



**COLORADO
HEMP INDUSTRIES
ASSOCIATION**

2020 COHIA Voter Guide

This guide includes biographies of each candidate & their top three priorities. Thank you for your membership in COHIA & taking the time to vote.



Andrew Bish

Andrew is the COO of Bish Enterprises and the founder of Hemp Harvest Works. Since 2015, he has been focusing on identifying and resolving the many issues currently facing hemp harvesting and processing. His goal is to provide equipment that helps standardize hemp farming practices while allowing growers to increase their scale of operation and decrease costs.

Andrew's relationship with Hemp began in 2015 where Andrew participated harvesting 180 acres of hemp for grain & fiber purposes near Fort Morgan, CO with the SuperCrop® header. Andrew is affiliated with the Hemp Industries Association, the Canadian Hemp Trade Alliance, the US Custom Harvesters Association, the 21st Century Agricultural Opportunities Coalition, the U.S. Hemp Authority Technical Committee, the Hemp Industries Daily, the US Hemp Conference & Expo, WAFBA (NOCO), and others.

Top 3 Priorities

Engage seed breeders and seed suppliers to start a dialogue regarding the standardization of plants. By creating standardized plant sizing for CBD, Grain, & Fiber varieties will improve the industry's ability to scale while reducing time and expense related to harvesting and processing as a result of the inability to create standardized practices.

Assist in the growth of the Colorado hemp industry by working with neighboring states to bring awareness to current Colorado growers, processors, suppliers, and other related hemp business'.

Engage regulatory leaders in Colorado and surrounding states in the discussion of consistent state regulations regarding the growing, handling, processing, and testing of hemp. By working to have consistency in terms of state regulation, the opportunity for increased economic activity as a result of interstate commerce is improved for both Colorado and the surrounding states.



JD Garrick

I am the owner of 3 Colorado Limited Liability Companies that work directly with Hemp businesses all around the United States and Internationally. My company Illuminated Extractors manufactures certified extraction equipment involving the extraction, distillation and isolation of cannabinoids, terpenes and other oils. We do facility design and extraction consulting across a very broad spectrum of products.

I also am the Chief Executive Officer of Mountain Grown Consulting where we advise clients on all aspects of hemp production.

Thirdly, I own a hemp processing license and facility to extract oils from industrial hemp. We wholesale many different products including crude oil, distillate, non-detect distillate, isolates, terpenes and more. We utilize our own oils to manufacture several products including a full spectrum hemp oil lotion under the name Illuminated Apothecaries.

Top Three Priorities

1. Look to ways to expand the membership of the COHIA and make sure that the farmer's, manufacturer's and processors are being represented fairly and in their best interest.
2. Work closely with the Colorado State Legislature to make sure the decisions being made are in the best interest for Hemp Companies and Coloradoan's to create a long-lasting, sustainable Hemp industry.
3. Work to protect the already established brands and companies; as well as pave the way for economic growth in the industry. Make sure the laws being enacted are in the best interest of the Hemp industry and the customers who support them.



Margaret MacKenzie

Co-Founder, *Salt Creek Hemp*

Co-Founder, *Eleven Acres*

Margaret is a bold pioneer in the hemp industry. She convinced her mother to plant hemp on their family ranch in 2015, Colorado's second legal harvest. As one of the first growers on the Western Slope of Colorado, her experience and knowledge of the hemp plant is exceptional. She uses regenerative farming practices to grow potent, pure hemp that is used in her two retail lines, Eleven Acres and Salt Creek Hemp. Margaret is immersed in educating and elevating the hemp industry, including educational speaking across the US and Caribbean, fundraising for the Hemp Feed Coalition, sitting on the board of the Colorado Hemp Industries Association since the chapter formed, and consulting new hemp growers on best practices. Her greatest passion is helping small, independent farmers become hemp growers, empowering the farm economy while also creating all natural beneficial hemp products.

