



Board Elections – 2024

The week of January 29th the CIAB will begin board elections for the seats highlighted in gray below that expire on June 30, 2024. Board election materials will be sent via email. You are welcome to return your nomination and/or ballot via email to info@cherryboard.org.

In Northern Michigan the grower member seat expiring on June 30, 2024, will become a handler seat. This is due to section [930.20 \(d\)](#) in the Code of Federal Regulations, which states “the ratio of grower to handler representation in districts with three members shall alternate each time the term of a Board member from the representative group having two seats expires”. Therefore, the Board representation in Northern Michigan, beginning July 1, 2024, will be one grower member, two handler members and their respective alternates.

In crop year 2023 Central Michigan’s three-year average production was greater than 40 million pounds. Therefore, per the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) [§930.20\(b\)](#) board membership for Central Michigan will increase by one seat. This will change Central Michigan to one grower and two handler seats. The additional seat will flip between a handler and grower after the three-year term expires.

Danielle Brien, the current handler member in Southern Michigan is term limited as she has severed two consecutive 3-year terms on the board as a member.

Do you know someone who does not have a financial interest in the cherry industry that is interested in serving on the board as a public member or public alternate? If you do, please have them send their resume to hweber@cherryboard.org no later than March 1, 2024. Please note as a public representative on the board the person is expected to attend the board meetings. The public member or alternate should have knowledge of the tart cherry industry. The representative has an obligation to serve on the subcommittee for the review of applications for exemption per CFR [930.162\(d\)](#).

We look forward to your participation in the election process of CIAB representatives.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the CIAB office at (517) 669-1070.

Sincerely,

Heather Weber
Executive Director

USDA-AMS policy is that the diversity of the board should reflect the diversity of their industries in experience of members, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and other distinguishing factors that will bring different perspectives and ideas to the table. When submitting nominations, the industry must consider the diversity of the population served and the knowledge, skills, and abilities of the members to serve a diverse population.

CHERRY INDUSTRY ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

District 1 – Northern Michigan

Grower Members		Alternates	
Robert Sherman	(2022-2025)	Ted Sherman	(2022-2025)
Cheryl Kroupa*	(2021-2024)	Jared Lutz	(2021-2024)

Handler Members		Alternates	
Tim Brian	(2023-2026)	Keith Brian	(2023-2026)

District 2 – Central Michigan

Grower Member		Alternate	
David Hackert	(2022-2025)	Michael Hackert	(2022-2025)

Handler Member**		Alternate	
Richard Raffaelli	(2020-2023)	Aaron Peterson	(2020-2023)

District 3 – Southern Michigan

Grower Member		Alternate	
Bruce Veliquette	(2023-2026)	Melissa Morlock	(2023-2026)

Handler Member		Alternate	
Danielle Brien***	(2021-2024)	Ben Ross	(2021-2024)

Public Representation

Public Member		Alternate	
Benjamin Smith	(2021-2024)	Lynn McPhee-Ward	(2021-2024)

*This grower seat will change to a handler seat.

**An additional handler seat will be added to Central Michigan.

***Term Limited