



2019 Board of Directors Ballot

The CNGA board of Directors is comprised of 9 members who are elected by the primary contact of Industry, Auxiliary and Out of State companies. Each company is asked to **Vote for three** of the individuals listed below to serve on the board for a two-year term.

Seated Board Members for 2019 are: Dan Wise, Kerri Dantino, Mandy Gerace, Matt Edmundson, Sharon Harding-Shaw, and Mike Bone

Return your ballot by email to (info@coloradonga.org), fax (303-758-6805) or mail to CNGA at 959 S. Kipling Parkway, Suite 200, Lakewood, CO 80226. **Ballots must be received by Monday, December 17, 2018**

Current Directors, Company and Candidate Bio

_____ **Michelle Cadena, CCNP, Sunshine Horticulture, Ft. Collins** - Michelle studied horticultural therapy at Kansas State University, moving to Colorado in 1999. Where she immediately put her background to work in the Green Industry in a horticultural sales capacity including retail sales at Gulley Greenhouse and earning her CCNP 2006 & receiving the Horizon Award in 2008 at Fort Collins Wholesale Nursery. Since 2012 she has been pursuing outside sales for Loma Vista Nursery and Oregon Pride Nurseries where she strives to deliver the best customer service. She has served on the CNGA Board for the past two years.

New Candidates, Company and Candidate Bio

_____ **Lon Vincent CCNP - Wilmore Nurseries, Littleton** - Lon is a Colorado native and has been passionately working for Wilmore nurseries since he was 14 years old. He grew up in the industry and obtained a degree in environmental horticulture and small business management, he was among the first class of graduates for the CCNP program. He has previously been on the CNGA board and held the position of president for the Garden Centers of Colorado. Outside of gardening Lon enjoys marathons, hiking and rafting the Grand Canyon.

_____ **Kent Broome, Rocky Mountain Horticulture Services, Hygiene** - Kent represents Baxter Wholesale Nursery in Emmett Idaho as well as Bylands Wholesale in Kelowna B.C. He was a sales representative for Bailey Nursery for 22 years and has been in the industry for over 40 years. Kent has served on the CNA Board, CNGA Board and the ProGreen Board as well as several CNGA committees. Kent is also a CNGA Hall of Fame recipient.

_____ **Harriett McMillian, CCNP, Echter's Garden Center & Nursery, Arvada** - Harriett is a Colorado native and has been learning about and growing perennials for over 40 years. She joined Echter's Garden Center in 1990 and became the manager of the perennial department. In 1998 she served as Horticulture Information Specialist at Denver Botanic Gardens, returning to Echter's in 2001 where she works in customer service as a plant doctor, customer education and outreach. Harriett has served as president of Garden Centers of Colorado. She was named Nursery Person of the Year by CNGA in 2004 and GreenCo Person of the Year in 2010. She has been active in the development of the Plant Select® program for the past 20 years. She has served on the CNGA Certification Committee and the Programs Committee.

_____ **Pete Reeser, CCNP, Kankakee Nursery - Cañon City** - Pete is a 4th generation farm owner with 37 years' experience. His expertise includes nursery management, B&B field operations, large scale landscape estimator & purchasing, brokerage & consulting for PFT&T Inc. Currently, he works for Kankakee Nursery in sales & database design/management. He has served on the CNGA board previously. Currently, he serves on the CNGA Communications Committee. Pete would enjoy the opportunity of being a board member once again to serve the green industry before he retires.

_____ **John Parrish, PlantRight, LLC - Denver** - John's passion for horticulture began in High School with a part time job at a retail garden center in Tucker, GA. After graduating from Auburn University in 1994, John spent the next 10 years working in the Landscape Distribution industry in the highly competitive Atlanta market. John and his family moved to Colorado in 2005 and began working for Arbor Valley Nursery before taking a job as a Sales Rep for PlantRight in 2010. John served on the ProGreen Expo move in committee for 3 years and is looking to get more involved in CNGA.