

2024 NOMINEES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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

1 Homecraft Representative – Kathy Scott, President.

2024 – 3 Year Term	2 years left of 3 year term	1 year left of 3 year term
To be determined	Lori Ouellette	Donna DeGurse
To be determined	Alvin Scott	Michelle Evanitski
To be determined	Eric Van Dommelen	Eldon Krohn
To be determined	Tammy Warner	Malcolm Rogers

Completed Terms: Connie Courtney, Jerika Hopper, Kathy Myers, Emma Ouellette, Dennis Robinson, John Scott, and Dean Teft.

3-YEAR TERM NOMINEES

Nominees are listed in alphabetical order.

JERIKA HOPPER: 3-YEAR TERM

Hello everyone, my name is Jerika and I have been a part of MAS since I was a child. I first got involved with the Moore Agricultural Society when Bill & Kathy Myers needed some help, and that is where my journey started. I have been happily volunteering ever since!

I have now completed two individual one-year terms as a Director with the Moore Agricultural Society. I officially became a member of MAS in 2011. Since then, I've been committed to helping with anything I can, on both a volunteer basis and as a member of the Board of Directors. This past year, I had the pleasure of furthering my knowledge with the Attractions Committee and I hope to continue working with everyone involved.



Over the many years, I have gained valuable volunteering experience as a member of the Society. I would like to further my time as a Director, and to continue assisting with all the countless events Moore Ag Society has to offer all year round. You can be sure to find me at the fairgrounds assisting with our brunches and monthly Jamborees, and of course, helping with our weeks of preparation for the Fair!

I have enjoyed meeting so many new people throughout the years and I hope, if you all wish, to continue this journey on the Board of Directors. I look forward to growing with Moore Agricultural Society and another great year ahead! Thank you for considering my nomination.

Jerika Hopper

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KATHY MYERS: 3-YEAR TERM

My name is Kathy Myers and I come from Sombra Township. I have been an MAS Director for several years now and currently hold the position of 1st Vice President on the Board of Directors.

I am a Co-chair of the Ploughman's Farmyard and thoroughly enjoy seeing how both the youth and adults partake in learning and experiencing the different aspects of agriculture that we offer in the Farmyard at the Fair. I also chair the Fundraising Committee and serve on the Jamboree and Policy & Procedures committees, as well as partake in other MAS events such as the Annual Brigden Campout Jamboree and brunches.



I look forward to continuing to serve as a member of the Board and thank you for considering my nomination.

Kathy

MAIT NOYLE: 3-YEAR TERM

Mait was born and raised in St Clair Township. He has spent his life living in, and supporting the communities within St Clair Township. He is a proud father of three and grandfather of two. Mait has been a Crane Operator for 30 plus years, and has acquired an extensive network of personal and professional relationships.

As a member of both the OVTPA and the SWOTPA, Mait is an enthusiast for tractor pulling. You will see him each summer on the track pulling his own tractor. When not on the track, you will find him tending his garden.



Mait has supported MAS for the last couple of years through volunteering at events and at the fair. He also assisted in acquiring equipment for the fair. Last year, he helped to coordinate the Tractor Pull at the Brigden Fair. Mait is looking forward to being more involved with MAS and would like to thank you for your consideration of his nomination.

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DENNIS ROBINSON: 3-YEAR TERM

I consider myself a Brigden Fair Lifer. First started attending Brigden Fair in a stroller, and now I appreciate the use of a golf cart or gator to maneuver at Fair time.

My 4-H experience started in 1964 by showing a beef calf and a gilt belonging to Moore Swine Club and Sombra Beef Club. After 4-H, we showed Angus and Charolais Beef Cattle for a number of years. Shari was initiated to Brigden Fair in 1971 when she came home from Centralia College with me for Thanksgiving Weekend, as she could not make it home to McCreary, Manitoba for the weekend. I became a 4-H Leader in 1974, and then became President of the Lambton County 4-H Leaders Association. The 4-H Leaders Association requested class upgrades to MAS and the directors of the day encouraged me to join them as a director.



I ran for an MAS director position and was elected in 1983; Bruce McCallum was Fair President. Bruce allowed Mary DeGurse and myself to showcase a Limousin steer outside the Jr. Fair Building and have a contest to guess the steer's weight in kilograms! Bruce was not popular with vendors and some of the other directors.

Bob McGee was a great mentor and sowed a lot of seeds to ponder on. I worked with Bob on promoting and building of the Coliseum, and acquiring the Taylor Farm for future expansion. I went with Queenie McBean and Lorene Sharp to sign a \$156,000 mortgage to cover the Coliseum and land purchase. The board had enough faith in me to elect me as President for 1986-1987. The office became a reality with Gwen McBean as Treasurer and Muriel McCallum as Secretary.

Brigden Fair pioneers had the foresight and drive to acquire government assistance to provide infrastructure of buildings that no one else in Lambton County or Ontario had the initiative to do. I thank those past directors, and feel that I have been instrumental in carrying forward their visions by assisting with the constant improvements to be made, and the many upgrades done over my tenure with MAS. Tiling of the property in 1999 was a major hurdle. Exhibition Hall upgrades & renovations, plus hydro upgrades seem to be an annual event. Replacing snow fence barriers as show rings with corral panels, and now construction panels, has simplified set up, safety and tear down. Negotiating a long-term contract with Conklin Shows and now World's Finest Shows has provided stability to both partners, upgrades to the grounds for better public access, and provides a midway that is not seen at any other Lambton County Fair.

