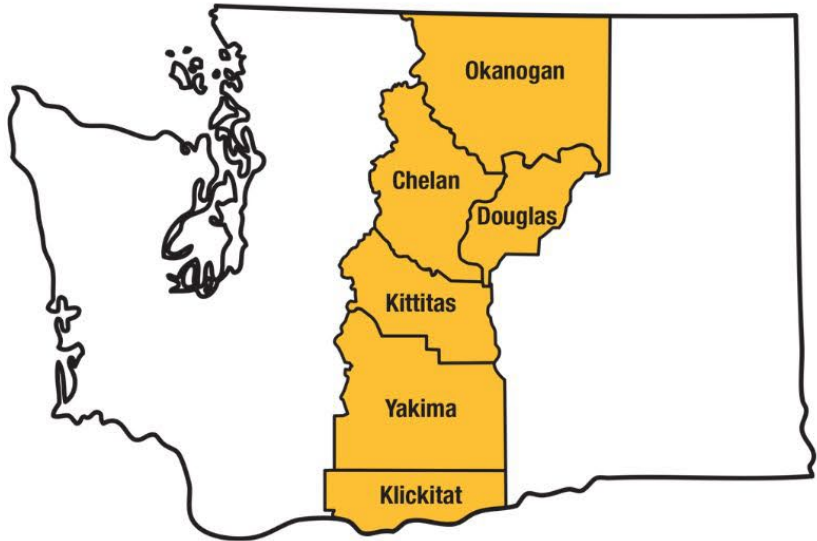




Board of Directors 2023 Candidate Guide

October 2022



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About CWHBA

The mission of the Central Washington Home Builders Association is to be a member-focused association that serves by providing resources and a network to positively influence the building industry. Board members serve in volunteer roles, acting as active advocates and ambassadors for the association, fully engaging in identifying and securing the resources and partnerships necessary for the association to advance its mission

Role of the Board

As the highest leadership body of the association, the board is responsible for:

- Determining the mission and purposes of the association
- Strategic and organizational planning including
- Approving and monitoring the association's programs and services
- Ensuring fiduciary oversight and financial management
- Enhancing the association's public image
- Selecting and evaluating the performance of the chief executive
- Assessing its own performance as the governing body of the association

Builder Position Candidates

There are 5 open Builder Member seats on the CWHBA Board of Directors.

Dereck Nelson**

DH Construction and Associates
Yakima, WA

Karl Ohlemann

Nils Bernard
Cle Elum, WA

Jay Roberts

Cascade Custom Homes
Chelan, WA

Kelly Sowder

Heether Construction
Yakima, WA

Associate Position Candidates

There are 2 Associate Member seats open on the CWHBA Board of Directors; 1 for Yakima and 1 in North Central.

Ryan Moore**

HUB International
Yakima, WA

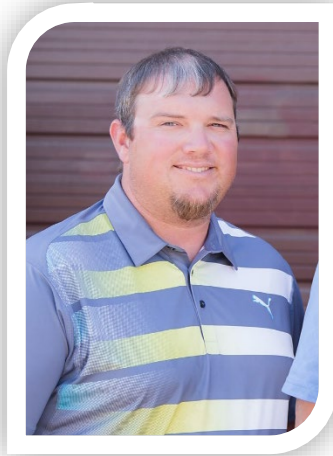
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Yakima, WA

Roger Walters**

Builders First Source
Wenatchee, WA

** Serves on the Current Board



Dereck Nelson (B)

DH Construction & Associates, LLC
Yakima, WA

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Member Since: 2003

CWHBA Engagement: I currently serve on the board of directors, the executive committee, and try to serve at various events throughout the event year. Love to participate through Tour of Homes, Golf Tournaments and Advocacy events for the CWHBA.

Why are you interested in serving on the CWHBA Board of Directors?

I enjoy serving on the CWHBA Board of Directors because together with others in our industry, we get to lead the charge on many issues that face our industry. The networking, engagement and relationships built serving turn into friendships and business ally's that can be a sounding board when facing challenges. As a group, I feel we are a unified front that helps tackle and face head on challenges brought against the home building industry through governmental red tape and over regulation.

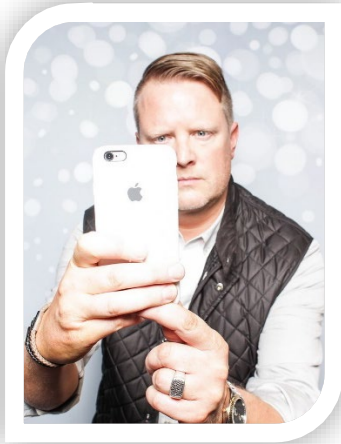
What do you see as central to building strong communities?

