

WLIC Board Nominees Spring 2019



Tod Fleming has been with Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association for 30 years and currently serves as the Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer.

Equity was established in 1922 to aid producers in the marketing, managing and financing of their agricultural business. Currently, Equity is the states largest livestock marketer and operates 14 auction markets across Wisconsin.

Tod has served previously on the WLIC board from 2001-2005.



Alison Kepner is a Financial Officer at Compeer Financial, a member-owned Farm Credit cooperative that provides financial services throughout 144 counties in Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota. Alison provides farmers with lending services in the northern eight townships in Sauk County and all of Juneau, Adams and Marquette County. Alison has a bachelor's degree in finance from Northern Illinois University.

Alison is an active member of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation and the Cows on the Concourse committee. She grew up on a hog and cash grain farm in northern Illinois and enjoys going back to the farm to help. She currently works and resides in Baraboo, Wis.



Barb Lee along with her daughter, Amanda Lee, has long owned Sunburst Swiss, a herd of registered Brown Swiss cattle. The cattle are housed at a farm owned by the Ryan family near Plain, Wisconsin. Lee is a member of the National Brown Swiss Association, a lifetime member of the National Dairy Shrine, and a member of the Association of Women in Agriculture, where she currently serves as co-chair of the house-management committee for their Benefit Corporation.

Her past experience includes various positions at ABS Global Inc., Kaltenberg Seed Farms and work for a startup biotechnology company. Lee was raised on a registered Holstein farm near Clinton and her family also had a small flock of Corriedale sheep, as well as chickens and ducks. She has been involved in the Clinton 4-H Club and the Clinton FFA Chapter. For several years Lee also served as a dairy-cattle judge at various district, state, national and international shows.



Dr. Lynn Schultz is a semi-retired Veterinarian from a career that has included 17+ years in Food Animal practice, 14+ years as a Dairy Farm Specialist Manager/Milk & Quality supervisor for Kraft Foods, 8+ years as a Veterinarian for Genus/ABS Global A.I. Stud.

Dr. Schultz was first nominated to the WLIC Board in 2016 and found rewarding work within WLIC as a non-profit partner with DATCP in assuring livestock premise registration to support State and Federal Animal Disease Traceability efforts.

Remaining active in his Waterloo community, Dr. Schultz is a participant in his FFA Alumni, Church choir, Waterloo City Band, and other volunteer activities with his Wife Ruth.



Daniel Smith serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Cooperative Network, one of the nation's largest trade associations. Cooperative Network supports WI and MN cooperatives from 12 business sectors with legislative advocacy, education and business development programs.

An accomplished speaker and published author, Smith has served on numerous boards and councils, served as a guest lecturer at the collegiate level and presented to audiences across the Midwest on issues pertaining to cooperatives, agriculture and rural development.

Smith is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and owned and operated a dairy farm in northwestern Illinois for three decades. He resides with his wife, Cheryl, on a farm in Iowa County, WI.