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**WCO elects first female president, officers and directors**

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Wisconsin Dells, Wis. (January 27, 2014) — Kathy Vander Kinter has been elected to serve as the president Wisconsin Custom Operators, Inc. (WCO). She is the first female president in the history of the organization. Vander Kinter is employed by Vander Kinter Farms, LLC, a custom harvesting and manure hauling business in Green Bay owned by her husband Luke and extended family members.

“I am honored to have been elected president and look forward to serving the members of the WCO. As an organization, we have exciting new programs underway, and recently hired our first Executive Director. We are also closely following and keeping members informed about issues that effect their businesses,” said Vander Kinter.

Vander Kinter previously served as WCO’s Secretary/Treasurer and currently represents the North Region on the Board of Directors. She was first elected to the WCO board in 2011. A graduate of Fox Valley Technical College, Kathy and her husband Luke have three children.

WCO held its annual meeting and co-hosted the annual Symposium with the Midwest Forage Association and Professional Nutrient Applicators Association of Wisconsin at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Cole Olson, co-owner of Diversified Farms, LTD from Alma was elected as vice president and Troy Meyer, from Meyer Manufacturing in Dorchester was elected as Secretary/Treasurer. Three directors were elected to the organization’s board of directors including Isaac Lemmenes, Waupun who will serve his first term. Retiring board member and immediate past president, Robert Hoerth, Chilton was honored for his service to WCO.

WCO is an organization comprised of individuals throughout the state who derive their income in whole or part from providing custom farming services. To learn more about the Wisconsin Custom Operators, Inc. including membership and event registration, go to [www.wiscustomoperators.org](http://www.wiscustomoperators.org) or info@wiscustomoperators.org

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