



CAVE Board Members Needed!

Dear CAVE Members:

Three positions on the CAVE board will open up in January 2026; each is for a 3-year term to fill the outgoing CAVE Board of Directors whose terms expire.

CAVE needs nominations to fill these three volunteer positions. Potential Board members must be current CAVE members.

The CAVE Board meets every month via Zoom. Board meetings typically last approximately two hours and generally occur early morning or afternoons on weekdays.

Board members serve for three years and will be asked to serve on subcommittees for specific purposes, e.g. Education Committee, Finance Committee, Personnel Committee, Winefest events, etc. If you have questions, please contact Cassidee Shull, CAVE Executive Director at 970-464-0111 or cshull@coloradowinefest.com.

Ballots will be emailed out in late November and voted upon by CAVE members.

If you or someone you know would like to be nominated, please fill out the attached Nomination Form. Include a brief bio (3-4 sentences) on what the membership should know about the nominee and return the form no later than November 14, 2025 to Cassidee Shull at the CAVE office, cshull@coloradowinefest.com.

Cheers!

Cassidee Shull
Executive Director
CAVE

Current CAVE Board Members

Term Ending 2025 ▪ Jenne Baldwin-Eaton ▪ James Blanchard ▪ Kevin Webber
Term Ending 2026 ▪ Nicholas Games ▪ Sarah McCall ▪ Charles Talbott
Term Ending 2027 ▪ Christopher Allison ▪ Lee LaNoue ▪ Meril Wallace



Board of Directors Nomination Form

Three (3) positions will be open for election to the Colorado Association for Viticulture & Enology (CAVE) Board of Directors; each position is for a three-year term.

Nominations can only be made by current CAVE members. You may nominate from one (1) to three (3) people and may nominate yourself. Please review the CAVE Board Member Responsibilities and Expectations Page and nominate someone you feel will be of benefit to CAVE.

Please return your nomination form by November 14, 2025, to:

Mail to: CAVE • P.O. Box 1556 • Palisade, CO 81526

or email to: cshull@coloradowinefest.com

Or fax to: (970) 464-0999

Or drop-off at: 124 West 3rd Street • Palisade, Colorado

I Nominate:

1. Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (Work/Home) _____ best # to reach at _____

Please provide a brief bio on what you would like CAVE members to know about this person

2. Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (Work/Home) _____ best # to reach at _____

Please provide a brief bio on what you would like CAVE members to know about this person

3. Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (Work/Home) _____ best # to reach at _____

Please provide a brief bio on what you would like CAVE members to know about this person

for a position on the CAVE Board of Directors.

By nominating the above person(s), I certify that I am a current member of CAVE.

Nominated by: _____

(must be filled-in to be valid)

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Board Member Responsibilities & Expectations

The reasonable expectations which CAVE has of its Board of Directors include the following items:

1. **Participation in CAVE Activities**

Regular attendance and active participation at CAVE board and committee meetings; attendance at annual programs and special events (including but not limited to Colorado Mountain Winefest, VinCO, educational seminars, Quarterly Meetups, etc.).

2. **Fundraising**

The CAVE Board of Directors have a clear responsibility to help the organization achieve its financial goals. Thus, board and committee membership necessitate participation – to the best of one's ability to assist the Executive Director in fundraising and membership recruitment and retention.

3. **Affirming CAVE's mission "to encourage and support enology and viticulture in Colorado"**

Through participation in civic and communal work, and activities in general communal affairs, the CAVE board helps exemplify the organization's basic commitment.

4. **Helping to Increase Attendance at Programs and Events**

Our board and committee members are our strength. This involves personal participation in solicitation and program and event attendance.

5. **Recruiting Committee Members with Leadership Potential**

The most valuable resource of CAVE is the quality of its leaders; the identification and cultivation of future board members is a key leadership responsibility. Board members should actively recruit potential donors and leaders in the organization.

6. **Networking**

Quite often a well-placed CAVE board member can provide an indispensable network for staff or other volunteer leaders in furthering the organization's goals. The CAVE board of directors should seek out opportunities to help spread our ideas and advance our missions and objectives.