

This has been a busy time with preparations for the annual meeting, working on the new management service agreement, and going to conferences.

We had a good annual meeting, I want to welcome the two new board members Mike Zins from district 1 and Steve Freking from district 2. More importantly I want to thank the two retiring board members Bill Fest and LeRoy Kellenberger. It has been a pleasure working with you over the past several years and wish you well. Thank you for your service to MnSP.

The final details are being worked out with the new management and we are very close to making that announcement. I think it is a good step forward into the future with their experience and expertise. Change always bring doubt about the unknown but the benefits of new experiences plus some changes makes for a positive outlook.

Questions about Vista beans came up at the annual meeting. The board of directors decided to wait another year before reevaluating the decision to participate. The issue is that there presently are not enough varieties of beans with the right maturity, disease resistance, and yield potential for our region.

A new stock trading system was announced at the meeting. It is designed to simplify the trading of shares. It eliminates the need for the members to “find” a buyer. You will be receiving a letter spelling out the details and procedures.