

# 2023 NOMINEES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## AGM 2023 Election of Directors

3-year Directors: Need to elect **4** directors

1-year Directors: Need to elect **3** directors

1 Homecraft Representative – Cheryl McGuire

2023 – 3 Year Term	2 years left of 3 year term	1 year left of 3 year term
To be determined	Donna DeGurse	Kathy Myers
To be determined	Michelle Evanitski	Dennis Robinson
To be determined	Eldon Krohn	John Scott
To be determined	Malcolm Rogers	Dean Teft

**Completed Terms:** Alvin Scott, Eric Van Dommelen, Jason Van Esse, Connie Courtney, Lori Ouellette, Harold Thompson & Tammy Warner.

## 3 YEAR TERM NOMINEES

### MARISSA LESTER: 3-YEAR TERM

My name is Marissa Lester. I'm a life long resident of the Brigden Community, living on a farm and attending the fair every year since I was born. It has been a tradition in my family for generations. I have participated in 4-H for as long as I could remember and just recently finished my last year with plenty of awards and even being a 2 year 4-H Ontario Ambassador.



I have always had a vast interest in the Moore Agricultural Society/Brigden Fair. I have been involved in many different areas of the fair from being a volunteer, to an exhibitor, to even a member of the Ambassador Court. In 2017, I began to volunteer more with the fair by being a part of the set-up and tear-down in the barns. This is also the first year I became a member of the Ambassador Court for the fair. After this experience, I began to understand more and more of all the hard work that goes into putting on a fair of this size, and all the help that is needed.

Even before I got involved with volunteering, I have been an exhibitor within the photography sector, to the Junior Fair Building, and with my livestock. I have shown various types of livestock on the property – from my show cattle, to rabbits, to even my Clydesdale horses. Being a part of this fair is rewarding in itself, and something I am proud of.

My education background is mainly in agriculture. I graduated for the University of Guelph, Ridgeway Campus in 2020 with a diploma in agriculture. I currently am employed within the community at Agris Co-operative LTD. here in Brigden as the Customer Service Manager. I get to keep up with all the farmers in the

area who keep our fair thriving. I'm also a part of the Lambton 4-H Association as the Membership Coordinator, keeping up with all the members and clubs in Lambton 4-H.

I am interested in a 3-year term as a director which will let me have the opportunity to become more involved with the planning and decision making within the fair board. Being chosen for this position will let me have the opportunity to bring forward new ideas and opportunities to the board for discussion. I believe that this will bring a younger perspective to ideas and opportunities within our fair, while also combining them with seasoned professional's perspective.

Thank you for considering my nomination.

### **LORI OUELLETTE: 3-YEAR TERM**

My name is Lori Ouellette. I have just completed my 4th – 1 year term as a director for Moore Ag Society. I can usually be found in the kitchen during fair time, weddings, banquets or brunches. I have helped on the grounds for work bees leading up to fair time and set-up for events such Campout Jamboree.



I am willing to work on any committee. My work now gives me most of the summers off, which allows me more time at the fairgrounds

I live on a farm near Wilkesport. My daughter Emma has been around the fairgrounds since she was very young. I have found this to be an excellent way to spend time together by volunteering. I have enjoyed the past several months watching Emma represent Brigden Fair as the 2022/2023 Ambassador.

Thank you for considering my nomination.

### **ALVIN SCOTT: 3-YEAR TERM**

Alvin brings extensive experience to the board having been President in 2006. Throughout the years, whether as a Director or Volunteer, he has played an active role on a number of committees including Commercial Concessions, Midway, Finance, Bar, Vendors, and Parking. Alvin was also previously involved in special events such as the Tractor Pull, Pull N Shine, and numerous Demolition Derbies.



When needed, he can be found helping in the kitchen for brunches, theme meals and 4-H Banquets. Through Grounds & Buildings, Alvin was part of the group who facilitated the moving of the light horse rings away from the centre of the fairgrounds to a safer locale for both exhibitors and patrons. He also has been a great resource during the recent Generator project and other capital projects including the recent kitchen upgrades.

At Fair time, Alvin can be found in a number of places; from the Emergency Services area to driving one of the People Movers, assisting with locating missing persons, or as a Midway liaison – he is available wherever needed. In 2022, Alvin joined the 'Gate Committee', taking the lead on the Walk-in Gates.

Alvin would like to return to the Board of Directors in a 3-year term.

### **JERIKA SHEPLEY: 3-YEAR TERM**

Hello everyone, my name is Jerika. I have been a part of MAS well since I was a child. I had first gotten involved with the Moore Ag Society when Bill & Kathy Myers had needed some help and that's where my journey started and I have been volunteering ever since.



I officially became a member in 2011. Since then, I've been committed to helping with anything I can both on a volunteer basis and as well a member on the board of directors for a one-year term.

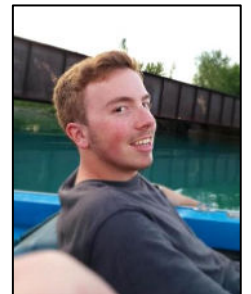
Over the years, I have become an experienced volunteer and assist all year round with all the countless events Moore Ag Society has, and you can be sure to find me at the fairgrounds assisting with our brunches and monthly Jamborees. Also of course, helping with our weeks of preparation of the Fair!

I have enjoyed meeting so many new people throughout the years and I hope, if you all wish, to have myself continue this journey on the Board of Directors again.

I look forward to growing with Moore Agricultural Society and a Great year ahead!

### **CURTIS VANDENDOOL: 3-YEAR TERM**

I have been volunteering with the Moore Agricultural Society for the past 10 years. Whether working in the dining room during catering events, assisting with the Ploughman's Farmyard, helping with the Demolition Derby, Tractor Pull or transporting tables, chairs, benches, sawdust and supplies during fair, I always have a smile no matter what.



