul Steinlage*

Troy Whittemore, Cargill Inc, recruited
by *David Jones*

Mid-Atlantic

Alex Heinsohn, Mountaire Farms Inc,
recruited by Joseph Yater

Mid-South

Jack Morris, Riceland Foods Inc,
recruited by Steele Boyd

Minneapolis

Mark Bass, P-A Industrial Services,
recruited by Patrick Becker

Brady Garden, L & J Industries, Inc.,
recruited by Chris Dibble

Isaiah Pearson, Cargill Inc, recruited by
Valerie LeVasseur

Non-chapter

Thomas Aars, Sesaco

Andy Acomb, West Plains L LLC

James Allen, Trillium Construction -
Quad Cities

Dewey Allison, 3E Engineering
and Equipment

Duane Anderson, Great Bend Coop -
Great Bend, KS

Dave Barchyn

Alexis Benson, South Industries

Kevin Berthelot, CED/IC Electric Supply

Hikmet Boyacioglu, Chopin

Technologies / KPM Analytics

Raymund Briones, Miller Milling Co.

Bridgette Brown, Trillium Construction,

Kevin Buysy, HABCO Inc

Luc Carriere, ANBO Inc, a Member of
the Andritz Group

David Chivatero, Okonite Cable Co.

Kirby Clemons, Paul's Machine &
Welding Corp

Todd Cleppe, C-FAB LLC,

Tyler Coon, Purdue University

Ochandilu Cooper, Sesaco Corporation

Dan Cowan, Custom Dryer Service

Buster Crutcher, Cardinal Scale Mfg Co

Dan Cwiklik, Vector Construction Ltd

Richard Dickinson, RED Restoration

Shaun Doyle, The Andersons Inc

Shane Eck, Central Prairie Co-op

Jeff Eubanks, ProValue Insurance

Kyle Felbel, Nu Tech Metals Sales &
Service Ltd

Michelle Friedmann, Iowa State
University

David Goulet, Industrial Builders Inc

Riley Grantham, Lewis M Carter Mfg Co

Anthony Gregoire, Fraco Products Ltd

James Hite, Geopier Foundation Co

Nicholas Hoerr, Macon Construction

Kurt Hubbell, Kokomo Grain Co Inc

David Hughes, Lake Superior

Consulting,

Mark Johnston, Presto-X

Ryan Jones, Grain Elevator Repair
Products LLC

Darrel Klundt, CHS Inc

Anthony Knebel, West Plains LLC

Corby Kneedler, CHS Inc

Matt Linsley, UNOH

Brent McNeill, NORD Gear Corporation

Michael Misra, FloMetric

Scot Moritz, Clear Air Enviro-Services

Tony Myers, Five Star Cooperative

Tom Nealey, AG Facility Engineers, PC

Cale Nelson, Gavilon LLC

Brett Parker, Sumitomo

Drive Technologies

National PAS, Des Moines

Community College

Kent Pedersen, TUF-TUG

Dan Peterson, Landmark Services

Cooperative

DuWayne Peterson, Ardent Mills

Josh Pfarr, Elevator Works, Inc.

Richard Pfeifer, Richardson

International Ltd

Brian Phillips, ZFS Ithaca, LLC

Mark Reiter, Rentokil North America Inc



Wes Robinson, Robinson Electric
Rob Robinson, Century Group Inc.
Phillip Sandberg, Robinson Electric
Mark Schmid, McCormick Construction Company
Chris Schneider, Richardson International Ltd
Donald Schneider, Hetric USA
Roy Schroeder, Electro-Sensors Inc
Joe Selzle, Rimkus Consulting Group, Inc
Jay Shackelford, Shackelford Construction and Hauling, LLC
Tyler Simmons, Heartland Co-op
Scott Smith, Halverson Co
Jimmy Spitzer, Tempel Grain Elevators LLP
Timothy Throop, Q-SAGE, Inc.
Kirk Trimble
Hunter Ulrich, Mountaire Farms Inc
Mario Van Niekerk, ABC Hansen Africa