I have served on numerous committees and have enjoyed the changes that have been implemented to classes and presentation of exhibits. MAS has supported countless Livestock Breed Classes to accommodate exhibitors to be able to showcase agriculture to our urban neighbours. Partnerships with numerous equipment dealers and Ag businesses have allowed MAS to showcase current equipment and provide hands on experiences for children of all ages.

My family have supported my tenure at MAS and count on spending Thanksgiving Weekend with our Brigden Fair Family! I still feel young at heart and feel there are upgrades that I would like to see accomplished at MAS. I am willing to serve a 3-year or 1-year term as director. Thank you for your consideration of my nomination.

Dennis Robinson

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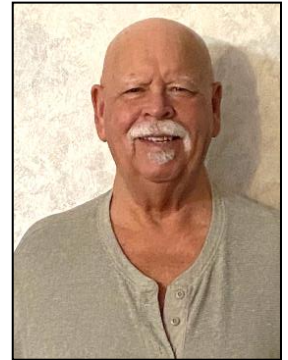
JOHN SCOTT: 3-YEAR TERM

As a past President of MAS, and also the current 2023 President, I feel honoured to have served and be a representative for MAS. I bring many years of experience and dedication to the Board of Directors and would like to be considered for a 3-year term.

I have worked with various committees including Emergency Services/Planning Committees, M.A.S. Site Emergency Plan, Parking, Commercial Vendors and Commercial Midway, to name a few. I have also played a significant role in obtaining sponsorship for both capital projects and "in kind" Fair donations, and negotiated contracts to promote the advancement of MAS and the Brigden Fair.

My knowledge of the workings of the Moore Ag Society would be a major asset to the Society, and will prove beneficial for current and future projects and events.

Thank you for your consideration of my nomination.
John



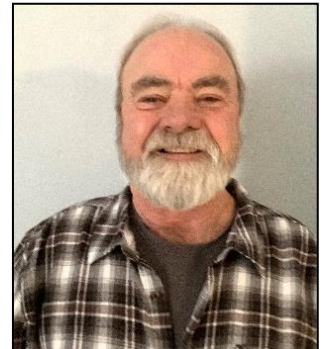
DEAN TEFT: 3-YEAR TERM

My name is Dean Teft (Rocky). I was born and raised in Moore Township. I retired from Clean Harbors after 42 years as a Crane Operator and Lead Hand Heavy Equipment Operator. I enjoy woodworking and interfacing with people.

I assisted with the Brigden Pull and Shine for several years, including set up and tear down for the fair. I have been active on the Grounds & Building Committee and readily volunteer to assist wherever needed.

I have been on the board for two years and feel I have more to offer. I look forward to regaining a seat on the board to further our ventures in moving forward with Moore Agriculture Society.

Thank you for your consideration.
Dean



1-YEAR TERM NOMINEES

Nominees are listed in alphabetical order.

MARISSA LESTER: 1-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 in 2022 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 an ambassador court.

In 2017, I began to volunteer more with the fair from being apart of the set up and tear down in the barns, this is also the first year I became an 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. This past year, I had the opportunity to volunteer even more, since I have gotten a much more flexible career. I am now currently on the livestock committee, the ambassador committee, the photography committee, the junior fair committee, the farmyard committee, and am willing to help with any committee that needs my help! 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 showing 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 in agriculture. I graduated from the University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus in 2020 with a diploma in agriculture. I currently am employed with a company based out of Manitoba called Farmers Edge, where I am a precision agronomist covering Ontario. Within this job, I have the opportunity to travel across Ontario visiting customers and giving nutrient recommendations for their crops based on the soil samples our company does. This career has given me the opportunity to meet a wide variety of farmers and learn more about the different agricultural ways within Ontario.

I am interested in a 1-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 and understand the ways of how the board works. 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 the seasoned professional's perspective.

Thank you for considering my nomination.

Marissa

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BRENDA MAW: 1-YEAR TERM

I am pleased to put forward my name for the 2024 AGM Election for a 1-year term as a MAS Board Director. My name is Brenda Maw and I been involved with the Fair for many years.

I was previously on the board in the 2000's and was President in 2008. I have assisted with the Fine Arts Division of Homecraft before moving to the Junior Fair committee while my children were growing up.

I have participated in many committees during my involvement with the organization including the Emergency Planning Committee, Fundraising, Catering, currently acting as Chair of the Ambassador Committee, actively working with the Policies & Procedures Committee to establish up-to-date protocols, and help out with banquets, funerals and weddings in the Exhibition Hall.

I look forward to working with the current and new directors for the betterment of the organization that serves our community.

Thank you for your consideration,
Brenda



EMMA OUELLETTE: 1 YEAR TERM

Hello! My name is Emma Ouellette and I was 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!
Emma

