

2010 LIVE Biographies for Board Member Elections

Ed Fus | *Re-election*

CIRCLE ONE: YES NO

Ed has a BS in horticulture from Penn State University and another in mining engineering from West Virginia University. He has a 20 year career as a licensed Professional Civil Engineer and business owner providing consulting environmental engineering services to the private, public, and industrial sectors at locations throughout the US. Project experience includes the design and implementation of a bioremediation systems using bacteria to “eat” motor oil in the soil and on the groundwater underneath a building; utilizing Cottonwood trees to “eat” gasoline released from an underground storage tank; acquiring and managing Federal, State, and local permits for the treatment and discharge of stormwater, sanitary wastewater, & air emissions; authoring Spill Control and Containment Plans for hundreds of oil storage facilities, and performing OSHA compliance audits at a variety of commercial and industrial sites. He and his family have owned Three Angels vineyard in Oregon’s Eola-Amity Hills since 1999. Starting with the 2007 vintage, the family winery, Angel Vine, is in Carlton, OR at Domaine Coteau and is focused on producing zinfandel sourced from Washington vineyards. Voted onto the LIVE board of directors 2 years ago, Ed has served as the Chair of the Winery Certification Technical Committee.

Jason Tosch, LIVE Vice-Chair | *Re-election*

CIRCLE ONE: YES NO

Jason is a third generation Oregonian who graduated from Oregon State University in Horticulture in 1994. His horticultural career began in the Oregon nursery industry as a cut flower grower and over a ten year career became the VP of Production for a large commercial cut flower nursery. In 2005 it was time for a change. He became interested in Oregon winegrapes through a love for Oregon wines and from a harvest he spent in 1993 with Tye Winery. Jason was hired as the vineyard manager for Ponzi Vineyards through 2006. In 2007 he took the Viticulturist position with Anne Amie Vineyards where he remains to date. Jason began working with LIVE as member of the technical committee in 2006 and joined the board in 2007. At that time he took on the task of chairperson for the LIVE Viticulture Technical Committee. He believes that LIVE sustainable viticulture represents the most thorough and responsible system available to winegrowers in our region. He has worked hard to better define the goals, standards and to improve the accessibility of LIVE for its membership.

Bill Hanson, Panther Creek

CIRCLE ONE: YES NO

Bill is Assistant Winemaker/Director of Sales and Marketing at Panther Creek Cellars. He has been working beside winemaker Michael Stevenson since 2007. Key winemaking responsibilities include lab work and additions during harvest as well as finished wine classification, blending and packaging. He also oversees Panther Creek’s marketing and manages distributor sales for the U.S. and Canada. A Certified Wine Educator, Bill previously spent 20 years in wine sales and brand management with Young’s-Columbia in Oregon and National Distributing Company of Florida. Prior to that Bill was Assistant Winemaker at Parducci Wine Cellars in California and Hidden Springs Cellars in Oregon. In 2002, he helped establish the Matello Wine brand with Marcus Goodfellow. Bill served on the Board of the Oregon Wine Growers Association as Secretary, Treasurer and President of the North Willamette Chapter in ’96, ’97 and ’98. Bill, his wife Linda and daughter Lily live in Carlton where they grow grapes for their new brand LIBRA. Bill is proud to have guided Panther Creek Cellars through the pilot program with L.I.V.E. to become “Oregon Certified Sustainable Winery” #13 in 2009.

Chad Vargas, Adelsheim

CIRCLE ONE: YES NO

Chad got his start in agriculture working on his father's research farm in Jerome, Idaho. There, he learned the importance of good experimental design and detailed record keeping while helping to set up randomized block design experiments on various row crops. Chad chose Crop Science for his B.S. which he received from the University of Idaho. During the summers, to help fund his education, he worked as a research assistant for Zeneca Agricultural Products (now Syngenta). In 1997, he was accepted for admission at Texas A&M University to work on a M.S. in Plant Pathology, where he was able to set up a joint project between Texas A&M and the Pierce's Disease Task Force from UC Davis. Pierce's Disease (PD), a vascular tissue disease affecting water uptake of vines, was becoming increasingly costly to wine grape growers in Temecula and other parts of California. After completing his degree, Chad took a job conducting efficacy research with UC Davis, continuing his research of testing potential treatments for PD. Chad quickly discovered that he loved working with vineyards. In 2001, he accepted a Pest Control Advisor position with Crop Care Associates in Yountville, California. Chad gave general viticulture and pest management recommendations to 15 different growers on 3,000 acres of vineyards located in Monterey, Sonoma, and Napa Counties. In 2003, Kendall Jackson Estates offered him a chance to work as a viticultural consultant on 1,500 acres between Sonoma and Napa. In 2006, Chad and his wife decided to move to Oregon to be closer to family before the birth of their first child. He began talking with David Adelsheim of Adelsheim Vineyard about his need for a viticulturist. He has been fulfilling the job of Vineyard Manager and Viticulturalist for Adelsheim Vineyard since the fall of 2006.

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