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## Two New MARL Board Members

Marshall, Minn. — Two Minnesota Agriculture and Rural Leadership (MARL) program has added two new members to its board of directors.

Kari Howe, a MARL Class V alumna from Bemidji, along with Brant Groen, Willmar, are new board members who will serve two-year terms, starting on July 1, 2019. Board members may serve a maximum of three terms.

New officers include:

- Chair: Mike Yost, Murdock, Minn., president/owner of Yost Farm Inc.;
- Vice Chair: Shelly Schell, Altura, Minn., Class VI alumna, senior strategic account manager, Zoetis, Inc.;
- Secretary: Katie Schneider, Class IX alumna, Inver Grove Heights, Customer Support Agronomy, CHS, Inc.

Re-elected directors include Rick Schwarck, St. Ansgar, Iowa; Mike Yost, Murdock, Minn.; and Chad Willis, Willmar, Minn.

Retired members include Joan Lee, Class VII alumna, McIntosh, Minn.; and Cheryl Glaeser, Class VII alumna, Hutchinson, Minn.

Other board members include Dr. Robert Milligan, Lauderdale, Minn.; Bruce Tiffany (Class V alumnus), Redwood Falls, Minn.; Paul Simonsen, Fairfax, Minn.; and Shawn Schloesser (Class VIII alumnus), St. Peter, Minn.

The MARL program is a dynamic two-year educational experience featuring nine three-day in-state seminars, a six-day national study seminar and a 10- to 14-day international study seminar. Each class is comprised of up to 30 participants. A majority are agricultural producers and others are professionals involved in agribusiness or rural leadership positions.

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