

**2026 Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative
“Meet Your Candidates”**

Name: Randy Cutler, Milladore

Tell us about yourself, and describe your personal sheep background:

I have been raising sheep all of my life. My older brother and I took over our parent’s flock in the late 1950s. My family and I returned to my home farm in 1976, after 4 years of college and 3 years of teaching Vocational Agriculture. We raise registered Bluefaced Leicester sheep now. We are involved with showing breeding stock and fleeces. We keep 45 breeding ewes. We sell lambs starting at 60 lbs to wholesale markets and do some private sales for slaughter lambs in the fall. We lamb in March and April. We show at the Central WI State fair in Marshfield, the WSW Open Show and the North American Hill Sheep show in Michigan’s U P. We try to get to the National BFL shows which are held around the country every other year.

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

I have been a WSBC board member for two terms. I have been involved in the producer education committee, working on programs for Arlington Sheep Day as well as Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival educational programs.

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

I would like to serve one more term on the board. I have been a long-standing member of our organization. I hope to represent the opinions of the commercial sheep breeder in Wisconsin. I am witnessing a surge in new people starting out in raising small ruminants and hope to bring more of them into the fold of our organization. As an active member of the Wisconsin grazing networks and a dealer in livestock fencing I come in contact with a lot of new farmers. These people are the future of sheep raising here. I hope to involve these farmers in what goes on at WSBC.

Name: Terry Jobsis Hoernke, Poynette

Tell us about yourself, and describe your personal sheep background:

My husband, granddaughter and I ran a small flock of Southdown sheep beginning in 2015. What started as a small 4-H project blossomed into running almost 40 head! In 2024 our granddaughter headed off to college and we began to reduce our numbers. Unfortunately, my husband encountered some health problems and we decided to get out of sheep all together (at least for now). Before I retired, I had the opportunity to work with Dr Dave Thomas as well as Todd Taylor and I learned much about the care and health of sheep as well as the sheep industry.

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

In 2023 I was elected to the WSBC Board of Directors and was given a leadership position as the Communication Committee Chair. In that role I oversaw a major revision of the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool website. As a subcommittee we worked to improve the look and flexibility of the site integrating Showman - a livestock show entry and results software, as well as Bookeo a separate software for entries in the Wonders of

Wool classes at the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival. The Communication Committee also updated the Communications Specialist position description and hired a new staff member. In addition, I wrote a position description for an Advertising Coordinator and now have someone in place in that position.

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

I would like the opportunity to continue in the Communication Chair position so that I can continue to work with the group and see the changes we initiated through. I feel we have made good progress in improving our on-line presence but there is more to be done.

Name: Jessica Taylor, Columbus

Tell us about yourself, and describe your personal sheep background:

I am the oldest daughter of Todd and Lynnette Taylor and was raised with a strong love and passion for the sheep industry. I started by raising and showing registered Columbias and cross bred market lambs in 4-H and FFA. I grew up helping Dad with the many different breeds that he raised for UW-Madison as well as my siblings' chosen breeds. I am now a Veterinary Technician working in reproduction research and development, hopefully soon to be a licensed vet tech as I take the exam on April 11th. Currently I have a flock of registered Targhees.

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

I was a member of the Junior Columbia Association and served on the officer team and as the Ambassador. I was the Advisor for the Junior Targhee Sheep Assoc for 6 years, worked as Sheep Superintendent for 3 years for the Albany County Fair in Laramie, WY and 1 year as the Large Animal Superintendent. I also worked at WI State Fair in the Junior Office, Open Sheep office and on the Ag Staff Team. I received my American FFA Degree with my sheep SAE. I am the current coordinator for the Costume and Lead classes at WI Sheep and Wool Festival.

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

I moved back to WI this fall and am so happy to be home. I recently got engaged and my fiancé and I plan to stay in the area to be close to our families as we start our lives together. I have a strong love and passion for the sheep industry, especially in WI. Growing up around the producers in this state helped to shape who I am today! I want to become more involved in the industry and give back to future generations in any way I can.