

### N-CSA Board Election Ballot

Directors shall serve a term of three years. Terms of Directors are staggered so that approximately one-third of Directors will be elected each year. This year, there are five incumbent candidates on the ballot. Elections for open positions are held annually at our Annual General Meeting (this year, the evening of October 18th at McGee Park, Farmington, NM) and, in addition, ballots are cast by phone, mail or email from members who are not able to attend the Annual Meeting. Ballots received by the Nominating Committee Chair will be forwarded to the Board Chair for certification.

***Note: Only one ballot is permitted per paid membership.***

**Please see Candidate Statements on the next page. You may vote for up to five candidates:**

- ☐ **Christina Line 2 year term**
- ☐ **Kristen Mischker 3 year term**
- ☐ **Mick Nathaniel 3 year term**
- ☐ **Michelle Rawlings 2 year term**
- ☐ **Katherine Sky Tucker 3 year term**
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#### Write-In Nomination\*

\*For Write-in Nominations, please be sure the person you have nominated meets the requirements for Board Candidates/Board Members (see below) and is willing to serve on the Board if elected.

Please send this completed ballot by mail, email (it is not necessary to send a scanned copy of this ballot), or by telephone to:

Karen Lobb, 19562 NE Calkins Lane, Newberg, OR 97132 / bidewee@aol.com / 503-538-7987

**Note: Ballots must arrive by October 10, 2025 to be counted.**

Voting Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Requirements for Board Candidates/Board Members:

- \* Must be a paid member of the N-CSA for a minimum of two years prior to the election.
- \* Must pay dues promptly at the start of each year.
- \* Must breed and must have registered Navajo-Churro sheep within the last two years.
- \* Must attend two Annual General Meetings in five years.
- \* Must regularly attend and participate in Board conference calls with a minimum of unexcused absences. As stated in ARTICLE VII, BOARD MEETINGS, SECTION 7.8 Attendance by Board Members the Board Meetings: Absence of any Board member from two consecutive meetings without notifying the Chairman or Secretary of the Board will be grounds for removal action on the part of the Board.



## Candidate Statements (in alphabetical order):

**Christina Line** N-CSA Board Member Hemingford, NE Email: [christina@guidedrockfarms.com](mailto:christina@guidedrockfarms.com)

Flock Size: 85 Ewes and 5 Rams, >75% of flock Navajo-Churro. We are lambing this May and goal of sustaining a flock of approx 200. We started our flock of Navajo-Churro when we lived in SW Colorado (Del Norte) in 2019. (6 years)

N-CSA is important in order to keep breed standards, genetic knowledge, to learn from each other best ranching/shepherding practices, to encourage each other to honor the land and animal, to educate on the cultural history of the breed and protect it.

I believe I can help with educating and encouraging making value out of the wool. We have connected with some great fiber artists who love Navajo-Churro wool. I have learned how to make various felted rugs which can bring in 200-600\$ per fleece. We also have felted mats created with the wool which we turn into wool sponges, wool coasters, etc. The horns can be used to make napkin holders, jewelry, spoons. Value-added products are what make our business profitable. I also really enjoy making artistic videos with Navajo-Churro in pasture environment. I am active on social media and can perhaps assist with some marketing or awareness events.

**Kristen Mischker** N-CSA Board Member Durango, CO Email: [kristenmischker@gmail.com](mailto:kristenmischker@gmail.com)

I am interested in the opening for director position for the Navajo-Churro Sheep Association. I have raised churro sheep since 2020 under the name Mesa Lamb & Wool. My operation is based south of Durango, CO on the Southern Ute Reservation. My registered foundation ewes are from around southwest Colorado. Since 2020, I have added stock from the Navajo reservation and from other surrounding producers. I cull for kemp and crimp. I'm a spinner and a knitter and I enjoy preserving and promoting this special breed. My husband Erik and I shear our sheep in spring and fall.

**Mick Nathaniel** N-CSA Board Member Newcomb, NM Email: [duncan\\_mickeygirl@hotmail.com](mailto:duncan_mickeygirl@hotmail.com)

Flock size: Approximately 100 head

Length of time you've had sheep: Been raised around sheep my whole life on both parents side. I have had my paternal grandmothers flock in my care for 9 years (April 2025 will be 10 years)

Why is the N-CSA important: N-CSA is important because the Association helps to preserve/ promote the breed to others.

Ideas for the N-CSA: I am willing to share what I can and what has worked for my flock.

**Michelle Rawlings** N-CSA Board Member Phelan, CA Email: [cwalphadog@gmail.com](mailto:cwalphadog@gmail.com)

Flock Size: 24 w/ lambs pending

How long have you had sheep: My serious ownership and raising of sheep began in 2014. I have spent a lifetime with many other animal varieties.

Why is the N-CSA important: In my view, the N-CSA, at its core, provides an integral and organized hub for the maintenance of flock records, registrations, breed standards, breed preservation, and education for those who are involved with Navajo Churro sheep. However, these foundational operations expand into deeper networks that enable public outreach and networking through events as well as through contributions by its members. These networks are, in my opinion, incredibly important as they often move beyond typical social and economic gaps through a communal exchange of knowledge, the appreciation of traditional lifeways, and a shared desire for the conservancy of these tenacious animals.

What are some of your ideas for the N-CSA: My ideas for the N-CSA stem primarily in my potential service to the Navajo Churro community and the needs of the organization as a whole. I bring with me over four decades of animal husbandry and a background in education, research, and multicultural knowledge. Public education and presentation have been a lifetime focus, and I have experience in event production at different levels from small community meets to larger operations, though I specialize primarily in public demonstration and display which includes spinning and weaving. With community and education at the heart of the person that I am, my ideas within the scope of the N-CSA would lean in these directions. All of this said, I also bring an open mind and willingness to learn with all of the flexibility that these functions entail.

**Katherine Tucker** N-CSA Treasurer/Board Member Palmdale, CA Email: [desertchurros@icloud.com](mailto:desertchurros@icloud.com)

Flock Size: Approximately 20 sheep including rams.

How long have you had sheep: I have raised Navajo-Churro Sheep since 2008. I raise them primarily for the wool. When I breed, I breed for good wool quality and genetic diversity from outside my flock. I'm a spinner and weaver.

Why is the N-CSA important: The registration aspect of the Navajo-Churro Sheep Association is important for maintaining breed standards. Also the education portion of the organization is critical. At the 2024 meeting presentations on highlights of what the field inspectors were seeing as well as the history of the Navajo-Churro sheep both into New Mexico and to the Navajo Nation.

What are some of your ideas for the N-CSA: Continue working together with Navajo to ensure that their voices and knowledge of the Navajo-Churro Sheep are included. Navajo membership on the N-CSA Board is essential. If possible, coordinate AGM with the Dine Sheep is Life celebration. Encourage and educate more field inspectors.

