

## 2022 MIDWEST DAIRY BOARD LEADERSHIP



### ALLEN MERRILL, CHAIR

Allen Merrill, of Merrill Farms, Inc. in Parker, South Dakota, is the chair of Midwest Dairy. He farms with his father and son and is pursuing a new business plan for his operation that includes off-farm investments in milking cows with other dairies. He also raises heifers for his farm and for others, and grows corn, soybeans, alfalfa, and oats.

Merrill plays a prominent role in in the dairy industry. In addition to serving as Midwest Dairy chair, he is as an officer on the Midwest Dairy South Dakota division board and serves in leadership positions on the United Dairy Industry Association and Dairy Management Inc. boards. He also sits on the South Dakota Dairy Producers board and Dairy Farmers of America Central Area Council.

Merrill supports his community by providing dairy cattle for non-farm children in 4-H to show at the county fair, as well as volunteering his time to FFA projects. He is passionate about the School Breakfast Program and ensuring all students have access to healthy meals.

Merrill is married to his wife, Kristi, and they have two children.



### MOLLY PELZER, CEO

Molly Pelzer is the CEO of Midwest Dairy, the dairy promotion organization working on behalf of dairy farm families across 10 Midwestern states to build trust and demand for dairy products. Pelzer is the organization's third CEO in its 19 years of dairy history. Her proven experience in developing programs and resources comes at an exciting time as the organization continues its focus on consumer-centric goals to drive sales and enhance consumer trust for dairy. Her longstanding service to

Midwest Dairy, family ties to agriculture and expertise as a registered dietitian root her to an industry she is committed to serving.

In her role as CEO, Pelzer provides strategic guidance to Midwest Dairy's staff of more than 60 employees as they work to fulfill both the organization's vision: to bring dairy to life, and its mission: to give consumers an excellent dairy experience. Through her leadership, Midwest Dairy is focusing on maximizing dairy farmers' investment in the dairy checkoff by strategic collaboration with targeted retailers, foodservice, wellness and industry partners as well as

focusing on research that leads to the development of products that meet the needs of today's changing consumer.

Pelzer also plays the lead role in ensuring the Midwest dairy industry captures its share of the growing global and domestic demand for dairy. Consumers in the U.S. and around the world are increasingly turning to dairy foods because they taste great and offer a strong nutritional profile that includes protein, a nutrient many are looking for in their diets. The U.S. dairy industry is committed to sustainable nutrition, a position recognized favorably among domestic and multinational food companies.

Pelzer joined Midwest Dairy in 1984 and has held various executive leadership roles. In her most recent position as chief experience officer, Pelzer led the development of the organization's strategic priorities. Prior to Midwest Dairy, she worked with the Midland Dairy Association, as well as Dairy Council, Inc., both former checkoff organizations that are now part of the Midwest Dairy region. A registered dietitian, Pelzer graduated from the University of Missouri – Columbia.

## **CORPORATE BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2022**



Corporate Board officers include Barb Liebenstein, Treasurer; Charles Krause, First Vice Chair; Dan Hotvedt, Second Vice Chair; Allen Merrill, Chair; and Rita Young, Secretary.

## DIVISION BOARD LEADERSHIP



### Board Officers:

- Amy Hildebrandt, Secretary
- Bill Deutsch, Chair
- Brent Mueller, Vice Chair
- Glen Meier, Treasurer

### 2022 ILLINOIS DIVISION

#### Illinois Division Board Members

*Bold indicates Corporate Board member*

- Doug Block, Pearl City
- **Bill Deutsch, Sycamore**
- Kristi Dinderman, Orangeville
- Frank Doll, Pocahontas
- Bryan Henrichs, Breese
- Amy Hildebrandt, South Beloit
- David Jarden, Staunton
- Kurt Johnson, Greenville
- Kappy Koch, Tremont
- Donald Mackinson, Pontiac
- Glen Meier, Ridott
- Craig Meng, Freeburg
- **Brent Mueller, Garden Prairie**
- Steve Obert, Orangeville
- Toby Probst, Wheeler

