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c/o Fletcher Syltie, Treasurer  
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# Your membership supports our advocacy efforts in St. Paul

## JOIN or RENEW your IAM membership TODAY!

IAM members are irrigators, farm managers, landowners, related irrigation businesses and others interested in the development of agricultural irrigation and best water conservation practices.

## Protect your rights as an irrigator

Many legislative issues affect irrigators. Your membership of IAM can help you stay current with the issues and ensure your rights are protected.

## Top IAM Legislative Concerns

1. Transferability of water permits with land sale
2. Economic impact study of permit changes to groundwater management areas
3. Definition of sustainability thresholds
4. Well interference resolution

## Irrigators Association of Minnesota

Established in February 1975 as a non-profit organization, IAM is the only statewide association solely concerned with irrigated agriculture and dedicated to the management of Minnesota land and water resources.

## Focus of IAM

Since 2014, your membership has supported new, science based research on irrigation management as well as lobbying efforts to connect us to legislators. As our state legislature becomes more urbanized, we face a real threat that laws will be enacted that severely restrict our ability to irrigate.

## Renew or become a new member today!

Our organization does not receive checkoff dollars, so we rely on voluntary membership dues and contributions. More than 50% of our funding comes from our \$100 annual members.

In addition to membership, we are asking for a voluntary yearly donation of \$0.25 per irrigated acre to help preserve our ability to irrigate our crops. Last year, more than 180 members contributed over \$55,000 to support our legislative mission.

As an IAM member, you will have access to educational opportunities and research at events, email alerts and newsletter updates, and connections with other industry experts on important irrigation issues.

**Thank you for your membership.**

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## Goals:

Educate and promote the benefits of irrigation

Encourage water conservation and energy efficiency

Advocate for farmers right to irrigate

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Annual Meeting - February 16th

## **A strong state association is the best way to ensure your ability to irrigate.**

### **Dear Friends:**

As irrigators, we know the importance of irrigation to the state of Minnesota. We have been working hard to refine our irrigation practices to conserve water and improve water quality for future farmers. The mission of IAM is to bring our story to the public and to lawmakers so that as new regulations are created and laws are written we have a seat at the table.

We need you to help us tell that story! Your investment in the Irrigators Association of Minnesota sends a clear message of commitment and allows us to invest your dollars in smart resources that will pay off when we are challenged. Please consider renewing your membership today.

Like so many things in 2020, the legislative season was turned on it's head and IAM had to find new ways to get in front of these legislators. While we did hold our day on the hill, what followed was a virtual session for lawmakers as well as a changing of the guard with the election and removal of some key people.

The DNR has continued to try to undermine our ability to irrigate. Our lobbying firm of McGraa-Shea--Carnival had to get creative and work to build new relationships. Our bill remains strong and we will continue to work to keep it at the forefront of the session.

This year we also said goodbye to our former president of 18 years, Alan Peterson. We have established a scholarship in his name and want to thank each of you who have contributed so far. With your support, over \$10,000 was raised and another \$10,000 was matched by the Peterson family. Please consider supporting the next generation of farmers through this scholarship program.

IAM needs your support so we can continue to be a strong voice for irrigation in Minnesota!

Thank you,  
Jake Wildman, IAM President  
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*\*IAM is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving water rights for farmers in Minnesota. Our main source of funding comes from your membership support.*