Dan Gorder Elected NDIDA Chairman

Dan Gorder, Grafton, was elected Chairman of the North Dakota Implement Dealers Association during our organization’s 2015 convention in Bismarck. Dan is President of True North Equipment, a John Deere dealership with locations in Grafton, Grand Forks, and Northwood, ND, and Kennedy, MN. He has been a member of the NDIDA Board since 2008, and served as 1st Vice Chairman during the past year.

Born and raised in Grafton, Dan attended Grafton High School, then earned a degree in Ag Economics-Marketing from North Dakota State University, Fargo. In 1983, he entered the family business, Grafton Equipment Co., which began as a small company selling John Deere equipment in the late 1950’s. He worked as a parts manager and general manager prior to becoming President. During the period from 2000 to 2006, the business expanded, adding the Grand Forks, Northwood, and Kennedy, MN, locations. The name of the business was changed to True North Equipment in 2011. True North Equipment currently has 105 employees throughout its four locations, and in 2013 completed a 7,000 sq. ft. Corporate Resource Center in Grand Forks, which is dedicated to employee and customer training, meetings, and other value added services.

Dan has served as a member of the Grafton Airport Authority, and is Past President of the Unity Medical Center Foundation from 2007 to 2015.

Dan resides in Grafton with his wife, Monica. They have two children: Laura, 24; and Scott, 20.

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NDIDA Chairman Dan Gorder, Grafton, and First Lady, Monica, with their children Laura and Scott.
Stu Romsdal Elected NDIDA 1st Vice Chairman

Stu Romsdal, Casselton, was elected 1st Vice Chairman of the North Dakota Implement Dealers Association during our 2015 convention in Bismarck. Stu is an Owner of Central Sales, Inc., a Massey Ferguson dealership in Casselton and Jamestown. He has been a member of the NDIDA Board since 2008.

Born in Fergus Falls, MN, and raised in Jamestown, Stu attended Jamestown High School, and then attended Moorhead State University and Valley City State College. He entered the family business full time in 1984, and worked as the parts manager of Central Sales, Inc., Jamestown. In 1994, he moved his family to become Sales and Store Manager at the Casselton dealership. The Jamestown store was started in 1974 as an Allis Chalmers dealership by Stu’s father, John and mother Pat, and the Casselton store was added in 1989.

Active in his community, Stu serves as a charter member and past President of the Casselton Lion’s Club, a member of St. Leo’s Catholic Church, a member of the Casselton Business Association, and also served as a school board member of the Central Cass School District.

Stu and his wife, Kim, reside in Casselton. They have three daughters: Kendra, 23; Jordyn, 21; and Macie, 19. Stu enjoys spending time with his girls, camping, golfing and lake time.

Kevin Roy Elected NDIDA 2nd Vice Chairman

Kevin Roy, Langdon, ND, has been elected 2nd Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the North Dakota Implement Dealers Association. The election took place at the association’s 116th annual convention held recently in Bismarck, ND. Kevin is the vice president of Langdon Implement Company Inc., a John Deere dealership in Langdon, ND. He has served on the NDIDA Board of Directors since 2009.

Kevin graduated from Langdon High School in 1979 and earned a Business degree from Bismarck Jr. College. In 1981, following college, he went to work at Langdon Implement. Kevin’s father, William Roy, started the dealership in 1971. The family has John Deere stores in Walhalla and Cavalier, and also has an independent dealership in Cooperstown.

Active in his community, Kevin served as a board member for the Langdon Area School Foundation for 10 years. He is a member of the Langdon Eagles Club, Kem Shriners Club, Lebanon Lodge, and the Langdon 49ers Shrine Club. He is also a director and shareholder of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank in Langdon.

Kevin resides in Langdon with his wife, Lori. They have two children: son Anthony and his wife Mauri; and daughter Alexa.
Jason Ruggles is Newest NDIDA Board Member

Jason Ruggles, Bowman, has been elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the North Dakota Implement Dealers Association. The election took place at the association’s 116th annual convention held recently in Bismarck, ND. Jason is the Regional Manager for West Plains Inc., a Case IH, New Holland, Bobcat dealer group with locations in Bowman, Beach, Dickinson, and Hettinger, ND.