## DIVISION BOARD LEADERSHIP



Board officers:

- Larry Shover, Treasurer
- Dan Hotvedt, Chair
- Lee Maassen, Vice Chair
- Jonna Schutte, Secretary

### 2022 IOWA DIVISION

Iowa Division Board Members

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- **Pam Bolin, Clarksville**
- Doug Carroll, (Ex Officio to Corporate Board), Ryan
- Gerrit Davelaar, Inwood
- Dan Dietzenbach, Fort Atkinson
- Jeff Dresser, Keokuk
- Jolene Duitscher, Rolfe
- **Alan Feuerhelm, Le Mars**
- Fred Hall (Ex Officio), ISU
- **Robert Horst, Bristow**
- **Dan Hotvedt, Decorah**
- Patrick Jones, Spencer
- **Lee Maassen, Maurice**
- Dennis Mashek, Calmer
- Anthony Nunes, Sibley
- **Matt Schelling, Orange City**
- **Jonna Schutte, Monona**
- Larry Shover, Delhi
- Madison Skubal, Wayland
- Anna Wilson, Garnavillo

## DIVISION BOARD LEADERSHIP



Board officers:

- Rita Young, Secretary
- Suzanne Vold, Treasurer
- Kate McAndrews, Vice Chair
- Kristine Spadgenske, Chair

### 2022 MINNESOTA DIVISION

Minnesota Division Board Members

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- Anthony Anderson, Henning
- **Mindi Arendt, Mazeppa**
- **Megan Herberg, St. Peter**
- Megan Hill, Paynesville
- Eric Hoese, Mayer
- **Shirley Hulinsky, Burtrum**
- **Margaret Johnson, Fountain**
- **Karen Kasper, Owatonna**
- **Charles Krause, Buffalo**
- **Sarah Kuechle, Eden Valley**
- **Barb Liebenstein, Dundas**
- **Kate McAndrews, Sauk Centre**
- **Doug Popp, Royalton**
- **Dave Schwartz, Slayton**
- Eric Sonnek, Foreston
- **Kristine Spadgenske, Menahga**
- **Suzanne Vold, Glenwood**
- Tom Walsh (Ex Officio), DeGraff
- **Rita Young, Plainview**

## DIVISION BOARD LEADERSHIP



### Board officers:

- Steve Ohlde, Vice Chair
- Curtis Steenbock, Treasurer
- Byron Lehman, Chair
- Donna Telle, Secretary

### 2022 MO-KAN DIVISION BOARD

#### Mo-Kan Division Board Members

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- Alfred Brandt, Linn
- Amy Dudeck, Oregon
- Lynda Foster, Fort Scott
- Brian Haverkamp, Seneca
- Chris Heins, Higginsville
- **Byron Lehman, Newton**
- Orville Miller, (Ex Officio to Corporate Board), Hutchinson
- Tom Oelrichs, Mora
- Steve Ohlde, Linn
- **Alex Peterson, Trenton**
- Robert Riegel, Washington
- David Rottinghaus, Seneca
- Curtis Steenbock, Longford
- Steve Strickler, Iola
- Donna Telle, Uniontown

## DIVISION BOARD LEADERSHIP



Board officers:

- Joyce Racicky, Vice Chair
- Mary Temme, Chair
- Jodi Cast, Secretary/Treasurer

### 2022 NEBRASKA DIVISION

Nebraska Division Board Members

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- Mike Amen, Norfolk
- Greg Bleeker, Emerson
- Jodi Cast, Beaver Crossing
- David Crook, Humboldt
- Paul Kononoff, PhD (Ex Officio), UNL
- Doug Nuttelman, Stromsburg
- **Joyce Racicky, Mason City**
- Marshall Reece (Ex Officio), AMPI
- Larry Schuster, Pickrell
- Heath Snodgrass (Ex Officio), Orchard
- **Mary Temme, Wayne**

