Jeff graduated from the University of Wisconsin Madison in 1984 with a degree in Agronomy. After working for 3 years at the Westby, Gays Mills and Tomah cooperatives as a seed, feed and fertilizer consultant for Cenex, Jeff started with Central of Eastern Wisconsin in 1987. Jeff worked as an Independent Crop Consultant for seven years. In 1994 and 1995, he worked for the Outagamie County Land Conservation department as an Agronomist in charge of Farmland Preservation and Nutrient Management training and plan development. In 1995, he started Polenske Agronomic Consulting Inc. in Eastern Wisconsin. Since starting this business, he has enjoyed mentoring several employees and helping them grow their businesses under the company umbrella. He has served on several committees over the years including the 590 and NR 243 rewrite, the Midwest IPM regional committee out of Michigan State university, the IPM – NPM state committee, the Educational outreach committee of the National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants and the Committee for Sustainable Agriculture in Wisconsin through the University of Wisconsin Madison. He is a past president of the Outagamie County Forage council and WAPAC. He was awarded Agribusiness of the year from the Wisconsin State

forage council in 1997, Crop Consultant of the year for the United States in 1998, and Agribusiness of the year in 2008 from the Wisconsin State Land and Water Conservation Society. Jeff has held a Certified Professional Agronomist title from the ARCPACS board of certification since 1991 and a Certified Independent Crop Consultant title from the National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants since 1993. Jeff is a registered TSP through NRCS and is certified through this agency to write Nutrient Management, Pest Management, CNMP's and is one of only a few private Certified Conservation planners in Wisconsin. WAPAC wishes Jeff the very best in his retirement! Congratulations on a successful and rewarding career!