

## **State Board of Agricultural Research and Education Announces New Members**

The North Dakota State Board of Agricultural Research and Education (SBARE) announces two new members to the board.

Mark Birdsall and Lance Gulleson have been elected to four-year terms ending in 2018.

Birdsall, a lifelong farmer, is partner in Birdsall Grain & Seed, LLC, a seed sales and seed processing company. Past leadership positions include Berthold Cenex board member and board chair, Berthold city council, Berthold planning and zoning board, U.S. Durum Growers Association president, Dakota Growers Pasta Co. research board, Ward County Ag Improvement Association board member, ND Crop Improvement and Seed Association president, Dakota Boys & Girls Foundation board. He currently serves on the North Dakota State Seed Commission, and is an NDSU Research Foundation board member.

Gulleson is an active partner in the Gulleson Farm and Ranch LLP and owner and principal agent of Farmers Union Insurance in Lisbon, ND. He has served on and in various officer roles on regional and state boards including the ND Farmers Union, Sargent County Zoning Committee, Lisbon Civic and Commerce, Lisbon Area Health Services and 4-H organizations of Sargent and Ransom Counties to name a few. He is a 2004 graduate of NDSU with a B.S. degree in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering.

Outgoing board members are Paul Langseth and Doyle Lentz. Langseth served from 2005-2014 and Lentz served from 2006-2014.

The board continued work on business for the next legislative session at its meeting on Oct. 8.

The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education was established in 1997 with responsibilities to oversee agricultural research and Extension at NDSU.

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