



## Biographical Information

### Bob Zelenka, Executive Director

### Minnesota Grain and Feed Association

The Minnesota Grain and Feed Association (MGFA), organized in 1907, is a voluntary non-profit association composed of over 200 competing cooperative and independent grain elevator and feed mill firms operating in Minnesota. The Association provides industry information, education and both legislative and regulatory representation for its members.

Bob Zelenka has served as Executive Director of the Minnesota Grain and Feed Association (formerly known as the Farmers Elevator Association of Minnesota) since 1981. Bob received his Bachelors of Science and Masters degree from Mankato State University. He is an active member and past president of - The National Agricultural Association Executives' Council, the Midwest Society of Association Executives and the Minnesota Agricultural Interpretive Center – Farmamerica (Board Chair). He has also served on the Board of Directors for the National Grain and Feed Association, Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation, is a MN/DOT Commissioner appointee to the Minnesota Freight Advisory Committee and is a member of the Minnesota Governmental Relations Council. In addition to his duties as MGFA Executive Director, Bob and MGFA created and managed the Midwest Shippers Association for seven years, managed the Northwest Feed Manufacturers Association for several years and act as fiscal agent for the Ag Cooperative Safety Directors Association of Minnesota.

Bob has traveled extensively over the year's promoting Minnesota agriculture, joining Governors' Ventura, Pawlenty and two Ag Commissioners on agricultural trade mission's to China, Japan, Thailand, Mexico, Canada, Vietnam and Cuba.

Prior to his employment with the Minnesota Grain and Feed Association, Bob spend 5 years as a transportation and land-use planner with the Region Nine Development Commission based in Mankato. While at Region Nine, Bob facilitated a successful \$22 million rehabilitation of the Milwaukee Road rail line running from Alden to Jackson Minnesota, now operated by the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

Bob resides in Eagan with his wife Sharon, has a son Ryan, daughter Melanie and four grandchildren.