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AgGateway Announces 2017 Board of Directors and Leadership *Mark Your Calendars for Mid-Year Meeting and 2017 Annual Conference*

Washington, D.C., December 2, 2016 – AgGateway has announced its leadership for the coming year, including the directors of its new Strategic Board and Operational Board, as well as leaders of the eight councils working within the organization. The non-profit organization, which now has more than 230 member companies, is moving into its 12th year in successfully promoting, enabling and expanding eBusiness in agriculture.

In January AgGateway launches a new organizational structure designed to better accommodate its significant growth in recent years. The new structure allows council leadership to focus on operational activities of their councils, while providing for a board focused on overall strategic planning and management (Strategic Board) and a complementary board focused on day-to-day organizational operations (Operational Board).

“This new structure accommodates our growth and better positions us for a vibrant future in enabling eConnectivity,” said AgGateway President and CEO Wendy Smith. “We have an exemplary slate of directors and leaders moving into 2017, and I’m excited about the sharpened focus we’ll be able to give to increasing eConnectivity in the ag industry. AgGateway and its members thank these individuals and the companies they work for, which have recognized how essential eConnectivity is to the ongoing success of the ag industry.”

2017 Strategic Board of Directors

- Chair: Doug Mills, Chief Information Officer, The Mosaic Company
- David Black, Senior Vice President and CIO, CHS Inc. (Past Board Chair)
- Dan Willey, Chief Information Officer, Wilbur-Ellis
- Dennis Daggett, Senior Vice President, ProAg Management
- Doug Farrington, Head of Information Systems Business Partnering, Syngenta
- Jeff Belding, Business Excellence Champion, RiceTec
- Mark Trostle, Director, Global Registrations and & Regulatory Affairs, Agrium/CPS
- Teddy Bekele, Vice President, IT, for WinField/Land O’Lakes
- Tim McArdle, Chief Operating Officer, Brandt Consolidated

- Wendy Smith, President & CEO, AgGateway

2017 Operational Board

- Jeff Griffeth, Co-Alliance, LLP (Ag Retail Council)
- Randy Kasparbauer, John Deere, (Allied Providers Council)
- Mike Carrabine, International Raw Materials LTD (Crop Nutrition Council)
- Stephanie Frazier, Dow AgroSciences (Crop Protection Council)
- Mike Thronson, Heartland Cooperative (Grain & Feed Council)
- Aaron Berger, AgSense (Precision Ag Council)
- Randy Fry, Ceres Solutions (Seed Council)
- Sarah Moster, BASF Corporation (Specialty Chemical Council)
- Brent Kemp, Executive VP and COO, AgGateway

The 2017 Council Leadership

Ag Retail Council

Eric Hoefing, ACS, Chair

Natasha Lily, Effingham Equity, Vice-Chair

Allied Providers Council

Jody Costa, Barcoding Inc., Chair

Steve Daigle, Elemica, Vice-Chair

Crop Nutrition Council

Tammy Creswell, The J.R. Simplot Co., Chair

Marge Nerness, United Suppliers, Vice-Chair

Crop Protection Council

Alissa Allard, Wilbur-Ellis, Chair

Julie Benick, Winfield, Vice-Chair

Grain & Feed Council

Phil Kubesh, Vita-Plus, Chair

Rich Adams, Key Cooperative, Vice-Chair

Precision Ag Council

Jeremy Wilson, Crop IMS, Chair

Ben Craker, AGCO, Vice-Chair

Seed Council

Ann Vande Lune, Key Cooperative, Chair

Anthony James, Syngenta, Vice-Chair

Specialty Chemical Council

Carol Contino, Bayer CropScience, Chair

Theresa Smith, BASF Corporation, Vice-Chair

In addition, AgGateway announced that its **2017 Mid-Year Meeting** will be held June 12-15 at Prairie Meadows in Altoona, Iowa; and its **2017 Annual Conference** will be held November 6-9 at the Hilton San Diego Resort and Spa.

More on AgGateway activities, as well as information on how to become involved, can be found at www.AgGateway.org.

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AgGateway is a non-profit consortium of businesses serving the agriculture industry which helps member companies improve their profitability and productivity by promoting, enabling and expanding eBusiness in agriculture. www.AgGateway.org