

# SPREADING LOG

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## **Elections 2009**

The Association welcomes two new and two returning board members for 2009. Newly elected are: Dustin Ransom, T-K Ag Works, Darien—3 year at large term; Abe Lemmenes, Lemmenes Custom, Waupun—2 year term/Southern Regional representative. Re-elected board members include: Ernie Sundstrom, Sundstrom's Pit Pumping, Colfax—re-elected for a 3 year at large term after filling a one year vacancy; Donnie Wohlk, Jr., Wohlk Farms, Almena—Northwest Regional representative.

A big thank you to outgoing board members Tim Ransom and Denise Schank.

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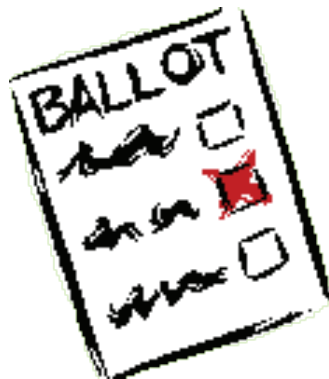
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## **Class on Using the Field Mapping Website** **Dana Cook—President-Elect**

I realize this is very short notice but I want to get this done before field work gets started. I have Sara Walling set up for March 13, 2009 at 1:00 pm to teach us, hands on, how to use the field mapping website that she talked about at our annual meeting. It will be at the Dairy Forage Research Farm in Prairie du Sac, WI in the conference room. I have a room for 20 people. Individuals can bring their own laptops as long as it is wireless capable. There is a wireless connection at the farm. Please RSVP to me at 608-963-5447 before March 11, 2009, and also let me know if you are bringing your own laptop.



If you are interested in setting up a session in your part of the state, please call Kevin Erb at (920) 391-4652.

## Licensing and Regulation Update

The proposal to license and regulate manure applicators was not in the Governor's proposed budget released mid-February. This does not mean the issue is dead, only that it will come through other channels. The board is keeping close tabs on this issue.

### Highlights from the Annual Meeting Presentations

#### **Sara Walling, DATCP—Restriction Maps Available Online**

- Nutrient and Manure Application restriction maps are available statewide from the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection's website at:  
<http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/arm/agriculture/land-water/conservation/manure-mngmt/index.jsp>
- The maps are each one section and contain all of the capable "590" features including soil map units, Nitrogen restricted soil units, slope restricted soil units, intermittent and perennial streams, lakes/ponds and the surface water quality management areas (SWQMAs) for those water features.
- Wells, sinkholes, and other direct conduits to groundwater are not contained in the maps and field verification of these and other features is necessary.

For additional assistance with obtaining or customizing the maps, please contact Sara Walling at (608) 224-4524 or [sara.walling@wi.gov](mailto:sara.walling@wi.gov).

#### **Sue Porter, DATCP—Regulatory Update**

We will know in mid Feb. 2009, if the Manure Application Training and Licensing Program is in the Governor's budget. If it is, the legislature and Governor need to approved and passed in the final 2009-2011 biennial budget in late summer 2009. This proposed legislation could change in the process. But, it is currently targeted at applications of liquid manure, (less than 12% solids). Large farms and for-hire applicators would need to be licensed and certified by 2012. Then, smaller farms doing their own applications would be required to come through the training and licensing - finishing by 2018. The proposed certification fees are \$35 per applicator every 5 years. The proposed annual licensing fee is \$125 for commercial businesses and \$60 for each liquid manure applicator. These fees may be set in DATCP rule making process.

Our department has not discussed who or how the enforcement would occur. But, we currently have Environmental Enforcement Specialists that assist the public with compliance for feed, fertilizer, and chemical laws. One could imagine that manure could be added to the list.

The Certified Crop Advisors and the Professional Agronomists have a big job getting farmers nutrient management plans so the farmers and haulers can follow the applications instructions in the plan. In 2008, 1.6 million acres of Wisconsin's 9 million cropland acres had a nutrient management plan.

#### **Jim Leverich, UWEX—Using Precision Ag Technologies**

Precision Ag Technologies in combination with manure sampling can be used to develop site specific nutrient application maps. These nutrient application maps will then allow producers to have a better confidence of how many and where nutrients have been applied to their fields and farms. From these maps producers and consultants can then consider applying additional fertilizer nutrients with variable rate technology to more closely match fertilizer applications to crop and soil needs. With high fertilizer prices, these technologies may become economically viable.

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