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Steve May, MSCA Executive Director

## Steve May Departs

Steve May Executive Director of the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association recently submitted a letter of resignation. In his letter May noted that it has been a great honor and privilege to serve the membership, the organization and the industry.

Steve went on to laud the membership and officers of MSCA for the impressive accomplishments that he has witnessed during his time with the association.

In his letter, May gave all the credit to the membership and officers for MSCA's recent successes. However, it's clear that Steve leaves some very big boots to fill as he departs. While May has moved onto a new endeavor, he has graciously agreed to provide a limited amount of help in handling correspondence while a replacement is being found.

During the past year under Steve's dynamic leadership MSCA has made great strides in increasing its ability to promote and protect the industry. Steve's organizational skills were directly responsible for markedly increasing the number and effectiveness of on-farm visits by legislators and regulators. It is critical that "decision makers" know who we are and what we do, Steve worked hard at that every day.

May's tireless efforts coordinating the "cattlemen's message" through press releases, letters, radio & TV interviews, emails, meetings, phone calls and keeping MSCA's website up to date ensured that the cattlemen's voice was heard. Steve's on going communication with industry partners, other agriculture trade organizations and the membership allowed him to keep the MSCA and its officers abreast of what was happening in the industry and out in front of developing issues.

Financial management is another area the outgoing exec has provided important expertise and leadership on. Through his unflagging determination to keep things moving on a sound financial basis he ensured that this past year's events such as the Annual Golf Outing, Farmfest and MSCA Convention & Trade Show provided a growth in annual revenue. That has allowed MSCA to leave membership dues unchanged, while providing expanded services to the membership.

**Steve will be greatly missed. MSCA's membership and officers wish Steve the best in all his future endeavors. Well done Steve, thank you for your hard work and dedication!**

## 2010 Summer Beef Tour Hosted By West Central Cattlemen's Association

**Advance Registration Deadline is July 1 - See page 5 for details!**

**Monday July 12th - MSCA Board of Directors Meeting, followed by the PAC Golf Outing & Cattlemen's Reception & Dinner.**

**Tuesday July 13th - The full day Summer Beef Tour & Beef Industry Trade Show, including air conditioned buses, breakfast, lunch & a steak dinner.**

## 2010 MSCA PAC Golf Outing

Cowboys are multi-talented and can play golf with the best of them! The day prior (12 June) to the Summer Beef Tour MSCA & our Cattle Industry Partners sponsor a golf outing for cowboys, cowgirls, industry partners and anyone else interested in supporting the cattle industry. This year the golf outing takes place at the Pomme de Terre Golf Course at Morris MN. The golf outing starts right after completion of the MSCA Board of Director's meeting and lunch.

Come join our Beef Industry partners which help sponsor this event for a fun filled afternoon of golf and fellowship. At the end of the golf event (4:30 pm) the group will shift over to the nearby Northland Prairie Inn-Ranch House Restaurant & Lounge for a cattlemen's social steak fry at 6 pm. Spend the remainder of the evening in the fellowship of cattlemen and industry partners at the restaurant and lounge. See page 5 more details on times for each event on Monday.



In addition to having a lot of fun and fellowship during the golf event individuals have the opportunity to support the work of MSCA's Political Action Committee (PAC). Each election year MSCA PAC provides contributions to candidates for state office that have an interest in and a willingness to support our agriculture industry. MSCA PAC contributions are made without regard to party affiliation and is not an official endorsement of the candidate. Agriculture and rural issues cut across party lines, consideration of donation is based solely on the candidate's record on the issues important to the industry and the health and welfare of rural Minnesota. (continued on page 7)

## Membership Matters!

While about 99% of the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association (MSCA) members were busy this winter feeding cattle and this spring calving MSCA's leadership was busy at the legislature making sure the "Cattlemen's Voice" was heard.

No one individual can devote enough time to legislative matters and still effectively run a farm or cattle ranch. There just isn't enough hours in the day to make that work.

That's where the value of a \$50 annual membership in MSCA really matters. Through the MSCA's leadership including an executive director and an expert legislative consultant Bruce Kleven someone is on top of exactly what is going on at the legislature and within the regulatory agencies everyday.

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## MSCA Begins Exec Search

The MSCA Executive Committee has begun working on looking for candidates to replace Steve May. The final decision on appointing an executive director rests with the full MSCA Board of Directors. However, the MSCA Executive Committee performs the general task of identifying and recommending a candidate to BOD for appointment.

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## Wolf Delisting Update

Last week the US Justice Department responded to Dale Lu- eck and Gerald Tyler's lawsuit to force delisting of the wolves with a motion asking the Minnesota Federal District Court to dismiss their entire lawsuit.

That move was expected, typically the federal government's first action when sued is to try to convince the court that they have immunity and the law suit is out of order. (continued on page 6)

## FMD Update Japan & Korea

The foot and mouth disease outbreaks in Japan and Korea that began early this spring continue to resist eradication. New FMD infections continue to be discovered in both counties as recent as last week. (continued page 7)

## Membership - 898 (96%) Signed Up It's About Renewals!

MSCA is on track to increase membership again this year - **provided those that have not renewed yet, make that commitment.** Current new and renewed paid up membership stands at 898 members. That is only 33 members short of surpassing last year's 931 membership final number.

MSCA recruiters are doing their part. To date they have recruited 154 new MSCA members. That's outstanding and a testament to the dedication of those MSCA members and local cattlemen associations that have taken the time to approach a neighbor and ask them to join us in protecting and promoting Minnesota's Cattle Industry.

**While we will continue to recruit new members at every opportunity, how much MSCA's membership will grow this year primarily rests in the hands of those members that have not renewed their MSCA membership yet this year.**

See page 8 for a membership form if you are on those that have not renewed your MSCA membership yet.

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