

COG Board of Directors Nominees

Biographical Statements for Ballot

Sam Appleby

Sam Appleby, together with his wife Anne, operate an organic Red & White Holstein dairy farm in Steinbach, Manitoba. Currently they milk 100 cows on a certified organic farm.

Sam was born and raised on a dairy farm in the middle of England in a very concentrated dairy area. He married his wife in April of 1977 and emigrated to Canada in June of that year. In 1979 he purchased a 25 cow dairy farm.

He has served on various boards during his career beginning with The Young Farmers Club in England. Other boards or committees include:

- Milk Board Committee
- Manitoba Holstein Association
- Canadian Red & white Club
- Farm Debt Review Board (Manitoba)
- Red & White Dairy Cattle Association (based in Madison, WI)

Having experienced the benefits of living and farming organically, Sam wishes to give grassroots representation and perspective from both farmer and the consumer.

Owen Madden

Owen Madden is an Organic Certification Committee Member at PACS and part owner of Enderberry Farm in Enderby, BC. As a result of this work, he is constantly met with both the opportunities and the limitations experienced by those who make their living in Canadian organics. He is passionate about moving us forward from where things stand, as a community and an industry.

Owen grew up in Ireland, where he qualified as a lawyer and served as a Criminal Prosecutor for the Irish Government. A casual conversation with a potato farmer about the changes being experienced with planting seasons was his introduction to climate change, and a major turning point for Owen. He was re-educated in Edinburgh, studying Climate Change and Environmental Law. Afterwards he moved to Vancouver to work for Ecojustice Canada, followed by three years as the Wilderness Committee's Climate Campaigner. Both roles exposed him to fundraising, the workings of non-profit boards, and the skills necessary to build community support for environmental initiatives.