

# BOARD STORIES

## WHY I SERVE . . .

*By Scott Timm, Oneota Co-op Board of Directors*

Hey there! My name is Scott Timm, and I have one more year left on my second three-year term on the OCC Board of Directors. I currently serve as president of the board.



### What prompted you to serve the OCC Board?

Maren Beard (of Luna Valley Farm) cornered me and talked to me about it; she's good at that sort of thing! My family had recently moved to Decorah and it seemed like a good way to connect and serve right away as new community members. And, two of my children work at the Co-op – Grant (studying engineering at Iowa State University) and Corina (a junior at Decorah High School), so we're pretty invested as a family.

### Could you describe the myriad of talents welcomed on the OCC Board?

Our board is diverse in our backgrounds, occupations and experiences. I think the current group brings really interesting and varied perspectives to consider. I find the discussions engaging, the mission inspiring and the board work really thoughtful and important. This board really takes their roles seriously, asks important questions and provides good feedback and discussion to our GM. When the hard topics pop up, I'm always impressed with the group deliberation and consensus. I'm really impressed with everyone, and grateful to work with them. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time serving on the board. I encourage all Co-op member/owners to consider running for a board position.

### What do you enjoy doing in your free time/work time?

In my work life, I serve as a community development specialist for Iowa State University. In our free time, my family takes annual adventures to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA). There is nothing we love more than exploring, fishing, swimming, painting and unplugging in the wilderness as a family. In fact, Grant and I took on an endurance challenge this past summer called the Kruger Waddell Challenge. Grant is the youngest (known) to complete it, and we hold the fastest father/son time. We paddled 265 miles in eight days, had an absolute blast and are wondering what's next!



### Just for fun: What are five 'desert island' food items you wouldn't want to live without from your Co-op?

If I had to pick five "desert island" Oneota Co-op items – it would be Veganaise, coffee (Supernova or nothin!), chocolate covered pretzels, the Turkey Blueberry Brie Co-op Deli sandwich and Jefferson County Cider (cherry).

## IS IT YOUR TIME TO SERVE?

The Co-op welcomes all interested member/owners to confirm candidacy in our next board election cycle.

There will be two open seats on the 2023 election ballot.

[Applications](#) are due Monday, Jan. 2, 2023. Learn more by [clicking here](#).

## COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLE NUMBER TWO

Democratic Owner Control. Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their owners, who actively participate in setting their policies and making decisions. Men and women serving as elected representatives are accountable to the ownership. Owners have equal voting rights - one owner, one vote.