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### **New director joins the ND Barley Council**

The ND Barley Council met on April 23 and reorganized. Louis Arnold (Esmond, District 1) remains as Council Chair and Doyle Lentz (Rolla, District 4) was chosen as Vice Chair.

Mark Seastrand joined the council replacing the retiring Richard Groven (Northwood, District 2). Seastrand has farmed for more than 25 years in Eddy and Benson counties. He lives in Minot with wife Luann and daughter Dinah and also serves as Township Supervisor for Grandfield Township, on the Eddy County Crop Improvement Association and on the Sheyenne Volunteer Fire Department.

Richard Groven served on the barley council for 8 years and was Vice Chair from 2005 to 2009. During his tenure on the council he served as President of the National Barley Growers Association (2007-2009) and was also active on the Asia Advisory Team for the U.S. Grains Council. Other members of the council include Wayne Narum (Bowman, District 5) and Jim Broten (Dazey, District 3). The Executive Administrator of the Barley Council is Steven Edwardson.

During the meeting the Barley Council voted to assist the American Malting Barley Association in funding the USDA-NASS 2009 North Dakota Barley Variety Survey and also to support the North Dakota 4-H Foundation. The ND Barley council supports the Institute of Barley and Malt Sciences at North Dakota State University and also funds numerous research projects at the University.