

MEET THE CANDIDATES



LYNNEA ANDERSON*



Number of years as cooperative member: 20

Place of birth: Des Moines, Iowa

High school attended: Panorama High School

Additional education: Briar Cliff University, Bachelor's Degree; University of Iowa, Master's Degree in Social Work

Relevant professional experience: I assisted with the start of Hospice of the Midwest and have been an operational manager since then. I understand business management as well as the customer service side of business and the importance of having a balance between the two. I have completed 6 of the 14 credits needed in order to receive my NTCA Director Core Curriculum Certificate.

Organizations, clubs, and associations: Panora Communications Cooperative and Cablevision, Panora Telecommunications, Guthrie Communications, PEO, Panorama Booster Club, Panora Diamond Sports, Make a Wish, National Association of Social Workers, National Association of Catholic

Social Workers, Eagala, Mental Health Board, Timber Creek, Guthrie County Hospital Foundation; Relay for Life, Panorama Days Committee, Panora Chamber, and PRIDE.

Current occupation: I am the Executive Director of Hospice of the Midwest, responsible for the overall direction of hospice services and care team management. This includes establishment of standards of care, operational planning, budgeting, and managing goals and objectives for growth and quality standards.

Family: I am a Panora native and have been blessed to grow up around my family. My husband is Shane, and my kids are Kennedy (17), Cooper (14), and Dane (9).

Reason for running: I am invested in our community and in Panora Telco. I am proud to have served on the Panora Telco board for the last three years and want to continue to advocate for our members and employees. I also want to explore opportunities for expansion of our services and service area.

**Incumbent*



STEVE BAKER



Number of years as cooperative member: 35

Place of birth: Guthrie Center, Iowa

High school attended: Panora-Linden

Additional education: I completed the Electrician's Training course at Southwestern Community College.

Relevant professional experience: I served on the City Council for five years as a Council Member and served as Mayor for the City of Panora for 12 years. During my time with the City, I helped work on city budgets, employee benefits, the new Highway 44 Main Street project, and planning of the new City Hall.

Organizations, clubs, and associations: I was a Volunteer Fireman for 20 years. I was President, Coach, and Referee of the Panorama Soccer Club

for many years and was instrumental in getting the program off the ground. I am currently Vice President of the Guthrie County Pheasants Forever.

Current occupation: I have worked for Baker Painting for the past 35 years as a painter and also assist with day-to-day operations.

Family: I have been married for 31 years to my wife, Connie. We have two grown children, Heather Thompson of Panora and Nick Baker of Aurora, IL. We also have three grandchildren: Ava, Tanner, and Jack.

Reason for running: I have lived in Panora all of my life. I care about the community, and I feel that I would be a great asset to the board with my experiences from the City of Panora.

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MICHAEL CAREY



Number of years as cooperative member: 12

Place of birth: Lake City, Iowa

High school attended: Paton Churdan High School

Additional education: Associates of Science in Liberal Arts from DMACC and Bachelor of Science from Iowa State University in Agricultural Business with a Finance Emphasis

Relevant professional experience: I have been an avid volunteer serving the community in board of director and committee roles. For our local youth recreation leagues, I've coached basketball, baseball, and soccer and been an umpire or referee when needed. For St. Cecelia's Catholic Church in Panora, I have served in various liturgical roles. For our local schools, I have been a member of advisory committees and a school foundation trustee.

Organizations, clubs, and associations: Midwest Partnership Board Member and Past President, Panora Lions Club Past President and Director, Yale Community Club, St. Cecelia's Knights of Columbus Officer and Financial Secretary, Community Bankers of Iowa Board of Directors, Past PRIDE Member in Panora, Ducks Unlimited Area

Chairman and Treasurer, and Panorama Schools School Improvement Advisory Community and Foundation Trustee.

Current occupation: I serve as a Loan Officer/Mobile Lender for CharterWest Bank out of West Point, Nebraska. I serve primarily northeast Nebraska and South Dakota and am working on building business in western Iowa and Minnesota.

Family: My wife Dawn and I have three children: Tate (24), Tiffanie (22), and Trevor (17). We have worked and lived in the Yale and Panora areas since 2003 and our children are Panora High School graduates.

Reason for running: I would like to become a board member as a way of serving and giving back to my community. I feel my past board and committee experiences would bring insights and help lead Panora Telecommunications Cooperative into the future. It's important to have a local cooperative with great vision and financial strength that partners with their communities, invests in technology, and helps attract new businesses and residents to the area.



LEROY OXLEY*



Number of years as cooperative member: 18

Place of birth: Des Moines, Iowa

High school attended: North High

Additional education: Drake University and NT-CA's Director of Core Curriculum course of study

Relevant professional experience: Retired from US West with 34 years in construction, networking, PBX, training, and safety. Owned LeRoy Oxley Consulting Services for six years, running diversity workshops and management skill building.

Organizations, clubs, and associations: Iowa Golf Association - Board, Past President - Panora Telco

Board, Masonic Lodge - Shrine, Iowa Golf Association, Lake Panora National - Golf Advisory Committee, Timber Creek Charities, and Director of Iowa Open

Current occupation: Retired

Family: Two sons, Lee and Charles; three daughters, Lisa, Dina, and Kandi; 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren

Reason for running: I want to be part of a company that is respected in the telco industry and has employees who are dedicated to becoming better. I think my background can help this telco continue to grow and be the best in the telco industry.

**Incumbent*