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## AgGateway Announces 2018 Leadership, Meeting Dates

**Washington, D.C., January 23, 2018** – AgGateway has announced its 2018 leadership, including the directors of its Strategic Board and Operational Management Board, and leaders of its councils and committees. The non-profit organization, which has more than 200 member companies, is moving into its 13th year in expanding how agricultural information can be better managed to maximize efficiency and productivity.

“We have a terrific slate of directors and leaders once again this year, and I’m excited about the work we’ll be doing to benefit agribusinesses and related industries,” said AgGateway President and CEO Wendy Smith. “AgGateway and its members thank these individuals and their companies, which have recognized how essential this work is to the ongoing success of the ag industry.”

AgGateway enters the year with an updated mission, vision, and five-year strategic plan. A summary can be found in the [2017 Annual Report](#) on the AgGateway website.

### 2018 Leadership

#### Strategic Board of Directors

Chair: Doug Farrington, Head of IS Business Partnering, Syngenta

Vice-Chair: Tim McArdle, COO, Brandt Consolidated

Past Chair: Doug Mills, CIO, The Mosaic Co.

Teddy Bekele, Vice President, IT, WinField United, Land O’Lakes

Jeff Belding, Business Excellence Champion, RiceTec

Dennis Daggett, Sr Vice President, ProAg Management

Mark Trostle, Director, Global Registrations & Regulatory Affairs, Agrium/CPS

Dan Willey, CIO, Wilbur-Ellis

Jeremy W. Wilson, Technology Specialist, Crop IMS

Wendy Smith, President & CEO, AgGateway

### Operational Management Board

Chair: Stephanie Frazier, eBusiness Specialist, Dow/DuPont  
Vice-Chair: Randall Kasparbauer, B2B Software Product Manager, John Deere  
Eric Hoefing, Manager of Applications Development, ACS  
Michael Carrabine, CIO, International Raw Materials Ltd  
Michael Thronson, Business Technical Writer, Control Systems Software  
Aaron Berger, Software & Integration Engineer, AgSense  
Randy Fry, Data Process & Information Systems Manager, Ceres Solutions  
Sarah Moster, Manager, Customer Experience, BASF  
Brent Kemp, Executive VP and COO, AgGateway

### Council Leadership

#### **Ag Retail Council**

Chair: Natasha Lilly, The Equity  
Vice-Chair: Mike Ball, J.R. Simplot Company  
Vice-Chair Elect: Jacob Crow, Growmark, Inc.

#### **Allied Providers Council**

Chair: Steve Daigle, Elemica  
Vice-Chair: Eileen Licitra, Iteris

#### **Crop Nutrition Council**

Chair: Marge Nerness, United Suppliers  
Vice-Chair: Ron Staab, United Services Assoc.  
Vice-Chair Elect: Open

#### **Crop Protection Council**

Chair: Julie Benick, WinField United  
Vice-Chair: Clay Mayer, Syngenta  
Vice-Chair Elect: Mike Glidden, J.R. Simplot

#### **Grain & Feed Council**

Chair: Rich Adams, Key Cooperative  
Vice-Chair: Steve Oberlander, CHS, Inc  
Vice-Chair Elect: Carissa Staples, Land O' Lakes

#### **Precision Ag Council**

Chair: Ben Craker, AGCO  
Vice-Chair: Jessica Trites-Rolle, National Crop Insurance Services, Inc.  
Vice-Chair Elect: Scott Nieman, Land O' Lakes

#### **Seed Council**

Chair: Anthony James, Syngenta  
Vice-Chair: Alek Krenichyn, XS Inc.  
Vice-Chair Elect: Jenna Johnson, WinField United

#### **Specialty Chemical Council**

Chair: Theresa Smith, BASF Corporation  
Vice-Chair: Stephen Barkley, SePRO Corporation  
Vice-Chair Elect: Open

## Committee Leadership

### **Architecture**

Chair: Michael Carrabine, IRM

Vice-Chair: Open

### **ADAPT Oversight**

Chair: Mark Stelford, Premier Crop

Vice-Chair: Dan Danford, CNH

### **Communications**

Chair: "J" (James) Nolfo, BASF

Vice-Chair: Open

### **Conference**

Chair: Scott Meredith, ACS

Vice-Chair: Julie Benick, WinField United

### **AGIIS Directory Oversight**

Chair: David Surber, Dow/DuPont

Vice-Chair: Kay Campe, Rosen's Diversified

### **Membership**

Chair: Denice Foster, EFC

Vice-Chair: Brian Sokoloski, Kahler Automation

### **Standards & Guidelines**

Chair: Rob Kovalsky, The Mosaic Co.

Vice-Chair: Open

In addition, AgGateway announced that its 2018 Mid-Year Meeting will be held June 11-14 at Prairie Meadows in Altoona, Iowa; and its 2018 Annual Conference will be held November 5-7 at the Sheraton Austin Hotel at The Capitol, Austin, Texas. More on AgGateway activities and how to become involved can be found at [www.AgGateway.org](http://www.AgGateway.org).

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*AgGateway is a non-profit organization dedicated to the expanded use of information to maximize efficiency and productivity, promoting and enabling the industry's transition to digital agriculture. [www.AgGateway.org](http://www.AgGateway.org)*