



Recently, the American Prairie Reserve (APR) joined MSGA as an Allied Industry member. APR utilized our online ecommerce system via the website to join. MSGA's ecommerce system is designed much like every other membership organization, that as you sign up and pay electronically, you are automatically a member.

As a result, the MSGA Executive committee took prompt action and sent APR a letter in response to their membership. In the letter from our President Fred Wacker, he relayed that MSGA has extensive policy that stands in opposition to APR's mission, along with APR's bison management plan. He also stated our association will continue these efforts.

After additional discussions, the MSGA Executive Committee took further action and voted to rescind the allied membership of the American Prairie Reserve. President Fred Wacker send a letter informing the APR that our organizations have conflicting policies and missions and therefore we will be refunding their membership dues.

MSGA's goal is to keep our membership informed and to let you know that quick actions were taken to address the issue. MSGA will continue to have a membership composed of those actively involved in the production of livestock, supporters of the livestock industry, and those interested in the purpose for which MSGA was formed.

Fred Wacker, MSGA President
Jay Bodner, MSGA Executive Vice President