

Headline: Sept. 30, 2009 - ED FOSTER WINS RE-ELECTION TO THE UNITED BENEFITS GROUP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ed Foster has won re-election for another five-year term as a member of the Board of Directors of United Benefits Group and as a member of the Co-op Retirement Plan Committee, the plan's governing body. Ed received the most votes in a three-way contest that also featured candidates Jarvis Haugeberg (Dakotaland Feeds; Huron, South Dakota) and Tom Traen (Glacial Plains Cooperative; Murdock, Minnesota). All of these gentlemen are outstanding candidates and their willingness to serve is greatly appreciated.

Ed, who is CEO and President of All Points Cooperative in Gothenburg, Nebraska, has served on the Retirement Committee since 2002.

The Board of United Benefits Group is elected by the Participating Employers of the Co-op Retirement Plan. Each employer casts a number of votes equal to the number of active Plan participants in their organization. One position on the five-person board comes open for election in September of each year. The five board members also serve as the Co-op Retirement Plan Committee.

Other current members of the United Benefits Board of Directors are Ken Hahn, Chairman (Planters Co-op, Lone Wolf, Oklahoma), Jim Carlson, Vice-Chairman (First Cooperative, Cherokee, Iowa) , Dave Christiansen (Mid-Kansas Co-op, Moundridge, Kansas), and Stan Stark (Farmers Cooperative Co., Haviland, Kansas).