Top Three Priorities

- 1 - Education
- 2 - Promote good growing practices, regenerative farming
- 3 - Promote good manufacturing practices, consumer safety



Bethleen McCall

McCall is a fifth-generation ag producer from the Northeastern Plains of Colorado. She currently serves as the President of the Colorado Hemp Industries Association. Her farm, Hemp Farm Colorado was on the ground floor of Colorado's hemp industry & is one of the original hundred registered & legal industrial hemp producers in the nation, growing since 2014. They specialize in year-round greenhouse production of high CBD feminized seed & trimmed flower. The farm also has grown hemp under center pivot for biomass, traditional seed as well as grain and fiber. Prior to farming full time, she worked in government & natural resource conservation. She also serves her community on various boards including Yuma City Council, Yuma County Economic Development Corporation & Water Authority and the Colorado Agriculture Preservation Association.

Top Three Priorities

Provide a voice for actual hemp farmers, large & small. It is critical that as more policies are developed on the state & national level that real farmers provide input because what sounds good on paper & what works in the field are often different.

Continue to build on the work that's been done at the legislature & with the state departments to better serve the entire hemp industry of Colorado & work to bolster partnerships with other ag groups as the newest member of Colorado's Ag Council.

Work to make COHIA more responsive to our memberships needs by hosting regional educational & networking events to provide the industry with accurate & helpful information to propel all of our businesses forward.



Pamela Orth

Masters Organizational Development.

12 years Managing Health Clubs

10 years Managing Surgical Centers.

Partner Restorative Botanicals, 3.5 years actively working as Director of Business Development.

1 year COO WholeMade Bath And Body Care, active Partner.

Advisory Board Breckenridge Grand Vacations and Summit County Department of Tourism.

Member COHIA

Member NHIA

Member Colorado Woman's Chamber

Past treasurer Colorado Wolf Dog Society.

I believe Hemp is the way to economic prosperity for Colorado, the United States and beyond. This crop has not simply been overlooked, it has been purposely repressed and "Verboten".

Top Three Priorities

As a COHIA Board Member, I will continue to support, refine and enforce Colorado and National Industry Standards. Colorado has been and shall remain, National Leaders within the Hemp Industry.

As a Board Member, I will work to create inclusive outreach programs. Ensuring factual, timely information and education is available to all. Helping to eliminate the negative stigma around the beautiful hemp plant and promote economic opportunities.

As a Board Member I will continuously work to build connections, with an emphasis on economic development and movement of seed, crops and finished products. This will create opportunities for the grower to maintain their land and build economic security. Potential retailers will be ensured they have quality, reliable products that are 3rd party tested and the end consumers (our pets, ourselves and our parents), have effective, clean, Colorado and USA grown and manufactured products.



Cindy Sovine

Cindy has over 22 years of government relations experience working on local, state and federal issues. She is very effective at helping highly regulated industries achieve their goals and successfully navigate ever-changing legislative, regulatory and political environments. She is a Colorado native who grew up farming and ranching in eastern Colorado. After spending much of her career working for the pharmaceutical industry and seeing firsthand how cannabis alleviated his suffering and provided a quality of life that traditional treatments could not provide, Cindy now works in hemp, marijuana, and psychedelic policy and speaks all over the country helping states create sound policies. In addition to passing numerous cannabis industry and social justice bills, Cindy was the Lead Political Strategist on the Decriminalize Denver Campaign, the nation's first successful campaign to Decriminalize Psilocybin (aka Magic Mushrooms). She also successfully led the statewide effort to amend the Constitution in 2018 (Amendment X) to ensure Colorado's hemp laws remain competitive nationwide.

Top three priorities

1. My main goal for serving on the Board include working to bring members of the industry together in a collaborative way to help create solid policy foundations that can be pillars that we can build off of not only for our state but also the rest of the country.
2. My second goal for COHIA is to keep the industry as we know it moving forward. I am uniquely qualified to help lead the industry through the next phase with the FDA and ensuring that is not regulated like marijuana.
3. It is my goal to help unite the community around the potential of what can be done in 2020 both at the state and Federal level. We have a unique opportunity to adjust the statutes to create a new paradigm for how hemp is regulated by the FDA. This will require a united industry and that is my specialty.