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### **American Coalition for Ethanol Elects New Representatives to Board**

**Sioux Falls, SD** (August 17, 2010) – The American Coalition for Ethanol (ACE) has elected three new members to its Board of Directors, expanding grassroots and independent ethanol representation to the national advocacy association.

David Kolsrud has joined the ACE Board, representing Mid-Missouri Energy. Mid-Missouri Energy is a 50 million gallon per year (mgy) farmer-owned ethanol plant in Malta Bend, Missouri. “I am honored to be joining the American Coalition for Ethanol board, an organization with a strong reputation and history of fighting and winning for farmers and the grassroots of ethanol,” Kolsrud said. “The farmer owners of Mid-Missouri Energy understand the need for people’s voices to be heard in state capitals and in Washington DC, and partnering with ACE is a natural fit.”

Dave Sovereign now represents Golden Grain Energy, a 100 mgy farmer-owned ethanol plant in Mason City, Iowa, on the ACE Board. Sovereign is Chairman of the Board at Golden Grain, and also serves on the Board of Absolute Energy, a locally owned 100 mgy ethanol plant near Lyle, Minnesota. “It will be a pleasure to work as a member of the ACE Board to ensure that ethanol continues to deliver vital economic, environmental, and energy security benefits to the U.S.,” Sovereign said. “ACE has been working diligently to increase ethanol use over the E10 blend wall, and it is important for us to support them in that effort.”

John Skelley, General Manager of Pinal Energy in Maricopa, Arizona, has been elected to the ACE Board. Pinal Energy, a 55 mgy plant, is Arizona’s first ethanol producer. Since beginning production in 2007, Skelley has worked to develop new markets for ethanol across his state. “Serving on the ACE Board will be a great opportunity to be involved in the advancement of the industry,” Skelley said. “I’m looking forward to working with ACE on a number of important fronts, especially helping to ensure that we pursue policies and initiatives to create more demand for ethanol.”

“ACE is proud to continue our unique mission as the grassroots voice for ethanol, and we’re strengthening that position by adding these well-respected and independent voices to our Board of Directors,” said Brian Jennings, Executive Vice President of ACE.

In addition, five current Board members were nominated and accepted for re-election:

- Lars Herseth, Houghton, South Dakota, representing Herseth Ranch
- Owen Jones, Britton, South Dakota, representing 4 Seasons Cooperative
- Duane Kristensen of Hastings, Nebraska, representing Chief Ethanol
- Randy Knecht of Houghton, South Dakota, representing CHS Inc.
- Scott Parsley of Madison, South Dakota, representing East River Electric Cooperative

“Now more than ever it is important to have a strong grassroots base of support for ethanol, and our Board of Directors helps ACE give these grassroots advocates a voice,” Jennings said.

A complete roster of the ACE Board is available at <http://www.ethanol.org/index.php?id=32&parentid=7>.

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