Born and raised in Bowman, ND, Jason attended Bowman High School, and Dakota Aero Tech in Fargo, earning an aircraft technician certification. He worked as Store Manager for Cenex Livestock Headquarters from September 2000 to July 2008. In August 2008, Jason began working for West Plains Inc. as Store Manager of the Bowman and Hettinger locations. In the first quarter of 2015, he became Regional Manager of the West Plains Inc. Region (Bowman, Beach, Dickinson, and Hettinger) for what is now known as Plains Ag. Plains Ag also includes two other regions: Border Plains Equipment (Stanley, Williston, and Glasgow, MT), and Northern Plains Equipment (Mandan and Minot).

Jason currently serves as a member of the North Dakota Case IH Roughrider Board. He is also co-owner of Ruggles Farm/Ranch. Active in his community, Jason has served as Vice President of the Bowman Area Jaycees, co-founder of Bowman Area Bull and Stallion Showcase, member and President of the Pastor to Parish Council for Bowman United Methodist Church, and as a member of the Farmer Rancher Banquet Committee for the Bowman Chamber of Commerce.

Jason has received the Top Contributor Award for NDIDA’s Mastering Leadership Course 2009, and the Bowman County Friend of the Fair Award 2012. He was a member of the first graduating class of the “Case IH Pinnacle Program” in 2012, and the Bowman store was a 2012 recipient of “Pinnacle,” a Sales and Marketing award, which recognizes the top 1% of North American Case IH dealers.

Jason resides in Bowman with his wife, Sasha, and their four children: Skylar, 16; Jacob, 15; Gracie, 10; and Lily, 4.

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Passing the NDIDA Gavel . . .

Immediate Past Chairman Brian Hanson, Grafton (L), passes the NDIDA Chairman’s gavel to newly-elected Chairman Dan Gorder, Grafton, during our association’s 116th Annual Convention.
NDIDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(L to R): Jamie Melgaard, Minot; newly-elected Director Jason Ruggles, Bowman; 1st Vice Chairman Stu Romsdal, Casselton; Chairman Dan Gorder, Grafton; David Anfinson, Williston; Past Chairman David Meyer, West Fargo; Past Chairman Keith Kreps, Fargo; Director/Past Chairman Dan Butler, Fargo; Jay Pickrel, Fargo; 2nd Vice Chairman Kevin Roy, Langdon; and Immediate Past Chairman Brian Hanson, Grafton.

First Lady Monica Gorder (R) presents 2014-15 First Lady Ranell Hanson with a gift for her dedication and service to the association.

Newly-elected Chairman Dan Gorder (R) presents Immediate Past Chairman Brian Hanson with a plaque commemorating Brian for his service and leadership over the past year.
Thank you . . .

The North Dakota Implement Dealers Association would like to thank Brian and Ranell Hanson for their leadership and service as Chairman and First Lady during the past year. We also thank the many dealers, associates, and sponsors whose support and efforts made our annual dealer gathering possible.

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Thanks Mike and Jill!

In a special presentation during our 116th Annual Convention, Mike Weisenberger, West Fargo, was honored for his service to NDIDA as our National Director. Mike was a member of the NDIDA Board of Directors for over 15 years, serving as Chairman in 2008. He was elected NDIDA’s representative to the North American Equipment Dealers Association in 2012, and fulfilled his term on the NAEDA Board in October 2015. Mike, with the support of his wife, Jill, has exhibited an exceptional amount of devotion and loyalty to our association, working hard to promote industry concerns at both the state and national levels. Thank you Mike and Jill!

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Congratulations NDIDA Winners!

Tim Meyer, Lisbon, winner of the Grand Prize (ladies) diamond ring, and the “Get Your Game On!” $1,000 Challenge – a convention first!!!

Bonnie Hanson Yantes, Grafton, winner of a Federated Insurance sports package including 4 passes to a suite at a Minnesota Timberwolves game!

Congratulations, also, to Dan Carter, Lisbon, winner of a $100 Scheels gift certificate drawn from contributors to our NDIDA Sports Wall of Fame!
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