

STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN

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Judith Bevers	Gillett Grove.....	April 30, 2013
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Daniel Ernst	Dubuque	April 30, 2013
Betty Grandquist	Des Moines.....	April 30, 2015
Linda Larkin	Fort Madison	April 30, 2012
Kenneth Petersen	Council Bluffs	April 30, 2013
Ralph Wolf	Mason City	April 30, 2012

*Ex officio, nonvoting members from the General Assembly**Senate*

William A. Dotzler, Jr.	Waterloo.....	January 14, 2013
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Mary Gaskill	Ottumwa	January 14, 2013
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The Older Americans Act of 1965, reauthorized in 2006, established the State Unit on Aging and the Area Agencies on Aging. The Iowa Department on Aging (IDA) was first created as the Commission on the Aging by the Iowa General Assembly in 1966. In 1986, the existing Commission on Aging was reorganized as a separate executive branch agency, and was renamed the Iowa Department on Elder Affairs. In 2008, the department was again renamed to the Iowa Department on Aging (IDA). The State Unit on Aging is established in Iowa under the "Elder Iowans Act" (Iowa Code chapter 231), which sets forth the role and responsibilities for the department and its commission as well as the Area Agencies on Aging. In 2004, the department was awarded an Administration on Aging discretionary grant to establish Iowa's Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC); in 2006, the ADRC was codified in Iowa Code chapter 231 and in 2011, the state submitted a 5-year plan to the Administration on Aging and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid to implement a fully functioning ADRC statewide by 2016. The department advocates for challenged Iowans age 18 and older and is responsible, in collaboration with Area Agencies on Aging across the state and ADRCs, for developing a comprehensive, coordinated, and cost-effective system(s) of long-term living and community support services that helps Iowans maintain health and independence in their homes and communities. The department's programs and services include but are not limited to: elder rights and legal assistance; elder abuse prevention and awareness; nutrition and health promotion; caregiver services; older worker services; case management; options counseling; and a wide array of information and assistance. Within the IDA is the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, which advocates for the rights of residents living in various health care settings. The IDA Internet site is: <http://www.aging.iowa.gov/>. The Internet site for Iowa's

ADRC is: www.lifelonglinks.org. An 11-member commission serves as the policymaking body for the department with seven members appointed by the Governor, two by the House, and two by the Senate for four-year terms. Among their duties, the commission promulgates administrative rules and approves and monitors the area plans for the area agencies. The Governor appoints a department director subject to confirmation by the Senate.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP

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Bill Northey, Secretary of Agriculture
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The General Assembly created the Iowa Department of Agriculture in 1923. In 1986, the department was restructured and the name changed to Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship to reflect its broadened focus, which now includes the Soil Conservation Division.

The mission of the department is to encourage a relationship between people and the land that recognizes the land as a resource to be managed to avoid irreparable harm. The department is tasked with developing and implementing policies that address the long-term future of agriculture as an economic activity as well as a way of life.

The department helps encourage, promote, market, and advance the interests of agriculture, including production practices, such as organic or conventional, that may lead to new opportunities for Iowa farmers. The department has the responsibility of providing consumer protection through the regulatory programs administered by the regulatory, laboratory, and inspection services. The department is responsible for the preservation and improvement of the quality of two of the state's most important natural resources, soil and water.

The department is comprised of four divisions: Administrative, Consumer Protection and Industry Services, Food Safety and Animal Health, and Soil Conservation.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

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The Administration Division assists the Secretary of Agriculture and other divisions in the administration of the department and in the implementation of legislation and statutory rules relating to the department. Internal support includes centralized accounting, auditing, budgeting, and human resources.

CONSUMER PROTECTION AND INDUSTRY SERVICES DIVISION

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Stephen Moline, Director*

The purpose of the Consumer Protection and Industry Services Division is to provide protections for consumers of Iowa agricultural products. Special emphasis is given to meat and poultry products, milk and dairy products, and products sold over a scale or through a meter.

The division is accountable for monitoring and providing health protections for animals in Iowa. Special emphasis is given to regulating the movement and health status of Iowa's livestock herds through the implementation of various monitoring, control, and eradication programs. In addition, the division regulates producers and commercial breeders, groomers, and boarding kennels of pet animals.

The third responsibility is consumer protection through the inspection and scientific evaluation of food and agricultural products for safety and stated value. Laboratory analysis of milk and dairy products, meat and poultry products, livestock feed and pet food, fertilizers, pesticides, and seed and nursery stock is undertaken daily to ensure public safety.