

### **LEGISLATIVE SUCCESS FOR MN/DAKOTA CHAPTER**

Pro athletes are constantly judged by percentages. In baseball, hitting the ball 30% of the time is looked upon as a success. In football, winning half of your games might get you into the playoffs and in hockey and basketball it seems like everyone makes the playoffs. But these athletes can't shake a stick at the success the MN/Dakotas Chapter recently achieved with their visits to Capitol Hill during the Annual Conference in May. Chapter members lined up and visited with the offices of 11 of their 15 active members of Congress (MN is still trying to decide who their second Senator should be) for a success rate of 73%. More impressive is the fact that during those 11 visits, 9 of them included the actual member of Congress rather than just a staff member. Members visited included the following:

Senator Tim Johnson (D-SD)  
Senator John Thune (R-SD)  
Congresswoman Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (D-SD, at large)

Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND)  
Senator Kent Conrad (D-ND)  
Congressman Earl Pomeroy (D-ND, at large)

Congressman John Kline (R-MN, 2<sup>nd</sup> district)  
Congressman Erik Paulsen (R-MN, 3<sup>rd</sup> district)  
Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-MN, 4<sup>th</sup> district)  
Congressman Keith Ellison (D-MN, 5<sup>th</sup> district)  
Congresswoman Michele Bachmann (R-MN, 6<sup>th</sup> district)

A big thank you goes out to the members of the chapter's Government Relations Committee and the chapter members who made this all happen. They are now busy lining up visits to ESOP companies when the members of Congress are home in August.



Members of the MN/Dakotas Chapter visit with Congressman Erik Paulsen (R-MN, 3<sup>rd</sup> District). From Left to Right – Jim Myott – Boulay Heutmaker Zibell, Jill Gerrick – Walman Optical, Steve Eide – Gray Plant Mooty, Sheryl Neuman – Toll Company, Neil Walstad - Toll Company



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