

November 22, 2019

To: Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers Members
From: Governance Solutions Inc., Elections Returning Officer for OPVG

Elections to the OPVG Board of Directors are held on a rotating basis with four positions up for election this year. Elections for Board Members in each of the 3 Districts will be held between November 22, 2019 and December 13, 2019 as follows:

- **Two Directors:** District 1 – comprising Kent & Essex Counties
- **One Director:** District 2 – comprising Bruce, Huron, Lambton, Middlesex, Oxford, Perth, Hastings, Northumberland & Prince Edward Counties and the Regional Municipality of Durham
- **One Director:** District 3 – comprising Brant and Elgin Counties & the Regional Municipalities of Haldimand-Norfolk and Niagara

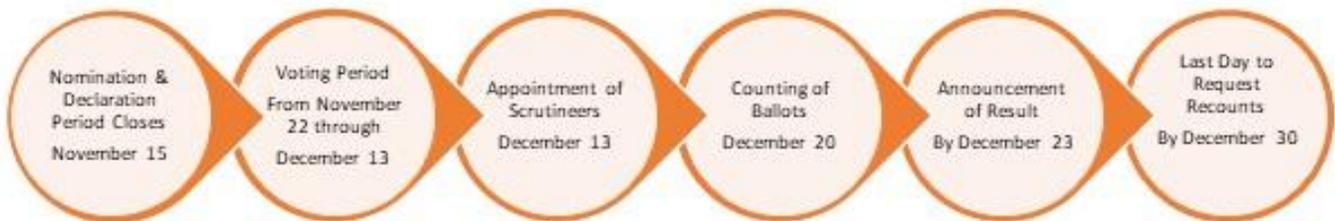
The procedure for conducting Board Member elections is detailed in the [Farm Products Marketing Act Regulation 441](#).

Nominations are now closed and OPVG is pleased to introduce the candidates for the 2019 Board of Directors Elections.

Voting will now take place during the period between November 22, 2019 and December 13, 2019. All votes must be placed **no later than midnight on December 13th, 2019**. If you are using the mail in option rather than voting electronically, please ensure your voter package is post marked no later than December 13th. You may want to place your vote early in the voting window to ensure enough time for Canada Post delivery during the busy holiday season.

Please complete and sign the Voter Certification Form and the attached ballot. Place the ballot in the “Ballot Envelope”, seal it and then put that envelope and this Voter Certification Form together in the postage-paid envelope addressed to the Returning Officer. Both the ballot and the Voter Certification Form need to be completed to be counted in the vote.

Here is the timeline for announcing election results:



Through a recent nominations process, members were invited to nominate candidates. Candidates were not recruited, and all candidates have been nominated by the members. Here are the nominees:

- 2 directors for District 2, including 1 incumbent
 1. Eric Allaer
 2. Mike Lenders

How will you be able to assess which nominees will make the best directors for OPVG?

1. Use the personal profile that each nominee has provided in this voting package. This will give you the insights into the experience and character of the individual, as well as a sense of why candidates want to serve on the board.
2. Take the time to ask them questions, and listen to them, ahead of placing your vote. Their contact information is provided in their candidate profile.

Candidate Profiles

<p>Name: Eric Allaer</p> <p>Tell Us About What You Produce: Sweet Corn, Peas, Tomatoes; both conventional and organic, Peppers, and Cucumbers.</p> <p>Tell Us Why You Want to Serve on the Board of OPVG: To move the industry forward.</p> <p>Tell Us What Experience You Bring to the Board: Served on the board of directors for one year and was District 1 chairman for one year.</p> <p>You Can Contact Me Here: eric@serkka.com / 519-359-0584</p>
<p>Name: Mike Lenders (Incumbent)</p> <p>Tell Us About What You Produce: I grow green peas and Lima beans, as well as cash crops.</p> <p>Tell Us Why You Want to Serve on the Board of OPVG: I believe the board represents first and foremost growers. I also believe we have to treat processors as partners in order to try and move this industry forward positively and fairly for all.</p> <p>Tell Us What Experience You Bring to the Board: Have served on the board for the previous 2 years. I used to work for Bonduelle as a field man before joining the board. I have made many contacts in the veg industry as a result gaining both knowledge of current issues affecting both processors and growers as well as the multitude of contacts gained.</p> <p>You Can Contact Me Here: mikelenders3@gmail.com / 519-521-8194</p>