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The **Grain and Feed Association of Illinois** is gifted with people who willingly give of their time and talent for the benefit of the industry. The following information lists leaders who have helped make the Association one of the most influential state agricultural organizations.

We hope you will find this information useful in locating the names of committee members, directors and staff whom you may want to contact concerning activities of the Grain and Feed Association of Illinois.

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## COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

### **Convention and Trade Show**

The purpose of this committee is to plan the convention and trade show through input and insight from industry professionals. The goal is to discuss event items such as location, speakers, programs and entertainment to assemble an event that Association members will find of tremendous value.

### **Education and Development**

The purpose of this committee is to develop solutions to meet any needs for education and training; analyze and determine if new technology is applicable, selecting the best way to inform or train members of the industry. The goal is to increase skills, efficiency and effectiveness while enhancing the professionalism of all who work within the industry.

### **Grain Quality and Regulation**

The purpose of this committee is to analyze proposed changes to the U.S. Grain Standards Act or other action that would have implications on the testing, grading and weighing of grain; also to work with state agencies regarding rules and regulations impacting the industry. The goal is to promote uniform grain grading standards for an efficient marketing system and encourage the development of rules and regulations that will not inhibit the functioning of the grain and feed industry.

### **Legislative**

The purpose of this committee is to review and analyze the impact of legislation introduced in the General Assembly and the U.S. Congress on the grain and feed industry in Illinois. The goal is to promote laws which will improve the business climate for the industry in Illinois by supporting or opposing specific proposals.

### **Safety and Facility Operations**

The purpose of this committee is to work to ensure that OSHA and EPA regulations are properly carried out and are not cost prohibitive; provide input on potential educational programs to focus on security, energy, maintenance and property management. The goal is to promote efficient facility operations and improve safety and health in the industry.

### **Scholarship**

The purpose of this committee is to direct and oversee actions of the Grain and Feed Association of Illinois Scholarship Program. The goal is to raise scholarship dollars and awareness of the scholarship program through fundraising events and other activities, and to select scholarship recipients interested in working in the grain and feed industry.

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