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## Board Member Nomination Bios

**Rachelle Bailey Tucker, Golden State Genetics (Incumbent):** Rachelle is a third-generation pig farmer from Turlock, California, living her dream working alongside her husband, Scott, and their four children—Bailey June, Walter, Macie Ann, and Elsie Sue. Together, Rachelle and Scott own and operate Golden State Genetics, a 400-sow operation producing registered purebreds, show pigs, and commercial pigs. Rachelle has been involved in the pork industry her entire life. She grew up on her family's sow farm, showed pigs through 4-H and FFA, and managed her own herd of 50 purebred sows during high school under the name R-Bailey Swine. She attended Modesto Junior College, where she helped manage the college's swine unit, before transferring to Iowa State University. While at Iowa State, Rachelle worked on the swine teaching farm and was a member of the 2003 Livestock Judging Team and the 2004 Meat Animal Evaluation Team. She also gained valuable experience through internships with the Iowa Pork Producers, National Pork Board, and National Swine Registry. Following college, Rachelle returned to California and continued her career in pig production on her family's farm, where she remains actively involved today. Her leadership and industry involvement include serving as a CPPA Board Member, a Committee Chair for the National Pork Board, and a Board Member of the National Swine Registry.

Rachelle is seeking the opportunity to serve as a member of the California Pork Producers Association Board of Directors. Her deep-rooted passion for the pork industry began in childhood and has shaped her lifelong career and involvement. She recognizes California as a unique and diverse state for pork production and, through her involvement in multiple sectors of the industry, offers a broad and informed perspective.

Rachelle is committed to expanding opportunities for California breeders through shows and sales, strengthening and growing youth programs, and prioritizing education and promotion of the pork industry. A key focus of her vision is helping bridge the gap between producers and consumers while advocating for the future of California pork.

**Chris Hamm, HammondBloom Show Pigs:** Chris operates HB Show Stock with his daughter, where they breed and raise swine for youth livestock shows. He is deeply committed to supporting local youth exhibitors and the agricultural community in his area and looks forward to serving and giving back to the membership.

Chris is eager to be of service and help in any way possible to keep the pork industry strong, sustainable, and growing for future generations.

**Shelby Sopocy, UC Davis Swine Facility (Incumbent):** Shelby, originally from the Midwest, developed her passion for swine through 4-H and further strengthened it during her time at Michigan State University. She built her professional foundation working on commercial sow farms and has since come full circle by educating the next generation of swine professionals at the UC Davis Swine Facility. There, she manages a 70-sow Topigs Norsvin farrow-to-finish herd while creating meaningful, hands-on learning experiences for students in the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine. A past President and current Board Member of the California Pork Producers Association, as well as Pork Leadership Institute (Class of 2024), and is one of California's Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) State Trainers. Shelby is committed to continuing her service to the California pork industry—both at the state level and nationally.

Shelby is seeking re-election to continue providing a higher education perspective as the association looks for new ways to connect with younger pork professionals. She remains committed to "showing up" for an industry that has supported her both professionally and personally.

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**Andrea Thomas, Thomas Hay and Livestock:** Andrea Thomas is the co-owner and operator of Thomas Hay and Livestock and a second-generation agricultural education teacher at Gridley High School in Northern California. With deep roots in livestock production and youth agricultural education, she is committed to advancing producer representation, supporting youth involvement in the pork industry, and promoting sustainable, consumer-driven agricultural practices.

Andrea is seeking election to the California Pork Board to bring both industry experience and educational leadership to the association. As co-owner and operator of Thomas Hay & Livestock and a second-generation agricultural education teacher at Gridley High School, she sees firsthand the importance of connecting producers, consumers, and the next generation of agricultural leaders. She is committed to strengthening youth engagement opportunities across the state, supporting producer education that enhances profitability and sustainability, and promoting consumer awareness of the value and integrity of California's pork industry. Andrea's goal is to help ensure the industry continues to grow responsibly while inspiring the future leaders who will carry it forward.

**Morgan Wonderly, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Swine Facility (Incumbent):** Morgan, is a lecturer in the Animal Science Department at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where she teaches courses in swine management and reproduction while also coaching the livestock judging team. A proud Cal Poly alumna, she earned her B.S. in Animal Science and later completed her M.S. in Meat Science. In addition to teaching, Morgan helps oversee Cal Poly's Swine Unit, which houses more than 100 sows and provides students with hands-on learning opportunities in animal care, production, and facility management. Her work reflects a strong commitment to Cal Poly's "Learn by Doing" philosophy. Morgan's leadership also extends beyond campus. She is completing her third year as a National Pork Board member, serves on the National Junior Swine Association (NJSA) Youth Advisory Board, is a graduate of the Pork Leadership Institute (Class of 2022), and is one of California's Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) State Trainers.

Morgan is seeking re-election to the CPPA Board because of her genuine commitment to the future of the pork industry and the people who make it possible. As both an educator and a member of the National Pork Board, she is uniquely positioned to stay closely connected to California's needs while maintaining a strong understanding of national priorities and emerging issues. She is dedicated to bringing that knowledge back to the state in meaningful ways that support producers, students, and the next generation of industry leaders. Serving on the CPPA Board allows Morgan to advocate for California's pork community while also helping her students understand how policy, production, and real-world challenges intersect. She views re-running as a natural next step in continuing her service and strengthening the industry she cares deeply about.