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Kim Reis, Iowa Turkey Farmer, Elected 2014-15 President of Midwest Poultry Federation

(Buffalo, MN) – Kim Reis, a turkey farmer from Ellsworth, IA, has been named the 2014-15 President of Midwest Poultry Federation (MPF). Reis represents the Iowa Turkey Federation on the MPF Board of Directors.

Reis replaces outgoing president William Claybaugh, TWJ Farms/Nebraska Eggs Ltd., Carroll, NE. Claybaugh assumes the Past President position and continues to represent the Nebraska Egg Council on the MPF Board.

“I am honored to lead MPF into the coming year,” said Reis. “Our 2014 convention featured increased attendance and a continued expansion of our exhibit space so I am excited to capitalize on the enthusiasm and momentum we experienced this year and build upon our successes for the 2015 convention.”

MPF Board elections were held during the 2014 MPF Convention, March 18-20, in Saint Paul, Minn. Other officers elected during this same time were:

1st Vice President

Ben Thompson, Pearl Valley Eggs of Pearl City, Ill., was elected 1st Vice President of the Board. Thompson represents the Illinois Poultry Industries on the Board.

2nd Vice President

Dr. Darrin Karcher, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, was elected 2nd Vice President of the Board. Karcher represents Michigan Allied Poultry Industries on the Board.

Secretary / Treasurer

Bruce Eastlund, ILC Resources and one of three allied industry positions on the MPF Board, was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Also at the March 18 MPF Board meeting, two directors were honored for their long-time service to the Board as they both completed their final terms in 2014:

- Allied Director Randy Olsen of Best Veterinary Solutions (served nine years on the Board)
- Susan Joy, Nebraska Poultry Industries Association (Board Director from 1995-2012)

Sandi Hofmann of Aviagen Turkeys was elected to her first term as an Allied Director on the Board. Aviagen Turkeys is a long-time exhibitor at the convention; Hofmann is one of three Allied Directors who represent all exhibitors on the Board.

Attendance at the 2014 MPF Convention topped out at nearly 2,500 this year – a 14% increase over last year and the highest it's been in well over two decades. The show continued its expansion into two exhibit halls with 423 booths (240 exhibiting companies) as well as educational workshops with over 40 speakers from across the world.

The 44th annual Midwest Poultry Federation (MPF) Convention will be held March 17-19, 2015 at Saint Paul RiverCentre in Saint Paul, Minn. The show will feature a Pre-Show Nutrition Symposium and Welcome Reception on March 17 and exhibits and educational sessions on March 18-19.

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

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*Photo cutline, from left: Ben Thompson; William Claybaugh; Bruce Eastlund; Kim Reis and Darrin Karcher.
Photos also available of outgoing directors Randy Olsen and Susan Joy.*