

ASA Elects Officers for 2011

At its December 2010 meeting, the Board of Directors of the American Soybean Association (ASA) confirmed Alan Kemper from Lafayette, Indiana as President and Rob Joslin from Sidney, Ohio as Chairman. Board members also elected Steve Wellman from Syracuse, Nebraska to serve as First Vice President, an office that places Wellman in line to be ASA President in 2012.

Also elected were Randy Mann from Auburn, Kentucky as Secretary and Danny Murphy from Canton, Mississippi as Treasurer. Four Vice Presidents were also elected: Ray Gaesser from Corning, Iowa; Ron Kindred from Atlanta, Illinois; Joe Steiner from Mason, Ohio; and Bob Worth from Lake Benton, Minnesota. These soybean farmer-leaders form the nine-member ASA Executive Committee. Elections were held on Dec. 9, 2010 during ASA's winter Board of Director's meeting in Saint Louis.

"It's going to be a bright future for the U.S. soybean industry," Kemper said. "ASA will continue to do everything it can to make sure soybean farmers have a viable operation and a good chance of continued profitability on their farmstead. For one, you have the farm bill and how that's moving forward with the dollars being very limited in Congress today. We need to make sure the farmers have risk management tools to allow them and their younger generations to adequately protect their farm."

First Vice President Wellman said, "It's exciting to look forward to the opportunities that I'll have to continue to serve ASA and our membership. The way I want to approach policy is three steps: coordinate, plan and act. Coordinate the efforts of interested parties, plan strategy and steps we need to take in our policy development, and then act on those first two steps to achieve ASA's goals."

The ASA Board of Directors is made up of 46 Directors representing 26 affiliated state and multi-state soybean associations. ASA's domestic and international advocacy efforts on behalf of soybean farmers are made possible through voluntary membership in ASA.

American Soybean Association 2011 Executive Committee



Alan Kemper (IN)
President



Rob Joslin (OH)
Chairman



Steve Wellman (NE)
First Vice President



Randy Mann (KY)
Secretary



Danny Murphy (MS)
Treasurer



Ray Gaesser (IA)
Vice President



Ron Kindred (IL)
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Joe Steiner (OH)
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Bob Worth (MN)
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