

**ADSA Midwest Branch  
2008 Officer Nominations  
Candidate for Secretary-Treasurer**

**David P. Casper**

**David P. Casper** is currently the vice president of nutrition for Agri-King Inc. He obtained his BS degree in 1983 from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville with a major in animal science and a minor in chemistry. He then obtained his MS degree in dairy science from South Dakota State University (SDSU) in 1985 and his PhD in 1989 with a major in animal science (dairy cattle nutrition) and minor in biochemistry. He continued to conduct dairy cattle research at SDSU before accepting a position as research dairy scientist with US Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS). While at USDA-ARS, his research focus was on the energy metabolism of dairy cows to determine the net energy values of various carbohydrate sources, soybean-processing methods, fats, and forages. He joined Cargill in 1994 as a dairy innovation development manager. In 1997, he joined Agri-King Inc. as a consulting dairy nutritionist. He has been involved in developing new approaches in the feeding of dairy cattle based on feed efficiency, forage quality and digestibility, analytic methods, formulation procedures, and nutrient parameters. His emphasis is also focused on technical service, nutritional training, industry and producer presentations, ration formulation, and the research and development of new products and programs to incorporate the latest nutritional technologies. He was promoted to director of nutrition in 2003 and to vice president in 2006. He has published more than 35 referred journal articles, 60 abstracts, and numerous popular press articles. He has received numerous awards throughout his career including the prestigious Richard M. Hoyt Award. He is also a member of several animal science associations and boards. He was recently inducted into the Cambridge Who's Who Registry of Executives and Professionals. He resides in Fulton, Illinois, with his wife Janet and has 2 children, Carrie and Richard.

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**Daniel J. Illg**

**Dan Illg** is the director of nutrition and technical services for Standard Dairy Consultants, Omaha, Nebraska. He obtained his BS degree in dairy science from Iowa State University in 1982. Dan received his MS degree in dairy science from South Dakota State University in 1986. He obtained his PhD degree from the University of Minnesota in 1990 with a major in animal science. During his master's program, his

research focused on supplementation of protected methionine in early lactation rations and alternative feedstuffs for growing heifer diets. His PhD research evaluated the effects of protein degradation and ruminal fat availability on rumen fermentation in a continuous culture system. Dan served as a staff nutritionist and technical support for a feed manufacturer in the upper Midwest for five years. He was involved in ration balancer program development and formulation of products in addition to his nutritionist duties. Dan has also spent five years as a nutrition and management consultant for dairy producers in the Midwest and Southwest United States. In his current role, he offers technical advice to the standard dairy consultants field nutritionists in the Midwest, West, and Southwest United States. Dan continues to be involved in software development activities and bringing new technology to the consulting group. He interacts with company management to help set the path and scope of the business.