

2024 DIRECTOR CANDIDATES - DISTRICT 1



Brittany Brown-Ferguson

- Lives south of Seven Oaks in Marcy Township
- Born and raised in Boone
- Graduated from Boone High School
- Iowa Army National Guard member for seven years (2005-2012)
- Operation Iraqi Freedom war veteran (deployed 2009-2010)
- Married to husband, Kyle, with one stepdaughter, Lillie
- Project manager at i3 Verticals Point of Sale for the last five years, with 10 years of experience
- Small business owner – Miss B’s Craft Corner
- Active member of the local P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) chapter
- Runs a hobby farm on their homestead
- Enjoys gardening, fishing, camping, crafting, cooking, and spending time with family
- Member of your cooperative since 2024

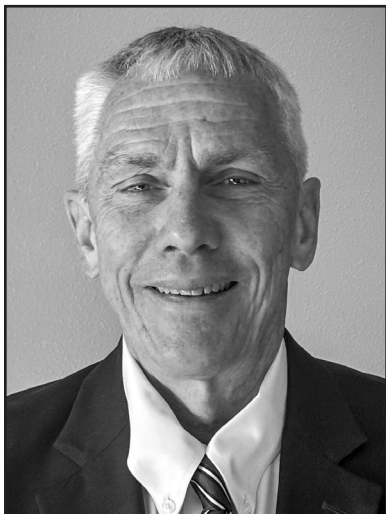


Randy Christensen (incumbent)

- Lives in Scranton Township, Greene County, three miles west of Scranton
- Born and raised in Scranton
- Graduate of Iowa State University, bachelor of science in agricultural studies
- Pioneer sales representative
- Fourth-generation hog farmer, custom finishing 5,000 head annually
- Owns and operates row crop and custom spraying operation with his brother, Matt
- Assists his parents, Glen and Cheryl, with family row crop operation
- Married to wife, Jenni, and has two children, Madison and Wyatt
- Volunteer firefighter at Ralston Fire Department
- Secretary and treasurer for ENOVUS Management Cooperative
- Greene County Pork Producers board member and treasurer
- Greene County Farm Bureau member
- Member at Central Christian Church in Jefferson
- Member of Iowa Pork Producers Association
- Received the Gary Wergin Good Farm Neighbor Award in May 2009
- Director at your cooperative since 2011, currently serving as secretary
- National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Credentialed Cooperative Director
- Member of your cooperative since 2005



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Nathan Cottington

- Lives two miles north of Ogden
- Earned a degree in farm operations from Iowa State University
- Married to wife, Donna, with three grown children and four grandkids
- Managed the Dekalb/Monsanto/Bayer seed corn production facility in Boone for 24 years
- Retired after 36 years with the company in 2019
- Served on the Boone County Economic Development Committee for 12 years and currently serving on the Boone County Planning and Zoning Commission
- Served on the ISU Committee for Agricultural Development for two terms
- Member of your cooperative since 2005

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2024 DIRECTOR CANDIDATES - DISTRICT 2



Jim Byriel (*incumbent*)

- Lives two miles northwest of Ames in Franklin Township, Story County
- Born and raised in Ames
- Self-employed residential contractor
- Accredited contractor with the State of Iowa, knowledgeable of codes, rules, and according regulations
- Married for 34 years to wife, Carol, and has two children, Brett and Kelli
- Hard worker with a high level of attention to detail
- Supports area residents by assisting and consulting with home development, and home improvement and maintenance projects
- Director at your cooperative since 2018
- National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Credentialed Cooperative Director
- Member of your cooperative since 1997



Steven Larson

- Lives outside of Ames in Franklin Township
- Grew up on a grain and livestock farm near Jefferson
- Bachelor of science degree, Iowa State University
- Certified Public Manager, Drake University
- Worked in higher education technology administration for 12 years
- Former division administrator for enterprise applications with the state of Iowa (10+ years)
- Co-owner of bYANNd Painting with wife, Yandery “Yann”
- Currently serving on the Capitol View Credit Union board of directors
- Served on numerous state and university committees including: State Technology Executive Council (TEC), chaired TEC Geospatial Information Systems subcommittee, Regents Staff Excellence Committee – Supervisory and Confidential Staff, University of Northern Iowa Professional and Scientific Council
- Past board of Community Players of Greene County
- Past president of Waterloo 101 Toastmasters
- Managed teams that operate mission critical systems including the state’s email, financial, and payroll systems; the financial portion of the Enterprise Resource Planning system that processed over 2,000,000 payments per month on average, and managed the state’s more than \$7 billion budget
- Father, Eldon Larson was a 20+ year board member of Greene County REC and a founding board member of Midland Power; both parents spoke of the value of RECs and felt that being on the board was a positive experience
- Member of your cooperative since 2003

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2024 DIRECTOR CANDIDATES - DISTRICT 2



Ray Wilson

- Senior consultant on the operational excellence/customer experience team at Nationwide Insurance
- Drives high-level, strategic projects for senior executives and is responsible for coordination, analysis, benchmarking, performance tracking, and final recommendations
- Provides outside consulting to multiple businesses including a non-profit healthcare facility, a multi-million dollar photography company, and a start-up cabinet shop
- Motivating speaker with experience in front of audiences of 20 to 5,000
- Credentialed in Lean Six Sigma, Customer Experience Improvement, and Organizational Leadership
- Missionary in Uganda for four and a half years, with extensive travel to Europe, South America, and Africa
- Graduated from Western Governor's University with a bachelor of science in business administration
- Volunteer experience includes local churches, YSS, Habitat for Humanity, Food at First, and Food Bank of Iowa
- Enjoys time with his wife and three stepkids at cross country meets, band concerts, college visits, national parks, and DIY projects
- Married to wife, Karin
- Member of your cooperative since 2022



2024 DIRECTOR CANDIDATES - DISTRICT 3



Joel Skow *(incumbent)*

- Lives four miles west of Wesley in Wesley Township in Kossuth County
 - Born and raised in Wesley
 - Received a bachelor of science degree in agriculture from Iowa State University
 - Farmer, raises corn, soy beans, and livestock
 - Married to wife, Carla, and has two children
 - Belongs to Trinity Lutheran Church of Algona
 - Enjoys family time, hunting, fishing, and golfing
 - Director at your cooperative since 2009, currently serving as assistant secretary and treasurer
 - National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Credentialed Cooperative Director
- Member of your cooperative since 2000



2024 DIRECTOR CANDIDATES - DISTRICT 4



Francis Buckel

- Born and raised in Nashua, Iowa
- Served eight years in the Navy Reserves; two years active duty
- Member of the Nashua VFW
- Graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a bachelor of arts degree in accounting
- Married to wife, Susan, for 49 years and we have three children and five grandchildren
- Employed at Hardin County Rural Electric Cooperative for 15 years, starting as an accountant and later serving as office manager
- Employed at Franklin Rural Electric Cooperative for 24 years serving as general manager
- Final two years of employment served as a shared general manager between Franklin Rural Electric Cooperative and Grundy County Rural Electric Cooperative
- Member of the First United Methodist Church of Iowa Falls, serving as co-chair of the Trustees Committee
- Member of your cooperative since 2010