

# Notice of Annual Meeting

## Dakota Quality Grain Cooperative Parshall • New Town • Ross • Palermo • Stanley

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Mission: To be a leading full service, locally owned cooperative that is profitable and makes a competitive presence in agriculture.

## Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Members of Dakota Quality Grain Cooperative will be held at the American Legion Building, in the City of Parshall, in Mountrail County, North Dakota, on the 14th day of July, 2009. Registration will be starting at 6:00 p.m. with the business meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Dividend and equity retirement checks will be distributed and an election of three (3) directors will be held. Lunch will be served.

Greg Eldevik, Secretary

Dakota Quality Grain Cooperative

DATED THIS 4TH DAY OF JUNE, 2009

## Meet the Candidates for the Dakota Quality Grain Cooperative Board



**Richard Risan**

**Incumbent Candidate - District #1**

Richard has served on the DQGC Board for one term. He graduated from Parshall High School in 1980 and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Engineering from NDSU.

Richard is a third generation farmer and farms with his wife and parents. The Risans live two miles west of Parshall. His crops are grown in McLean and Mountrail Counties and they primarily raise peas, canola, durum, spring wheat and winter wheat. He enjoys spending time with his family and attending his children's activities.

His wife, Lynda, is from Larimore ND and graduated from NDSU with a degree in Industrial Engineering. They have three children. Alexa (19) will be a sophomore at the University of North Dakota and is pursuing a degree in Physical Therapy; Samantha (17), will be a senior at Parshall High School; and Michelle (12) will be entering the 7th grade.

**Colin Vachal**

**Director Candidate - District #3**

Colin graduated from Tioga High School in 1990, and from North Dakota State University in 1994 with a degree in Ag Economics.

He lives in the White Earth Bay area and primarily farms and ranches with his wife and his parents in the Ross area. They also raise Commercial Red Angus cattle. He helps out at Sitting Bull Auction in Williston on sale days. He enjoys playing with the kids, playing cards and riding horses.

His wife, Susan, is employed with Amerada Hess in Tioga. They are the parents of two daughters, Lindsey (5) and Brooke (3). Lindsey will enter kindergarten in Tioga this fall and is enjoying playing T-Ball league this summer.

Colin has served four years as supervisor for the Mountrail County Soil Conservation District. He is an eight year member of the North Dakota Stockmen's Association and has been a member of Mountrail County Ag Improvement Association for six years and a director for one year.



**Steven D. Nelson**

**Director Candidate - District #2**

Steven was a member of the New Town Farmers Union Elevator board for nine years. The last year he served was the year we merged and became Dakota Quality Grain Cooperative.

A graduate of New Town High School, Richard received an Associate Degree at Williston State, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Mechanization/Farm and Ranch Management at NDSU.

Steven's occupation is farming and ranching. He enjoys hunting, reading, genealogy, and visiting relatives.

Family members include his wife of 28 years, Wanda (Uran), who grew up north of New Town, ND, and graduated from NDSU in Fargo with a degree in Child Development and Family Relations.

They have three children. Matt currently teaches English at Magic City Campus in Minot. Lindsay, works as an apparel developer for Sierra Designs in Boulder, CO. Her husband, Mike Ostlie, is pursuing his doctorate in Crop and Weed Science. His youngest daughter, Marissa, is majoring in Agricultural Engineering at NDSU.

Steven is a third generation farmer/rancher. He grew up in the Keene Blue Buttes area and returned there after college. Steven and his wife leased the former Keogh ranch for 19 years. In 2000, they purchased a farm and ranch 14 miles east and north of Watford City. They currently run 350 head of commercial Angus cattle and are in the process of completing a 500 head feed lot. They also raise durum, corn, peas, barley, oats, and hay.

Steven says his experiences serving on the New Town Farmers Union board, as well as being in the business of farming, ranching, and cattle feeding have shown that an organization such as DQGC is essential for providing its members with quality services and markets. As a Director for DQGC, he said he would proudly serve the interests of the patrons.