

Alberta Seed Processors Announce Election Results, and Establish Executive For 2026

The Alberta Seed Processors' (ASP) provincial board of directors announce the results of the regional elections for region 3 (eastern Alberta), region 5 (North east Alberta), region 6 (north west Alberta), and region 7 (peace country of Alberta & BC) that were held in conjunction with the AGM in January 2026.

The region 3 election acclaimed Ryan Kuefler to represent region 3 for a 2-year term. Louis Dechaine, the incumbent from region 5 was re-elected for a 3-year term: Uwe Quedenbaum of Barrhead was re-elected as director for region 6. The election for director in region 7 resulted in the re-election of Mike Head.

Further, the Alberta Seed Processors' Manager's Association has appointed Tom Luethi (Warburg) and Greg Andrews (Three Hills) as representatives on the provincial board

In other organizational news, Uwe Quedenbaum has been elected President and Chad Kanngiesser has been elected Vice-President of ASP.



Quedenbaum, elected to the board in January 2020 to represent region 6, located in the north west area of Alberta was elected as President of the board. He is serving his first year as president. "I am honored that my fellow board members have trusted me to lead the organization through these exciting times. I am especially looking forward to expanding our group services to our membership". Uwe farms near Barrhead with his wife, Nadine growing all crop types and keeping a small number of livestock- just to keep life interesting. Both Uwe & Nadine are actively involved in their community supporting agriculture research and education.

Chad Kanngiesser has been elected as Vice-President of the Association. Chad is serving his first year as vice-president and is the regional director from region 4 (Central region). Chad first joined the board of directors in 2022, and brings a wealth of experience to the board from his experience as a referee in minor hockey. "I am looking forward to joining the executive on the provincial board, as there are a few new things happening that will add value to our members". Chad farms with his wife, Heather, and family just west of Lacombe, and when he's not busy hauling or fixing, he's perfecting his skills as a 'smoker' chef extraordinaire.



In other organizational news, the board would like to welcome Ryan Kuefler as the director for region 3. Kuefler replaces Tom Coppock, who had held the position from 2017-2026.

Ryan Kuefler, farms alongside his 73-year-old father and older brother between Forestburg and Alliance.



Before returning home to farm full-time, Ryan spent 16 years working in the oilfield. That experience gave him a strong work ethic and an appreciation for teamwork and problem-solving, which he now brings back to the farm and to his involvement in the seed industry.

Kuefler has an amazing wife, Krysta, and two wonderful kids, Shyanne (13) and Kaydence (10). As a family, they enjoy camping and skiing, and the kids stay busy with school sports and a summer swim league. Krysta and Ryan are also active members of our local curling clubs.

Ryan has been involved with the Alliance Seed Board for nearly 10 years and currently sits on the board of the local ski club. Kuefler values community involvement and believes in supporting the organizations that help keep rural Alberta strong.

“I look forward to contributing my experience and perspective to the ASPA board and working with fellow directors to support Alberta’s seed processors”.

Here is the list of provincial board members:

Todd McCann	Past President, Region 1
Doug Sell	Region 2
Ryan Kuefler	Region 3
Chad Kanngiesser	Vice President, Region 4
Louis Dechaine	Region 5
Uwe Quedenbaum	President, Region 6
Mike Head	Region 7
Tom Luethi	Managers Assoc. Rep.
Greg Andrews	Managers Assoc. Rep.
Monica Klaas	General Manager
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