

2017 LIVE Board of Directors | This ballot is intended for LIVE members to vote for their choices for the Board of Directors. Vote for no more than five choices by selecting a checkbox or writing candidate names in the blank space provided. Each member serves a two-year term.

This slate of nominees was selected by the LIVE Board of Directors and is intended to be fair and representative of the demographics and geography of the membership and the interest of organizational mission. Any member interested in serving on the Board of Directors may contact our office with a letter of intent. LIVE members may also nominate a director from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Any nomination from the floor must be seconded to be added to the ballot for the full vote of the membership.

Additional Notes and Instructions: The number of ballots received is sufficient to meet the quorum requirements of this corporation. Affix the signature of an officer or agent representing the voting member and write the name of the vineyard or winery member, the printed name of the authorized representative, and date.

If submitting by mail or e-mail, complete the ballot and send to: info@livecertified.org | LIVE, PO Box 5185, Salem, OR 97304
E-mailed/mailed ballots must be received by April 10, 2017 to be counted.

RE-ELECTION

Don Crank | A to Z Wineworks

ELECTION

Leigh Bartholomew | Results Partners

Luisa Ponzi | Ponzi Vineyards

Jess Sandrock | Chemeketa Community College

Dr. Russell Smithyman | Ste Michelle Wine Estates

Your vineyard or winery name

Print your name

Sign your name

Date

Write-in up to five candidates

Please be sure to indicate the vineyard or winery each write-in represents

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES

Don Crank | Re-election

Don Crank is The Red Winemaker at A to Z wineworks, since 2015. He has served as a LIVE board member since 2009, and chair for the past four years. He has a degree in biochemistry and food science from Purdue University and began his career in the Northwest wine industry working at Montinore Estate, Panther Creek, and Willamette Valley Vineyards before joining A to Z.

Leigh Bartholomew | Election

After graduating from High School in London, Leigh attended the University of Oregon, then University of California/Davis where she earned her Master's degree in Viticulture. Leigh has worked in wine regions around the world and has gained experience at respected properties such as Domaine Denis Mortet in Gevrey Chambertin; Seresin Estate, Marlborough New Zealand; Robert Mondavi Winery, California; Cain Vineyard and Winery, California; Caliterra/Vina Errazuriz in Chile and Andrew Will Winery in Washington.

Leigh joined Results Partners in 2014, after nearly fourteen years as Director of Vineyard Operations at Archery Summit Winery. Her vineyard management style is a blend of scientific knowledge and experienced instinct, stemming from years of experimenting with pruning techniques, vine spacing, trellising, cover crop and clonal selection. Well-versed in organic and biodynamic farming practices, Leigh's philosophy is simple "I feel that beyond respecting the land, these methods also yield healthier and more expressive fruit."

Luisa Ponzi | Election

Second generation winemaker Luisa Ponzi graduated from Portland State University in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science. She continued her education in viticulture and enology in Beaune, France and was awarded the Certificate Brevet Professionnel D'Oenologie et Viticulture in 1993. Luisa was the first American woman to earn such distinction. Returning to the family winery that fall, she took the reins from her father, winery founder Dick Ponzi, and completed her first vintage as head winemaker.

Over the next two decades, Luisa proceeded to make her mark through innovative viticulture techniques and winemaking practices. Her dedication to crafting wines of the highest quality and commitment to sustainability are ever-apparent. Luisa has been honored with awards and accolades; all contributing to Ponzi's heightened stature in the national arena. Luisa currently sits on several advisory and wine organization boards.

Jessica Sandrock | Election

Current Director of Wine Studies at Chemeketa Community College, Jessie is charged with providing leadership for planning, implementation, and maintenance of the Wine Studies program while also working with the Oregon Wine Industry to provide needed workforce training. Her service at Chemeketa bridges more than 15 years. Starting as an adjunct instructor while working on my Master of Science degree at Oregon State University, Jessie quickly fell in love with teaching and working with adult learners. She has developed and taught classes at Oregon State University, Linn Benton Community College, and for various community education programs as well. Most recently, Jessie was the full-time Winemaking Instructor at Chemeketa.

While working for Oregon State University Extension, Jessie served as the On-Farm Research Coordinator for industry-led research trials. She works closely with the Wine Studies Advisory Committee at Chemeketa and collaborates with the Oregon Wine Board, Oregon State University, OWRI, local AVA organizations, and the Willamette Valley Winegrowers group.

Dr. Russell Smithyman | Election

Dr. Russell Smithyman received his Ph.D. in horticulture from Washington State University, and his M.S. in horticulture from Michigan State University. He currently is the Director of Viticulture for Ste. Michelle Wine Estates in Prosser, WA. Prior to this, he held the position of Research Viticulturist and then Director of Research at Ste. Michelle. Dr. Smithyman's research interests include irrigation management, vine stress management, vineyard mechanization, varietal and clonal evaluation, and precision viticulture.

He frequently guest lectures at universities and industry seminars, and has reviewed manuscripts and proposals for the American Journal of Enology and Viticulture, the American Vineyard Foundation, and the Northwest Center for Small Fruits. He is a graduate of the Washington AgForestry Leadership Program and frequently participates in lobbying to congress for research funding for the Northwest Center for Small Fruits. He has been actively involved in the National Grape & Wine Initiative since its inception.