



September 2011

Dear RRVW Members:

In accordance with RRVW's bylaws, it is time for our members to submit candidates for nomination. A nominee, either a grower or winery member, must be a member in good standing of the RRVW to be on the Board of Directors. Official election ballots will be emailed via Survey Monkey, on or about October 14, 2011.

If you are interested in helping to maintain the image of one of the most respected winegrowing regions in California, and are willing to roll up your sleeves to lead a talented membership of grape growers and winemakers then complete the attached nomination declaration and return by October 10, 2011 to the Russian River Valley Winegrowers.

In accordance with our By-Laws:

- The regular term of office for a Director of the Russian River Valley Winegrowers shall be three years.
- Terms are staggered so that the entire Board does not come up for election each year.
- Term limits restrict directors from serving more than three consecutive terms.

Current Board Makeup:

The Board of Directors shall be made up of fifteen members:

Five (5) winery representatives, five (5) grower representatives, two (2) representatives at large, one (1) other, and (2) two appointed members.

The Russian River Valley Winegrowers has the following 3 year terms open for elections for the 2012 through 2014 Board of Directors:

Grower Representatives (3):

Steve Dutton, Dutton Brothers Farming & Dutton Ranch has completed his 3rd term (open seat, term expired)

Incumbent Randy Luginbill, Silverado Sonoma Vineyards, LLC has completed his 1st term (will run for 2nd term)

Incumbent Carol Kozlowski-Every, Kozlowski Farms has completed her 3rd term (open seat, term expired)

At-Large Positions (1):

Incumbent John Holdredge, Holdredge Wines has completed his 1st term (will run for 2nd term)

Other (1)

Incumbent Armon Azevedo, Wilbur-Ellis Co has completed his 2nd term (will run for 3rd term)



If you would like to submit a nomination for the board, please use the attached nomination declaration form and include a short biography on the candidate. Include experience and affiliations that will further the purposes and goals of RRVW.

Director responsibilities for Russian River Valley Winegrowers

- Become familiar with and uphold RRVW Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation.
- Become familiar with the business practices, financial reports, policies and procedures of the RRVW.
- Help establish RRVW objectives and strategic direction at yearly Planning Retreat.
- Attend regular and special meetings, committee meetings and other functions of the RRVW Board of Directors.
- Actively participate in and contribute to deliberations and decisions, supporting decisions made by the Board of Directors. Question irregularities. Evaluate and participate in the overall business and management of RRVW.
- Maintain dedication to the objective and strategic direction while informing our membership to them.
- Serve on at least two standing committees.
- Relay pertinent facts regarding RRVW to members.
- Encourage non-members to join and attend local member seminars.
- Promote the RRVW as an organization to the RRV AVA winegrape growers, whether they are members or not.
- Assist management and staff in recruiting and maintaining grower memberships.
- Perform other duties at the request of the President of the Board of Directors.

List of Current Directors

Winery Representatives

Nicole Bacigalupi, John Tyler Wines (1st Term, 2011-2013)
Rod Berglund, Joseph Swan Vineyards (2nd Term, 2010-2012)
Valerie Wathen, Dutton-Goldfield Winery (2nd Term, 2010-2012)
Guy Davis, Davis Family Vineyards, (2nd Term, 2010-2012)
Chris Donatiello, C. Donatiello Winery (1st Term, 2010-2012)
Mark McWilliams, Arista Winery (1st Term, 2011-2013)

Grower Representatives

Steve Dutton - Dutton Bros. Farming & Dutton Ranch (3rd Term, 2009-2011)
Carol Kozlowski-Every - Kozlowski Farms (3rd Term, 2009-2011)
Nick Leras - Nick Leras Vineyards (3rd Term, 2010-2012)
Randy Luginbill - Silverado Sonoma Vineyards, LLC. (1st Term, 2009-2011)
Lee Martinelli Jr. - Martinelli Farms, Inc. (3rd Term, 2011-2013)

At-Large Representatives

John Holdredge, At Large - Winery, Holdredge Wines (1st Term, 2009-2011)

Other

Armon Azevedo - Wilbur-Ellis Co. (2nd Term, 2009-2011)

Appointed

Alex Klein - American AgCredit (1st Term, 2010-2012)
Percy Brandon – Vintners Inn/John Ash (1st Term, 2011-2013)



**NOMINATION DECLARATION
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY WINEGROWERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

This is not a ballot. This is to nominate a member other than those incumbents listed on the previous page to run for a seat on the Board of Directors

Qualification: In order to serve on the RRVW Board of Directors the nominee must be a Grower or Winery member.

Voting: In order to vote for the RRVW Board of Directors you must be a Grower or Winery member in good standing. Ballots will be emailed via Survey Monkey on or about October 14, 2011.

_____ Winery Director _____ Grower Director _____ At-Large _____ Other

Nomination Name:

Vineyard/Winery Name:

Address:

City: Zip Code:

Phone: Fax: Email:

Biography (please include short description of nominee to be used on ballot):

**MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN
Friday, October 10, 2011**

TO:

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