

Candidates for the CanAgPlus Board of Directors 2019-2020

The following four (4) candidates are recommended by the Nominations Committee for election to the CanAgPlus Board for a two-year term. The election will be held in Charlottetown on November 28 at the 2019 Annual General Meeting of CanAgPlus.



ROBERT ALLARD – Robert has been active in the horticulture industry since starting out on his family farm in 1973. He is past president of the Quebec Apple Producers Federation (1991-1996) and of the Canadian Horticultural Council (1999-2000), where he served for over ten years on the Executive Committee. Robert was involved in the early years of development of the national on-farm food safety program. Most recently, Robert is responsible for regulatory affairs for Pommes Philip Cassidy Apples Inc. and has served for the last two years as a director on the CanAgPlus Board.



STEPHANIE LARIVIERE – With twenty years in the produce industry, Stephanie currently holds the role of Regulatory Manager for Erie James Ltd., a packer/shipper operation in Leamington, and Sunsation Acres Ltd., a greenhouse operation in Kingsville, Ontario. Stephanie received the Mary Fitzgerald Award from the Canadian Produce Marketing Association (CPMA) in 2013 and is involved in numerous industry committees, including a directorship with the Ontario Greenhouse Marketers Association. She also serves as Vice Chair of the CPMA Food Safety Committee and as a grower representative for Food Safety for the Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers. She is one of four CHC-approved representatives and is the Chair of the CanAgPlus Board.



IAN ROBERT MCDONELL – Ian has extensive experience working in the agriculture sector and representing the interests of producers. He served as Executive Director of the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) from its inception, where he was responsible for phytosanitary standard setting for North America and for the creation of a dispute settlement mechanism to resolve bilateral differences regarding phytosanitary measures applied under the NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement).

Ian is trained in conflict management and conflict resolution, and has an extensive background in strategic planning and business administration. Since his retirement, Ian has pursued training in good agricultural practices, and has been involved in planning and facilitation, and workshop delivery to a number of organizations. Recently as a private consultant he has worked with Dairy Farmers of Canada and the Young Canada/Mexico Young Farmers Association.



ELIZABETH PATTILLO – For the past fifteen years, Beth has been working as Food Safety Manager and Agritourism Manager at Noggins Corner Farm II Ltd in Nova Scotia’s Annapolis Valley. She has an extensive background in planning, developing and implementing horticulture-based quality assurance programs. Prior to her current role, she held a variety of positions including Executive Director for the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers’ Association and Chair of the Canadian Produce Marketing Association (CPMA). She was involved in the founding of CanAgPlus in 2012 and with the integration of the Repacking and Wholesaling food safety standard into CanadaGAP.

Beth has also been active as a member of the CPMA Food Safety Committee, the Government Issues Management Committee, and CPMA Past Chairs Advisory Council.

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