

2018 Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative
“Meet Your Candidates”

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Breeds of Sheep Raised:

Our current flock consists of 43 Registered Columbia ewes. We also utilize four Columbia Rams.

Describe your personal sheep background:

At one time our flock also included 200 commercial ewes utilizing rotational grazing. Growing up in North Dakota and following in the footsteps of my grandfather and father, I had a commercial ewe flock of 500 which were primarily Columbia/Rambouillet crosses. In addition there were 100 stock cows on the 2000 acre grain and pasture farm. A devastating winter in 1964-65 forced a depletion of the livestock operation. I completed college at Minot State University in 1967 with degrees in instrumental music, vocal music, and elementary education.

Describe or list leadership roles you have had in the sheep industry:

In 1974 sheep once again became a major force in the Troxel household with the purchase of a small farm and 10 registered Columbia ewes. The rest is history including a 14 year stint on the National Columbia Board and serving two years as president, serving on the WSBC Board also as president. I have served as the show chairman at two Columbia National Shows. I was also on the Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association for several years. Having taught music at Tri-County school in Plainfield for 36 years, I also gave many class lectures and demonstrations on sheep production to the Ag Ed classes as well 4H Clubs. Seminars on sheep production have been given at WSBC conferences, MATC classes, and at the Illinois Sheep Symposium.

My Middle School band was selected to perform as the guest band at the National Band Association Convention and later I served as the director of the National Band Association Wisconsin Middle School Honors Band. I have been choir director of the Waushara Civic Chorus in the annual presentation of the “Messiah”. I have directed Hope Lutheran Church choir and am currently choir director at the Plainfield United Methodist Church. Yes, I do talk regularly of the correlation of sheep and Christianity. It is no accident! I have coached Middle school boys and girls basketball and varsity girls basketball for a total of 20 seasons. My start-up “Hoop Troop” program, which I began in 1991, is still in operation.

Why would you like to be a director on the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative Board?

As in all great organizations, it takes people with vision; some on a board and many giving suggestions. In order to remain viable, an organization must continue to evolve. Change happens, always does. I am like a duck, “Serenity on the surface, paddle like hell underneath.” I would be honored to serve all sheep breeders as your representative on the WSBC Board.