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AALA Thanks Maureen Kelly Moseman for her Service as Executive Director and Welcomes Dillon Law, P.C. as Interim Executive Director



The American Agricultural Law Association expresses its appreciation to Executive Director, Maureen Kelly Moseman, who recently notified the Board she will depart to pursue other professional opportunities after two years in the role. Maureen has been an ardent supporter of, and leader in, AALA for 25 years. In addition to serving as Executive Director for the last two years, Maureen is a recipient of the AALA Distinguished Service Award in 2015, served as Interim Executive Director in 2014, and served as AALA President in 2009-2010. Maureen's efforts have helped AALA revitalize the Association and rebuild to the level we see today. "During Maureen's tenure as Executive Director, AALA has seen increases in membership and annual symposium attendance, and AALA is in a much stronger financial position than at any time during the association's history. We look forward to

Maureen's continued membership in our organization. Join us in saying thank you to Maureen for her years of service and wishing her the best in her future endeavors!", stated AALA President Amber Miller.

In a recent letter to the AALA Board of Directors, Kelly Moseman wrote, "Leading a non profit association was a new experience for me. I have learned many new things working with the Board of Directors and growing the organization over time, and I have also appreciated the opportunity to contribute to AALA and its membership. Many AALA members have been generous and supportive of me during the course of my professional career, and I was glad to be able to pay it forward. Because of my work to rebuild relationships with members and my leadership of other initiatives during the past two years, AALA is prepared to embody its vision statement, "Serving as the Premier Association for Agricultural Law and Policy Professionals." I am confident that the elected Board of Directors for AALA will continue to devote resources to expand the educational offerings, to

support the professional development of its membership, and to provide an intellectual and professional "home" for agricultural lawyers across the country."

Dillon Law, P.C. Selected as New AALA Interim Director Selected by Board of Directors





We recognize that transitions can be challenging to members, and in order to continue to provide services during this transition time, two of AALA's current members will step in on an interim basis. Dillon Law, P.C., in Sumner, Iowa, led by AALA members Patrick Dillon and Jill Dillon, has been selected to serve as AALA's Interim Executive Director until a permanent Executive Director is identified and selected in the spring of 2019. Pat Dillon has been a member of the AALA since 2002 and is an immediate past board member, where his work on the AALA Finance Committee was instrumental in leading AALA's efforts to attain a more robust and sustainable financial position. Jill Dillon is a partner in Dillon Law, P.C. specializing in family law, estate planning and IRS matters and has been a member of the AALA since 2015. Dillon Law, P.C. brings expertise, institutional knowledge, and experience to the role. In addition to legal representation, Pat, Jill, and the firm's staff have experience providing administrative support and supervision of services for non-profit organizations. "We look forward to assisting the AALA during this transition period, and we are committed to providing administrative and operational support to the AALA while the Board of Directors conducts its search for a permanent executive director. Jill and I are both very familiar with AALA and its operations, and we are honored to help AALA during this transition period until a new executive director is selected," Pat Dillon recently stated.

AALA Executive Director Search Begins January 2019

The AALA Board of Directors will launch a national search for a new Executive Director in January 2019. A position description and application information will be made available publicly at that time on AALA's website, <u>www.aglaw-assn.org</u>. The Board's goal is to have a new Executive Director in place by the second quarter of 2019. Please contact AALA President, Amber Miller, Partner at Crenshaw, Dupree & Milam, LLP, in Lubbock, Texas, at email <u>amiller@cdmlaw.com</u> if you are interested in applying, have a candidate recommendation, or have any other questions about the AALA Executive Director search process.