Affordable Housing is one of the primary reasons that most members are involved, not necessarily for the actual cost of the home that makes its way to the consumer, but through all the battles fought behind closed doors against code updates and other factors that for every \$1000 of increase, prices even more families out of being able to buy a home.

Please list relevant experiences that qualify you for the Board of Directors.

I serve not only on the CWHBA Board of Directors, I am a Past President with the association. I also serve on the business council at my local church as well as serve on my church's worship team.

I have been involved in the home building industry since 2000 and have served in many roles from laborer to current business owner giving me a wide range of experiences in this industry.



Karl Ohlemann (B)

Nils Bernard

Cle Elum, WA

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NilsBernard.com

Member Since: February 2022

CWHBA Engagement: We have been members of BIAW for many years in King County and look forward to building relationships and providing advocacy to members of CWHBA and residents of the surrounding communities.

Why are you interested in serving on the CWHBA Board of Directors?

I believe it is essential to have a strong advocacy "bridge" between City/County development staff and its community of builders and residents. Too often, and ever increasing, there is unnecessary friction between local building officials and those depending on their services and support. I would like to be part of a trend to reverse this and bring less discord in the process.

What do you see as central to building strong communities?

Residents and builders need reassurance that local building officials have their interests in mind, and not let "process and procedure" to overrule common sense and growth. I believe there needs to be restoration.

Please list relevant experiences that qualify you for the Board of Directors.

Through various companies that I have founded and owned over the last 20+ years in the PNW, we have done full interior design and construction of close to 10,000 homes in WA and OR. I have been a GC since 2006 and have been on both sides of the supply chain (Vendor and Builder) to some of the largest (and smallest!) builders in the country and region, including Toll Brothers, DR Horton, Lennar, William Lyon - Polygon, Murray Franklyn, and many others. My father was a builder while I was growing up in Oregon, and we came from generations of pioneers in the lumber industry. I met my wife at the Street of Dreams in Portland, OR in 1993. It is in our blood. We love what we do! It is the practical elements of conflict resolution, project, and community planning, and embracing change that I feel really needs strong collaboration and a resource to minimize the pain, frustration, and financial risks many people feel when developing and building new homes and communities. I have been a longtime strong supporter of Liberty Road Foundation, and other non-profits who support their communities. We have recently founded an SPC (Social Purpose Corporation) to further assist our local community and the needs of its residents. We moved our three girls from Bellevue to Cle Elum in 2019, and it has been an incredibly good experience in so many ways. We want to help support the Central Washington community!



Jay M Roberts (B)

Cascade Custom Homes and Design, Inc.

Chelan, WA

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Member Since: 2020

CWHBA Engagement: Nothing at this point, I am a Senior Officer with BIAW.

Why are you interested in serving on the CWHBA Board of Directors?

I think this will be a great opportunity for me to branch out into the community and meet my fellow trades people. Being new to the construction industry, I am trying to create as many relationships as possible. I also have a strong desire in giving back when I have been so blessed. Learning more about the Yakima Valley and making a lasting difference is also a plus for me.

What do you see as central to building strong communities?

Personal relationships and strong ethics.

Please list relevant experiences that qualify you for the Board of Directors.

I spent 30 years in the Washington Army National Guard, 23 of which were active National Guard. I ran the 420th chemical Battalion that is local in Yakima. I have sat on dozens of hiring boards, participated in my local HOA boards, and have been in command of hundreds of local Soldiers, some of whom are my customers today. I have participated in dozens of community disaster relief events and exercises with local law enforcement and disaster relief agencies in the Yakima Valley and throughout Washington.



Kelly Sowder (B)

Heether Construction II LLC

Yakima, WA

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Member Since: Jan 2022

(Organization Since 1996)

CWHBA Engagement: None Yet

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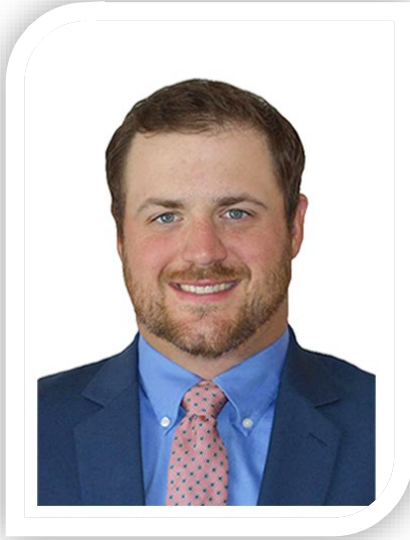
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Ryan Moore (A)

HUB International
Yakima, WA

Member Since: I've been a CWHBA member since 2016, and joined the board shortly after.

