

2025 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	Mait Noyle	Lori Ouellette
To be determined	Dennis Robinson	Alvin Scott
To be determined	John Scott	Eric Van Dommelen
To be determined	Dean Teft	Tammy Warner

Completed Terms: Kathy Myers, Emma Ouellette, Brenda Maw, Donna DeGurse, Michelle Evanitski, Eldon Krohn, and Malcolm Rogers.

3-YEAR TERM NOMINEES

Nominees are listed in alphabetical order.

DONNA DEGURSE: 3- YEAR TERM

I’m a life-long resident of the area – growing up and residing in the county and have been directly connected to the fair since I was a youngster and participated in 4H.

My family and I are vested in the best interests of Moore Agricultural Society and the Brigden Fair. Over the years, I have participated in many different aspects of the fair including but not limited to: the purchase of the ploughman, photography committee chair, Homecraft activities, First Impressions committee member, Strategic Planning Committee member, Youth Fair member, gates, auction, baby show judge, etc. I have helped with the setup and teardown of events and worked in both the kitchen and bar. I am committed to attending the board meetings (during COVID I filled in as recording secretary,) and committee meetings. As well, I try to keep informed of events and issues and usually assist anywhere I can.



My educational background is diversified, with my highest certification being a Master’s qualified teacher. I am currently teaching Grade 5/6 at St. Anne Catholic School in Sarnia. Prior to this, I taught at St. Mary McCormick in Port Huron where I worked not only as a teacher but as the computer technology coordinator, textbook/materials budget coordinator, and liaison with the government of Michigan regarding special events. Besides certification in CPR/First Aid, I also have training and experience in Analytical Processes, law and security administration, and financial planning.

I enjoy serving on the board and working with the members, volunteers, and staff. I am asking for your support to be re-elected to the M.A.S. Board for a three-year term.

MICHELLE EVANITSKI : 3- YEAR TERM

My name is Michelle Evanitski. I have been very fortunate to have been involved in 4-H and agricultural societies throughout my life. My family were avid exhibitors at many fairs across Ontario in both Homecraft and Livestock classes. Since moving to Brigden, I have had the opportunity to be a part of MAS in many capacities such as Committee lead, MAS President, Homecraft President, District 13 Director and OAAS Homecraft judge.

I have been active on many committees including fundraising, catering, grounds & buildings, finance, advertising and promotion.



My formal education was in Marketing/Psychology and my career path has allowed me to work in assorted areas including business development, publications and advertising. This has led me to be active in Grant Writing, and working with MAS members to successfully secure funding for capital projects around the fairgrounds and to increase sponsorship.

For the past 26 years, I have worked for the Municipality of Chatham Kent as a Caseworker/ Employment Resource Worker helping individuals on Social Assistance change their lives.

While working alongside our incredible and knowledgeable volunteers/members, I have gained a lot of “hands on” fair experience and absorbed the important traditions that make MAS the great organization it is. I would like to continue to work as part of the board, fostering relationships with all levels of government and industry to keep agricultural education alive in a changing world.

I would be privileged to represent the membership on the main board for a three-year term.

JERIKA HOPPER: 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 Agricultural 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 2010. Since then, I have 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 many 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 numerous events and fundraisers. Also of course, helping with our weeks of preparation before and after our Fair! The past two years I have had the pleasure with furthering my knowledge in the Attractions committee and this past year Co-Chairing with Tammy and learning all that is required in this role. I only hope to continue working towards this and bettering my experience an opportunity with Moore Ag in the future.

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!

Thank you for your consideration!

ELDON KROHN: 3- YEAR TERM

Eldon has been a part of the MAS Board of directors since 2017. His knowledge of and contacts within the community along with his wealth of experience from his former employment with St. Clair Township has been very integral to decisions being made at the Board level.



Community is very important to Eldon. He belonged to the Brigden Fire Department for 30 years, and has been an active member of the Royal Canadian Brigden Legion for many years.

Eldon has worked the Brigden Fair Gates for 52 years, and has overseen scheduling the volunteers for the last 15 years.

He is the co-chairman of the Grounds and Building Committee for Moore Agricultural Society. Eldon is always able to give a hand whether helping with event set up in the Exhibition Hall or on the fairgrounds, or meeting with contractors.

JILL LUMLEY: 3- YEAR TERM

My name is Jill Lumley; I have been a PSW for over 30 Years.

I have been volunteering at the Brigden Fair and MAS for the past few years. I have worked at the fair gates, in the kitchen and sold tickets, as well as the brunches and the tasks that were required.

I am currently on the Nominating Committee to gain experience in the inner working of MAS.

At this time, I would like to put my name forward for a 3-year term.



