

Your Mail-in Ballot is also Your In-person Ballot

If you are an eligible producer, you will find your official election ballot for the 2018 ALP Board election inserted with the Fall issue of the ALP *N'ewesletter*. For the first time, you have the option of mailing in your ballot or voting in-person at our AGM on Nov 3. In either case, you **will need** the ballot provided with this *N'ewesletter*. Only one ballot may be cast by each eligible producer or corporation.

There are four Director-at-Large positions to be filled on the 2018/19 Board. As these are Director-at- Large positions, you may vote for any of the candidates (i.e. no restrictions due to zone or geographical location). Please see page below for profiles of the candidates.

To vote by mail-in ballot:

1. The ballot and an envelope addressed to the ALP office are provided with this *N'ewesletter*.
2. Directors will be elected based on a ranking system. All boxes on the ballot must be filled in with numbers 1 to 5, from #1 as your first choice to #5 as your last choice. If the ballot is not completed correctly, it will be considered spoiled and will not be counted.
3. Insert the ballot into the envelope and seal it well. Do not write your name or any identifiable mark on your ballot. It must be anonymous.
4. Place a stamp (not provided) and drop off at your nearest post office or mail box on or before Oct 20th. Your ballot number will be checked off the master list once your mail-in vote is received. Ballots will not be counted until after polls close at the AGM. You can only vote once, even if you attend the AGM.
5. Ballots post marked after October 20th will not be counted.

Please contact the ALP office if you have any questions about mailing in your ballot.

To vote in-person:

1. **Put your ballot in a safe place and be sure to bring it to the AGM on Nov 3rd.**
(Don't forget to RSVP your attendance by Oct 29th so you can have a meal included!)
2. Use your ballot to cast your vote once the polls open at the AGM in Leduc on Nov 3rd.

YOU NEED YOUR BALLOT IN ORDER TO CAST A VOTE IN-PERSON AT THE AGM.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE AGM.



Read the Candidate Profiles below....

Candidates Profiles

Below are the biographies of those lamb producers who are standing for 2018 election to the ALP Board of Directors. There are four Director-at-Large positions to be filled on the 2018/19 Board. As these are Director-at-Large positions, you may vote for any of the candidates (i.e. no restrictions due to zone or geographical location).

Karl Denwood (Arrowwood)

I operate a sheep farm of 80 head in Arrowwood AB. I plan to expand to 300 head in the next few years. I think I can bring an outside view as a new sheep producer and help grow the sheep industry in Alberta.

Karl is seeking his first term as ALP Director.

Contact Karl at 403-971-3426.

Ryan Greir (Strathmore)

My wife and I started in the sheep industry in 2013 with 10 ewe lambs. We have since grown Whispering Cedars Ranch to 150 ewes and look to double again in 2019 to 300 ewes. I completed the Rural Finance and Entrepreneurship Certificate at Olds College in 2017 and have used the knowledge for marketing, researching, and financing our ranch. I have sat on other boards in the past and have been part of an effective team in promoting effective/positive change.

Ryan is seeking his first term as ALP Director.

Contact Ryan at 403-305-6174.

Suzanna Narkaus (Fort MacLeod)

I began raising Icelandic Sheep in 2014. Icelandic sheep are a triple purpose breed producing meat, milk and fibre and they have taught me about each sector within the industry. I graze my sheep on my family's ranch in Southern Alberta with the help of a few good collies. I look forward to continuing to learn about the sheep industry and would love to contribute what I've learned so far.

Suzanna is seeking her first term as ALP Director.

Contact Suzanna at 403-332-0040

Marilyn Neville (Lundbreck)

My husband and I have been raising sheep for over 30 years in the south west corner of the province. Our lambs are raised on tame pasture and native grassland, wintered in semi-confinement on local hay. We believe in the importance of maintaining diverse marketing options for a sustainable industry.

Marilyn was appointed to the ALP Board in December 2017. She is seeking her first term as ALP Director.

Contact Marilyn at 403-628-2354

Darlene Stein (Barrhead)

My family farms full-time in the Barrhead area, running a 600-ewe flock. I have served three years on the ALP Board, the last two as Chairperson. Our goal as a board is to ensure financial responsibility, while delivering value to producers. Creating this balance is more important than ever with challenges facing the industry and government funding becoming harder to access. I am also a member of the National Sheep Network, which provides Alberta producers representation in national issues such as traceability. I joined the ALP Board because I believe the only way to create change in an industry I'm passionate about is to get involved. I hope to be re-elected to continue to help build a better, stronger sheep industry.

Darlene joined the ALP Board in October 2015. She is seeking her second term as ALP Director.

Contact Darlene at 780-674-3732