

Dan Danielson

Farm experience

My wife Sharon and I are long-time wheat, canola, lentil and canary seed farmers in the Tyner/Eston area (we also live in Saskatoon). We operate a 2,100-acre family farm with our neighbour. I strongly supported the CWB because of single-desk premium pricing, orderly marketing, quality control, research funding, market development and direct farmer access to world markets.

Why are you running for the Board of Directors of Sask Wheat and what will your priorities be, if elected?

I support establishing a producer-owned model for funding plant research and returning profits to farmers. If re-elected I will continue to ask, "how does this benefit farmers?" I know that what is good for railways, grain companies, farm supply companies and research companies is not always good for farmers. I am prepared to cooperate with all groups when it will benefit farmers.

There is much more to do so I ask for your vote to continue working on the Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission (Sask Wheat) for you.

What special qualifications/experience would you bring to the position?

I have university degrees in economics and education, a Master's degree in administration, a professional Board Director designation, and a certification in human resources management. I am also the author of a new book, *Memories of a Suitcase Farmer*.

I also have first-hand experience as an original farmer-elected member of Sask Wheat. I was chosen as Vice-Chair of the Commission, Chair of the Audit Committee and was named our representative to the Farm and Food Care Saskatchewan Board.

I have also been elected five times to the Saskatoon Public School Board, serving as Board Chair and representative to the Saskatchewan School Boards Association as well as a Board member for the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency.

I have enjoyed working with other board members and staff to create a strategic plan for Sask Wheat, establish a well-qualified management team, relocate the office and implement effective communication vehicles such as our newsletters, fusarium maps, annual reports and direct farmer contacts. We have built strong advocacy partnerships with organizations such as APAS and the Saskatchewan Barley Development Commission on transportation issues. I am very proud of our plant-breeding and agronomics research partnerships with the Western Grains Research Foundation, the Crop Development Centre and the regional research farms.