I have eagerly taken on additional tasks during fair. In 2017, I was responsible for helping to put together an inventory of all the equipment used. In 2018, I took this job one step further by taking on more responsibilities as part of the South End Team. Working together with members of the Grounds & Buildings Committee and Board of Directors, I have volunteered many hours to make the fairgrounds accessible for our patrons. I am a graduate of Wallaceburg District Secondary School and currently employed at Sterling Crane as a Crane Apprentice.

I am interested in a 3-year term as a Director which will provide me with the opportunity to become more involved with the decision making process. I believe this will also give me the chance to bring new ideas and opinions from a younger perspective to the organization while respecting the knowledge and past experience of our seasoned volunteers.

Thank you for your consideration.

### **ERIC VAN DOMMELEN: 3-YEAR TERM**

Hello everyone,

I'm Eric Van Dommelen. I've been a part of the board for the past 4 years. During this time, we've had many successful events and projects around the Fairgrounds. You will be able to find me regularly at the jamborees, assisting with maintenance projects on the grounds & buildings, winter storage, attending meetings for the various committees that I sit on, and during the fair – from prep through to fair teardown.

Outside of the Fairgrounds, I am a firefighter with St. Clair Township. I grew up on a farm and work in local industry, leading me to having experience in a variety of areas that bring a positive affect to the fair grounds.

Looking forward, I'd like to continue to support MAS by being a part of the team that leads Moore Agricultural Society toward a successful future.

Thank you for your consideration.

### **TAMMY WARNER: 3-YEAR TERM**

Well it's that time again and I would like to ask for the support from the members to represent MAS as a board member again. I have completed two terms thus far and have learned so much and have enjoyed working with the directors, members, volunteers and public throughout my terms.



We, as a team, redesigned the footprint of the fair this past year. It came with mostly good reviews from our attendees and vendors alike. I co-chaired Attractions in 2022 and enjoyed working with this committee and hope to do it again in 2023.

I also co-chaired vendors for 2022 while Rachel was on maternity leave and realize the hard work and organizing for this committee is a huge undertaking and look forward to doing it again.

I try hard to work as a team member with the board, office and members. This organization has a lot of volunteers that are here for the right reasons. They give up evenings and weekends and family time to try and make this a better place.

Working TOGETHER with transparency, this board will achieve great things. I would love to be part of that TEAM!!

## ONE YEAR TERM NOMINEES

### CONNIE COURTNEY: 1-YEAR TERM



**Objective:** Appointment to MAS Board Director Position

#### **Highlights of Qualifications**

- Board member of MAS - 2021 and 2022
- 40 + years in health care in a variety of roles including administration, educator and staff nurse
- Effective team member experienced in working with multidisciplinary professionals
- Confirmed leadership and decision-making skills

#### **Professional Experience and Accomplishments/Affiliations**

##### **Employment History:**

**Bluewater Health** - 1973 to 2013 - held various positions from front line nursing to management

##### **Formal Education:**

Diploma of Health Care Administration – Ontario Hospital Association Program – 2000

Health Care Management Program – Richard Ivey School of Business, London - 1999

Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BScN) – University of Windsor – 1995

Registered Nursing Diploma – Chatham Public General Hospital - 1973

##### **Community Affiliations:**

- Current Board member of the Central Lambton Family Health Team, Petrolia
- OAAS certified homecraft judge
- OAAS Provincial judging panel member
- Moore Agriculture Association (Brigden Fair)
  - 2021 / 2022 on MAS Main Board
  - Homecraft Division - Past President – 2003/04, 2015/16
  - Participate in various other committees/activities related to Fair and MAS
- Brigden Optimist member for 30+ years; past secretary/treasurer
- 4-H certified Volunteer/leader – Life skills program

## **EMMA OUELLETTE – 1 YEAR TERM**

Hello! My name is Emma Ouellette and I am your 2022-2023 Brigden Fair Ambassador. I currently attend western university for math and business, as well as Humber College for my real estate license. Since 2012, I have been involved with the fair. It started with small jobs, but now, I am a member of Homecraft, work at the banquets and functions, the Campout Jamboree, out in south end, or pretty much wherever I'm needed!



Although I may not be on multiple committees, I work hard and give this fair my all. If you've ever worked with me, you'll know I'll take on any task, no matter how big or small, and do my best.

I am passionate about helping my community and although I am only 19, I want to be the future of Moore agriculture society!

Thank you for considering my nomination!

## **TRAVIS HOOPER: 1-YEAR TERM**

I have spent most of my life in the St. Clair area, having been raised in the old Sombra Township and now residing in Port Lambton, the Brigden Fair holds a special place in my life. A graduate of East Sombra Central School and then L.C.C.V.I., the Brigden Fair has always been the highlight of the Fall season. As this was a tradition of my family growing up, I have passed this on now to my own family that attends annually, always participating in the Small Animal shows and Kids crafts and taking in a couple days over the weekend. I am husband to a wonderful teacher at Riverview Central School with 2 growing kids who love every aspect of the Fair.



I have spent most of my life volunteering with local groups, primarily the United Way and the Wallaceburg Fireworks Committee, spent several years on the Wallaceburg Chamber of Commerce and Wallaceburg Business Improvement Association in various roles, and coached soccer and baseball in Wilkesport and Wallaceburg/Port Lambton. Community plays a significant part in my life, and I look for opportunities to give back when I can. I have spent over 16 years in the financial industry and another 10 in marketing and sales, so my background is diverse and unique.

If chosen, I feel I could have a significant impact in many aspect of the M.A.S. and would work to continue to provide the best experience to those attending events each year.

Thank you for your consideration of my nomination.