

# Midwest Poultry Federation

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **William Claybaugh, Nebraska Egg Farmer, Elected 2013-14 President of Midwest Poultry Federation**

(Buffalo, MN) – William Claybaugh, an egg farmer from Carroll, Nebraska, has been named the 2013-14 President of Midwest Poultry Federation (MPF). Claybaugh represents the Nebraska Egg Council on the MPF Board of Directors.

Claybaugh, owner/operator of TWJ Farms/Nebraska Eggs Ltd., replaces outgoing president Allen Behl of Behl Turkeys Farms, Watertown, Wisc. Behl represents the Wisconsin Poultry and Egg Industries Association on the MPF Board; he will assume the post of Past President.

“I am honored to lead MPF into the coming year,” said Claybaugh. “Our 2013 convention featured increased attendance and a continued expansion of our exhibit space so I am excited to capitalize on the enthusiasm and momentum we felt this year and build upon our successes for the 2014 convention.”

MPF Board elections were held during the 2013 MPF Convention, March 12-14, in Saint Paul, Minn. Other officers elected during this same time were:

#### ***1<sup>st</sup> Vice President***

Kim Reis, Ellsworth Turkeys of Ellsworth, IA, was elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Board. Reis represents the Iowa Turkey Federation on the Board.

#### ***2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President***

Ben Thompson, Pearl Valley Eggs of Pearl City, Ill., was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Board. Thompson represents the Illinois Poultry Industries on the Board.

#### ***Secretary / Treasurer***

Dr. Darrin Karcher, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Board. Karcher represents Michigan Allied Poultry Industries on the Board.

Also at the March 12 MPF Board meeting, Bruce Eastlund of ILC Resources was re-elected to his second term as an Allied Director on the Board. ILC Resources is a long-time exhibitor at the convention; Eastlund is one of three Allied Directors who represent all exhibitors on the Board.

Attendance at the 2013 MPF Convention topped out at 2,150 this year – and increase over last year and the highest it’s been in over two decades. The show continued its expansion into two exhibit halls with 393 booths (226 exhibiting companies) as well as educational workshops with over 40 speakers from across the world.

This steady increase in exhibitors and booth space over the past 5 years has merited the distinction for MPF as one of the “50 Fastest Growing Trade Shows” in the U.S. by Trade Show Magazine. This award will be presented at a special ceremony in May in Chicago.

The 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Midwest Poultry Federation (MPF) Convention will be held March 18-20, 2014 at Saint Paul RiverCentre in Saint Paul, Minn. The show will feature a Pre-Show Nutrition Symposium and Welcome Reception on March 18 and exhibits and educational sessions on March 19-20.

As a nonprofit organization, all of MPF's revenue generated (after expenses are paid) from the convention goes back to its member organizations and to support poultry programs.

**About MPF:**

The Midwest Poultry Federation's primary purpose is to host an annual regional convention emphasizing on-farm poultry production. The convention's goal is to offer cutting-edge information to attendees through a balanced offering of exhibits and educational workshops.

MPF was formed in 1971 and held its first convention in Minneapolis in 1972. The MPF's membership consists of 12 state poultry organizations, representing 8 states. [www.midwestpoultry.com](http://www.midwestpoultry.com)

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*Photo cutline, from left: Dr. Darrin Karcher, Secretary-Treasurer; Kim Reis, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Allen Behl, Past President; and William Claybaugh, President. (Not pictured: Ben Thompson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President)*