Maribel Vargas, Cargill Inc
Jack Vincent, ED & F Man
Ashley Watson, PerkinElmer
Randy West, Attebury Grain LLC
Tyler Witmer, MillerCoors
Holly Wouters, London Agricultural Commodities
Larry Yarger, Codema LLC

Oregon Trail
Tim Davis, CHS Inc, recruited by Corby Kneedler

Ryan Hanson, Robinson electric, recruited by Wes Robinson
 David Worthman, West Plains LLC, recruited by Anthony Knebel

Siouxland
Carson Merkwon, Direct Companies, recruited by Daniel Winkowitsch

Thunder Bay
Diego Belda, Superior Elevator ULC, recruited by Jerrett Franklin

Tri-State
Barrett Wegman, M&L Equipment Inc, recruited by Michael Wegman

Vancouver
John Has, Viterra, recruited by Peter Idema

New Lifetime Members
Tim Heim, Mid-Atlantic
Bill Jefferson, Mid-Atlantic
Kathy Reading, Cornbelt
Allan Tedrow, Greater Iowa

IN MEMORIAM

GEAPS was saddened to hear of the passing of several members in recent months:

Doug Jensen, GEAPS International President 1998-1999

Doug Jensen of Tellico Village died peacefully Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at home with his family. After a 10-week battle with brain cancer, an infection ended his life sooner than expected.

Doug was born Oct. 7, 1950, in Omaha, Nebraska, and raised in Bloomington, Minnesota. He met and married Toby while a student at the University of Minnesota; graduating with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. His first job with Fegles Power Service as a structural engineer took them to Vancouver, British Columbia. After two years, he was hired by Cargill, moved back to Minnesota and worked in the grain industry, where he spent the remaining 33 years of his career.

Doug joined GEAPS in 1979. His different positions took him and his family from Minnesota, to Tennessee, to Ohio and back to Minnesota. Doug retired at the age of 55. He and Toby loved spending time together golfing, sailing, traveling and were actively involved in all the churches they attended.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Axel and Helen Jensen and a brother, Brad Jensen. He is survived by his loving wife of almost 49 years, Toby; son Jesse and (Heidi) Jensen, daughter Tracy (Jensen) Sprout and (Joe) grandchildren Caleb, Sarah, Rachel and Julia Jensen; Jaiden, Will and Hailee Sprout; two brothers, Gary Jensen (Kathleen), Ron Jensen (Wendy) and a sister, Nancy (Gudim) Jensen (Bill), and several nieces and nephews.



Other members who have passed:

Roger Anderson
 Max Armstrong
 Rick Byquist
 Harold Cleveland
 David Drake

Fred Fairchild
 William Gregory
 Laverne Hogan
 Thomas Irmen
 Frank Kaiser

Kevin Miles
 Mark Reif
 Bob Schoeff
 Marty Thomas



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CALENDAR

An extensive and up-to-date calendar can be found on the GEAPS website.

CHAPTERS

GREAT RIVER

May 28, 2020

Chapter Elections
Iowa Machine Shed
Davenport, IL

GREATER NEBRASKA

May 12, 2020

Team Event
Sleuth Escape Rooms
Kearney, NE

HOOSIER

May 29, 2020

Annual Scholarship Golf Outing
and Meeting
Chippendale Golf Course
Kokomo, IN

MID-ATLANTIC

July 16, 2020

Golf Outing
Heritage Shores
Bridgeville, DE

August 11, 2020

Annual Crab Feast
Suicide Bridge Restaurant
Hurlock, MD

MID-SOUTH

June 18, 2020

Annual Meeting
The Ridges
Wynne, AR

MINNEAPOLIS

June 1, 2020

Spring Golf Event
Keller Golf Club
St. Paul, MN