## DIVISION BOARD LEADERSHIP



Board officers:

- Lilah Krebs, Treasurer
- Kim Ledger, Secretary
- Sue Kleingartner, Chair
- Terry Entzminger, Vice Chair (not pictured)

### 2022 NORTH DAKOTA DIVISION

North Dakota Division Board Members

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- Marc Bauer (Ex Officio), NDSU
- Scott Boll (Ex Officio), Cass Clay Creamery (AMPI)
- Terry Entzminger, Jamestown
- Doug Hanson (Ex Officio), Dean Foods
- Jonas Heyl, Towner
- Janal Hoff, Richardton
- **Sue Kleingartner, Gackle**
- **Lilah Krebs, Gladstone**
- Nathan Kroh (Ex Officio), ND Department of Agriculture
- Kim Ledger, Bismarck
- Denise Rohweder, Wishek
- Toby Tormaschy, Richardton
- Piet vanBedaf, Carrington



## DIVISION BOARD LEADERSHIP



Board officers:

- Carrie Rantz, Secretary
- Nathan Roth, Chair
- Mark Fellwock, Treasurer
- Marilyn Calvin, Vice Chair

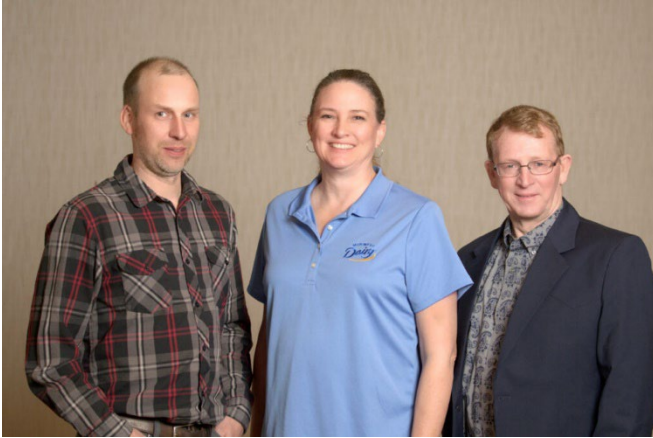
### 2022 OZARKS DIVISION

Ozarks Division Board Members

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- Ryan Anglin, Bentonville
- Marilyn Calvin, Mt. Vernon
- Charles Coblenz, Chouteau
- Jack Dill, Conway
- Earl Dotson, Marionville
- **Mark Fellwock, Monett**
- Randy Mooney, Rogersville
- Gene Morrison, West Plains
- Carrie Rantz, Spokane
- **Nathan Roth, Mountain Grove**
- Scott VanZyverden, Marshfield
- Craig Westfall, Halfway

## DIVISION BOARD LEADERSHIP



Board officers:

- Jogchum Andrenge, Treasurer
- Annelies Seffrood, Vice Chair
- Dan Thyen, Secretary
- Jim Neugebauer, Chair (not pictured)

### 2022 SOUTH DAKOTA DIVISION

South Dakota Division Board Members

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- Sanjeev Anand, Ph.D. (Ex Officio), SDSU
- Jogchum Andringa, Brandt
- Tim den Dulk, Beresford
- Evan Grong (Ex Officio), Valley Queen Cheese
- Cole Hoyer, Bruce
- Gary Jarding, Alexandria
- Kim Maher (Ex Officio), Agropur
- **Allen Merrill, Parker**
- **Jim Neugebauer, Dimock**
- Doug Ode, Brandon
- **Marv Post, Volga**
- Hunter Roberts (Ex Officio), SD Department of Agriculture
- **Annelies Seffrood, Twin Brooks**
- Daniel Thyen, Waverly
- Kevin VanWinkle, Canistota