



## WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL AGRICULTURAL CONSULTANTS

### 2018 ANNUAL DUES AND LOBBYING CONTRIBUTION NOTICE

WAPAC voted to retain the services of a lobbyist at our 2017 Annual Meeting. As a result, we hired Jordan Lamb, head of Governmental Relations at DeWitt Ross & Stevens SC. Many exciting outcomes benefitting Wisconsin farmers have been realized from our association with Jordan during our year of working together!

#### Success in 2017

- ✓ We advocated for producer-led watershed grants which are now increased from a \$250,000/year to \$750,000/year for 2018 and 2019.
- ✓ We achieved wetland reform that prevents tillable acres from being classified as wetlands and exempts artificial wetlands from DNR permitting requirements.

#### Progress and Participate

- ✓ The final NR151 Targeted Performance Standards for manure applications in Silurian bedrock areas contain many of our recommendations. Members had unprecedented input, THANK YOU!! **Members will need to be engaged as ATCP50 is updated at DATCP to implement NR151.**
- ✓ WAPAC is continuing to monitor the transfer of CAFO permitting from DNR to DATCP as part of Gov. Walker's Rural Agenda Program.

#### The Effect of WAPAC's Participation in 2017

- ✓ Many more policy items were discussed, considered and acted upon. Because of our association with Jordan, WAPAC is being invited to participate in more deliberations as our professional roles and expertise are recognized.

NOW, let us continue our success. Lobbying costs us \$27,000/year. WAPAC membership is currently around 70 members. From April through December 2017, 31 members contributed from \$200 to \$2,500/member for a total of \$19,450 for our lobbying effort. Thank you!

In our first year of lobbying, the WAPAC Board of Directors estimated the suggested contribution/member to be around \$500. With a year under our belt, it looks like the suggested contribution either needs to be around \$1,000/member or the number of members contributing needs to increase. In the future, as more members contribute, the suggested contribution can go down. Any surplus money contributed will go towards the following year's payments and will not be used for general WAPAC business. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support!

Sincerely,

WAPAC Board of Directors and Legislative Committee