



American Crystal Board Elects Widner Chairman



Widner

Neil Widner, 58, a director from the Drayton Factory District, was elected Chairman at American Crystal Sugar Company's December 3 Board Reorganization meeting. A director since 2000, he previously served as Vice-Chairman of the Board for two years. Widner has farmed near Stephen, Minnesota, since 1973. He serves on the Board of Directors of United Sugars Corporation, the Board of Governors of ProGold Limited Liability Company and as a director for the American Sugarbeet Growers Association.



Haugen

Curtis Haugen, 48, was elected vice chairman at the same meeting. He has been a director since 2001 representing the East Grand Forks Factory District. A farmer since 1981, he farms near Argyle, Minnesota. He serves on the Board of Directors of United Sugars Corporation, as a director for the American Sugarbeet Growers Association and as a director and President of the Farmer's Union Oil Company, Oslo, Minnesota.



Mueller

David Mueller and Wayne Tang joined the board as newly elected directors.

Mueller, 49, will represent the Hillsboro Factory District and has been a sugarbeet farmer near Cummings, North Dakota, since 1985. He previously served on the Red River Valley Sugarbeet Growers Association Boards' Executive Committee and as treasurer of its Research and Education Board. He also taught Farm Management at Northland Technical College for 20 years.



Tang

Tang, 55, will represent the Moorhead Factory District and has been a farmer since 1972. He currently serves on the American Sugarbeet Growers Association's Board of Directors and was most recently Vice Chairman of the Red River Valley Sugarbeet Growers Association's Executive Committee. He has also served on the Board of his local Harvest States Elevator.



Kritzberger

Francis Kritzberger, 64, formerly the Board's chairman for the past year, retired after reaching his current 12 year term limit. Kritzberger previously served as a director from 1989 to 1993. A farmer since 1964, he served on the Board of Directors of United Sugars Corporation, the Board of Directors of Midwest Agri-Commodities Company, and the Board of Governors of ProGold Limited Liability Company. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the North Dakota Council of Cooperatives.



Borgen

Richard Borgen, 60, also retired after serving on American Crystal's Board for 12 years. A director since 1997, he has farmed east of Perley, Minnesota, since 1967. He has also served as a director on the Perley Co-op Elevator Board and the Norman County West school board.