ANGIE MACRAE: 3- YEAR TERM

My name is Angelique (Angie) MacRae. I have been volunteering at the Brigden Fair for almost 30 years. Mostly helping my Mother-in-law in the Home Canning Department as a committee member. I have been in the co-chair position since her passing 8 years ago. Moore Agricultural volunteering runs deep within my family, from my Mother and Father-in-law to my husband and me, along with our children. My brother and sister-in-law, and nieces and nephews. As well as my own Mother the past few years. I hope that my grandchildren will carry on the family tradition when they are old enough.



I have been living in this community since marrying my husband 25 years ago. Working side by side with him operating our landscape, lawn care and snow maintenance company. As well as, our commercial meat goat, cash crop and custom farming business. I would love the opportunity to help continue the long-standing traditions of the Moore Agricultural Society, as well as contributing toward the growth of new possibilities for the future. Especially coming into this 175th Anniversary year

KATHY MYERS: 3- YEAR TERM

Kathy comes from Sombra Township and has been a director for several years now and has served on the executive currently as second vice president of the Board. Kathy is the co-chair of the Ploughman’s Farmyard and Policy and Procedures. She is currently the Chair of the Brigden 175 Committee. She also serves on the Jamboree committee. Kathy looks forward to continuing to serve as a board member.



MALCOLM ROGERS: 3- YEAR TERM

I have had the privilege of being on the MAS Board of Directors for the past seven years. At this time, I am seeking your support and vote for another three-year term.

During my time on the Board, I have held the positions of 2nd Vice President, President and Past President. I have sat on several committees such as Grounds and Buildings, and Barbara and I can be found in the kitchen helping with Jamboree’s, funerals and other functions.

With your vote, I hope to be a part of the group that will celebrate our 175 years of “Home Made, Home Grown and Farm Fresh”.

Thank you for giving me this privilege. See you at the Fair.



1-YEAR TERM NOMINEES

Nominees are listed in alphabetical order.

JEFF DAVIES: 1- YEAR TERM

Commercial and Agricultural Account Manager, Mainstreet Credit Union
Jeff Davies brings a wealth of expertise to the board, drawing from 3 years of experience as a farm lender, 15 more as a farm succession planner and a deep commitment to the success of Canadian family farm businesses across most of Eastern Canada spanning from Thunder Bay ON to Deer Lake Nfld.

In his current role as a Commercial and Agricultural Lender at Mainstreet Credit Union, he leverages his robust understanding of financial management and the unique challenges faced by agricultural enterprises to provide tailored solutions that drive growth and sustainability.

Previously, Jeff specialized in farm succession planning, addressing the complex intersections of taxation, legal considerations, and family dynamics. With a focus on mediation and facilitation, he guided families through difficult decisions, ensuring alignment between their management goals, financial needs, and personal relationships. He developed a reputation for fostering collaborative environments that prioritize the long-term success of both the family and the farm business.

Jeff holds the Family Enterprise Advisor (FEA) designation from the University of British Columbia, a credential that reflects his advanced expertise in guiding multi-generational businesses. Additionally, he is an active member of the Canadian Association of Farm Advisors and Farm Management Canada, where he stays at the forefront of industry trends and best practices.

He is deeply committed to empowering agricultural communities through innovative strategies and inclusive leadership. He brings to the board a unique perspective on navigating the complexities of family-operated businesses and a strong dedication to promoting sustainable practices in the agricultural sector.

With a proven ability to balance technical expertise with interpersonal acumen, Jeff is well-equipped to contribute to the governance and strategic direction of the Moore Agricultural Society.



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, my first year on the Ambassador court, I began to volunteer more with the fair from being apart of the set up and tear down in the barns. 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 for the University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus in 2020 with a diploma in agriculture. I currently am looking for my next opportunity with the agriculture sector! I am also attending online college at Fanshawe in January to become a certified travel agent.

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.

BRENDA MAW: 1-YEAR TERM

I am pleased to put forward my name for the 2025 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,

EMMA OUELLETTE: 1 YEAR TERM

Good afternoon Moore Agricultural Society members! My name is Emma Ouellette. I am hoping to be elected for a 1-year term on the board of directors. I have sat on the board for the past 2 years, immediately following my term as ambassador. Being on the board has been a great learning opportunity for me. I have helped out in a variety of committees across our organization, such as livestock, fundraising, promotions, Homecraft, catering, and anything else I've been asked to do! I'm always happy to help with a smile on my face and share a few laughs along the way.



MAS holds a special place in my heart, and despite being away at school, I am always happy to make the drive to be a volunteer as Brigden Fair truly feels like home, thanks to all of you!