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**WCO Re-elects Vander Kinter; Elects Directors, Officers**

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Wisconsin Dells, Wis. (February 2, 2016) — Kathy Vander Kinter has been re-elected to serve as president of the Wisconsin Custom Operators, Inc. (WCO). Now serving her third year in the role, 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 serve another year as president and to help continue WCO’s forward momentum. Our Safety Certification Program is in its second year with a training event planned for March 18. We also just unveiled data from the WCO Member Survey. WCO remains committed to adding value to our members’ businesses,” said Vander Kinter.

In addition to serving as president, Vander Kinter 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 recently held its annual meeting and co-hosted the annual Forage 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 re-elected as vice president. Troy Meyer from Meyer Manufacturing in Dorchester was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer. Bill Arneson, Barneveld was elected to the board as a director at large. Chuck Rabitz from Denmark State Bank, Denmark was elected as a corporate representative. Retiring board members Dick Kraus, Elkhart Lake and Adam Danzinger, Claas North America were honored for their 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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**Editor Notes:**

**[Photos]** Kathy Vander Kinter, Bill Arneson, Chuck Rabitz.

Group photo L to R: Backrow: Bill Arneson, Bryce O’Leary, Maria Woldt, Matt Digman, Chuck Rabitz. Front Row: Isaac Lemmenes, Cole Olson, Kathy Vander Kinter, Troy Meyer