



## 2021 MWC Annual Meeting Packet

*MWC Annual Meeting and Election to be executed remotely.*

*Candidate information and Ballot located in this packet.*

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## Agenda

1. Meeting called to order [Dave Miller, President]
2. Establishment of a quorum [Brian Lesperance, Secretary]

*The members present at any properly announced meeting shall constitute a quorum (MWC Bylaws, Section 4)*

3. Reading of Notice of Meeting:

**Notice of Annual Meeting:** *Join us as we update the MWC membership on our 2020 accomplishments, our 2021 goals, and voting members will be invited to participate in the 2021 board & bylaws election! The MWC Annual Meeting will be held virtually, at*

*10:00 am January 21, 2021*

*We have planned this event as part of the Northwest Orchard and Vineyard Show. An agenda and call details will be coming out soon. We will elect new board members and vote on proposed changes to our Bylaws as well as hear reports from each of our committee chairs about progress in the previous year and plans for the year ahead. Plan to join us! Specifics for the meeting agenda and call-in info will be available soon. (Sent to the membership January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.*

4. Report of Officers
5. Report of Committees
6. Presentation of 2021 MWC Election Ballot- Board of Directors and membership/bylaws change proposals (E-vote following the meeting\*)
7. Unfinished business
8. Adjourn

**\*E-Voting for the 2021 MWC Election will occur via Wild Apricot. Voting members of MWC should have received the ballot in their inboxes this morning. Voting will remain open until Friday, January 22nd to provide enough time to review candidates and proposals. Contact us if you did not receive your ballot.**

## MWC Board Positions 2021

Below is the current Michigan Wine Collaborative Board of Directors.

*Positions up for re-election are highlighted in yellow*

*Open positions highlighted in green.*

Board #	Elected	Term Expires	Board member	Representing	Executive Board Position <i>(If Applicable)</i>
1	2020	2023	Matt Moersch	SW Winery	
2	2020	2023	Brian Lesperance	SW Winery	Secretary
3	2020	2023	Dave Miller	SW Winery	President
4	2019	2022	Lee Lutes	NW Winery	Treasurer
5	2020	2023	Brian Lillie	NW Winery	
6	2018	2021	Josh Morgan	NW Winery	
7	2019	2022	Bob Utter	SE Winery	
8	2019	2022	Tom Petzold	NW Grape Grower	
9	2020	2023	Jessica Youngblood	Other Region Grape Grower (SE)	
10	2019	2022	Todd Robbins	SW Grape Grower	
11	2019	2022	Ed Peabody	Tourism	
12	2018	2021	Gina Shay	Supplier/Vendor	Vice President*
13	2021	2024	OPEN	Other Region Winery (Previous NW)	
14	2019	2022	OPEN SEAT	Other Region Winery (Previously UP)	

## Seats Up for Re-Election

Elected	Term Expires	Board member	Representing	Opposition
2018	2021	Josh Morgan	NW Winery	
2018	2021	Gina Shay	Supplier/Vendor	

## Executive Board

Position	Board member	Representing	Opposition
Vice President	Gina Shay*	Supplier/Vendor	

## Candidates

### Supplier (1)



#### ***Gina Shay- CADUS Vice President, Grants & Funding Chair***

Gina Shay is a certified sommelier and Certified Specialist of Wine with 18 years of experience as a wine industry supplier. She's the Business Development Manager at Tonnellerie Cadus for the eastern U.S., Midwest U.S., Washington State, and all of Canada, selling French and American oak barrels and Clayver ceramic amphorae.

She has served since 2016 on the board of the Michigan Wine Collaborative, currently serving as board Vice President and chair of the Membership/Communications committee, helping to garner support for the Michigan wine industry and promote Michigan wines throughout the state and across the nation.

She also covers Michigan and, occasionally, other emerging regions as a regional correspondent for The Cork Report, an American wine blog.

Gina served as Membership & Communications chair before taking over Grants & Funding in 2020.

## **NW Winery (1)**



### ***Josh Morgan- Petoskey Farms Sustainability Chair***

Josh Morgan grew up in Northern Michigan, in the rural town of Mio. After graduating high school, he attended Central Michigan University and graduated in 2006 with his B.A. in Commercial Parks and Recreation Management. Upon graduation, he moved to Traverse City where he got his start in the wine industry working in the tasting room at Black Star Farms Winery before becoming cellar hand there, spending nine years working his way up through different roles in the cellar until he achieving the role of Cellar Master. There he learned from some of the best winemakers in Northern Michigan, from the delicacies of Riesling, the romance of Pinot Noir and everything in between. Outside of work Josh also works as a paid On-Call Firefighter for the Petoskey Department of Public Safety. When he's not working, he is spending time with his wife and his Mountain Cur, Max. They enjoy hiking, spending time outdoors, and finding the next best ice cream parlor!

Josh took over Sustainability Chair position in 2020.

## **Executive Board**

### ***Terms run concurrent with board seat held***

- 1.) Gina Shay- Vice President

## **Membership and Bylaws Proposals**

- 1.) The elected officers shall be elected by the procedures provided herein. The Secretary and Treasurer are to be elected for three-year terms. The Directors are to be elected for three-year terms, with five positions up for election annually. The Vice President is to be elected for a two-year term. After completion of his or her term as Vice President, and with the approval by a majority of the Board of Directors, he or she shall become President for a two-year term. After completion of his or her two-year term, the President will serve as Past President for one year after which, they may run again for a Board of Directors seat. The terms of office of each elected officer shall start on February 1 of the year of election and continue until a successor shall qualify.