CWHBA Engagement: I'm currently involved at CWHBA as a board member and executive committee member. I've served as Secretary/Treasurer for 5 years and am the current Vice President of the board. My company has sponsored numerous events over its 30 years of membership.

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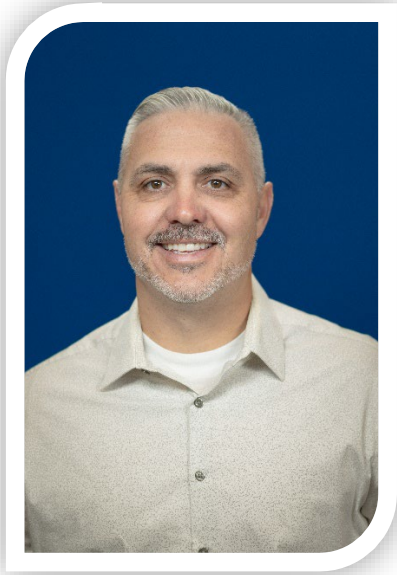
I would like to continue serving for a couple of reasons; I believe in the mission of the organization and what it means for our community, and incoming president Darin Peter's nominated me as he feels my experience and knowledge would be beneficial to the operation of the board during his tenure.

What do you see as central to building strong communities?

I believe affordable housing is one of the pillars of a strong community.

Please list relevant experiences that qualify you for the Board of Directors.

Relevant experience: Current CWHBA board member for 6 years; Building Industry Association of WA executive board member for 3 years; I've also been involved with other nonprofit organizations through Central Washington.



Jamon R. Rivera (A)

Central Valley Glass

Yakima, WA

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centralvalleyglass.com

Member Since: May 2022

(Organization Since 1986)

CWHBA Engagement: My business partner and I are new business owners having purchased Central Valley Glass in May of this year. We are both new to the industry and I have not been intimately engaged in the CWHBA but feel that being on the Board would be a great opportunity to be more involved.

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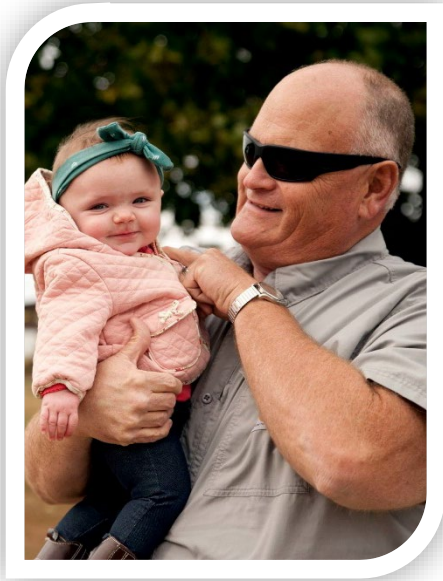
I've served on multiple not for profit boards and I feel that doing so is a great opportunity to give back to the community and promote the organization. I enjoy being actively engaged and feel that serving on the CWHBA board would allow me to be an advocate for the industry, the organization, and the community.

What do you see as central to building strong communities?

1. Strong partnerships throughout the community. (i.e. government, business community, not-for-profits, etc.)
2. Engaged, active volunteer groups and charities.
3. Visionary individuals partnering together to create change.

Please list relevant experiences that qualify you for the Board of Directors.

I received my Masters of Business Administration from Washington State University; I have served on multiple Boards (previously I was on the Dispute Resolution of Yakima and Kittitas Counties Board and I currently serve on the Board for the Yakima Chamber of Commerce).



Roger Walters (A)

Builders FirstSource
Wenatchee, WA
roger.walters@bldr.com
www.bldr.com

Member Since: 2012

CWHBA Engagement: Board Member,
Government Affairs Chair

Why are you interested in serving on the CWHBA Board of Directors?

I am involved to support my client base. I believe in affordable housing and support my fellow associates.

What do you see as central to building strong communities?

Provide affordable housing and making development easier.

Please list relevant experiences that qualify you for the Board of Directors.

Active in church. Youth coaching, and counseling. Software development for our sales force.