

# 2024 Director Candidates Incumbents

## Rob Englott



I have had a love for the mountains since my first stone sheep hunting trip some 20 years ago with a great and long-time friend! That same friend just happens to be the person that took me to my first WSSBC convention in Kelowna.

I really enjoyed shooting the breeze with other like-minded people and perhaps sipping a few adult beverages throughout the night. I met some amazing people that first year and could not wait to back the following year! Over the next couple of years, us crazy Northern guys would drive down through blizzards, black ice and closed roads to attend the shows... It was during one of these shows I met "Ice and 6.5" IYKYK 💎💎

In 2013 things really came together and we formulated a plan to start the northern fundraiser in Dawson Creek. All monies raised would stay in the North and go towards Stone Sheep enhancement projects! I reached out to one of my best friends (who is now the past president, Korey) and we got the ball rolling and haven't looked back since. The Northern Fundraiser has sold out every year and raised a huge amount of money thus far... I am excited to see where it goes in years to come.

I was nominated for the BOD by my great friend, life member and supporter of WSSBC, Kenny T. I am excited to run for a BOD spot once again as I am fully invested in wildlife enhancement projects throughout BC! It amazes me what a small, dedicated group of like-minded people can achieve.

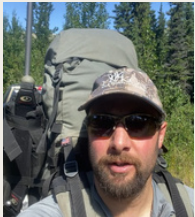
I was honored to win the Lex Ross award my first year of being fully involved with the WSSBC! Some prestigious names adorn that award, and I am beyond grateful to be one of the lucky ones!! I am life member #191 and currently a Silver Monarch with this great organization.

## Peter Gutsche



I was born and raised in the Lower Mainland with the good fortune to spend most Summers in the Chilcotin. My family and I moved to Penticton in 2015 to live life a little more slowly. I first got involved with WSSBC as more than just a paying member in late 2016, initially as a volunteer feeding captured bighorns for a Psoroptes project on Penticton Indian Band land. This quickly progressed into a Director's position, which I served since. I am currently the Chair of our Membership Committee while also sitting on our Projects, Communications, and Indigenous Relations Committees. I'll continue to serve in whatever role WSSBC needs me to be in, for as long as it takes. Wild Sheep Forever.

## Joe Humphries



I was born and raised on Vancouver island and have always had a passion for conservation, hunting and the outdoors. I have been a member of WSSBC since 2012 and a Life member since 2017, I am also a life member of the WSF and have been an active member of YWSF since 2018.

I was first elected to the WSSBC BOD in 2016 then in 2017 I was elected to Treasurer and a position I have held since. As someone passionate about Wild Sheep in BC and around the world I have seen the growth and steps forward WSSBC has taken in the past 10 years and am happy to have been a part of it and know that I will continue to be a part moving forward in any capacity that comes.

## Greg Nalleweg



My name is Greg Nalleweg. I'm a proud father of 2 amazing boys, an entrepreneur and an outdoor enthusiast. I am very excited to be planning my first exclusive stone sheep hunt this year and I have spent countless hours admiring the big horns in and around the Fraser River. I am a Monarch Gold member and have been a WSSBC board member for 2 years now. I have thoroughly enjoyed this time and am working hard for the membership to find new avenues of fundraising including new merchandise, the Whiskey and Cigar Night at the Salute To Conservation, our annual golf tournament and the solicitation of high value donations for our events and auctions. I look forward to continuing to work hard for WSSBC and it's membership if given the opportunity. Thank you for your time and consideration.

## Mike Southin



My journey began 30+ years ago as a young sheep guide in the Yukon. My passion for the mountain lifestyle is as strong now as it was then. My thirst for the mountains, the animals and the shared camaraderie being second only to the love of my family. I've spent the last 3 decades chasing these mountain dwellers, whenever I could break free of my other obligations and sometimes when I shouldn't have. My time on the WSSBC board has shaped a lot of who I am today. In those 27+ years as a director, VP, President and now VP again, I am proud to have been a part of shaping this organization's path and ultimately our successes. Presently WSSBC's growth is unprecedented, we have a very strong board and an even greater membership. With all members seeming to want to take "ownership" and proud to be a part of who we are. That being the preeminent conservation organization in BC.

If elected to the board again this year, I will take an even greater role in growing our "Mtn Hunter Expo" as well as the S2C over the next 2 years. With the goal of growing it into the GO TO "Hunter Conservation" event in Canada. I would be proud to take on this my last term and put my many years of experience to assisting our new president and board. My ultimate goal being able to share many more years afield hunting these magnificent creatures with my son, friends and future generations of sheep hunters.

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## Joe Eppele



Spending well over 1/3 of his year in the field, Joe is an experienced outdoorsman with a proven track record for success. Growing up in a mountain logging town in the coastal region of B.C., Joe was raised hunting, fishing, and foraging in some of the wildest landscapes in North America.

Driven by the experience of the pursuit, Joe focuses on remote backcountry hunts and excels at overcoming challenging situations and unfavourable odds. With an accomplished history in professional athletics, Joe understands the hard work and dedication that are required to pursue a lifelong passion for big game hunting in the most remote and rugged terrain available.

When he's not in the wilderness, Joe is committed to safeguarding it. His support for conservation initiatives highlights his focus on driving impactful transformations, and establishing a landscape that is more sustainable for both present and future generations. As a new father, Joe and wife Kristen place a large emphasis on raising their son outdoors and live a lifestyle centred around the hunting, fishing, and foraging traditions.

## Justin Kallusky



My name is Justin Kallusky and I would like to apply for a position on the board of directors with the Wild Sheep Society. I am 43 years old and live in Cranbrook, British Columbia where I work as a power line technician for BC Hydro. From a very young age I have always been inexplicably drawn to the outdoors. My fondest memories as a child were spent with my Dad roaming the mountains hunting, fishing and camping. Throughout my life as I have evolved as an individual so has the depth and appreciation I garner towards the outdoors. Several years ago I began to feel a strong urge to want to contribute something back to the activity which not only provided me with opportunities to grow and evolve but literally became part of who I was. Despite this pull to want to contribute I had no idea what that looked like.

As is often the case in life when we truly want something bad enough life figures out a way to provide it. It wasn't until I was fortunate enough to harvest the new world record mountain goat that conservation and the different organizations who work so tirelessly to conserve our heritage began showing up on my radar. Instantly I was connected to a group of people who not only shared my passion of the outdoors but who were actively taking part in the process of conserving our heritage. Yes taking a trophy such as the goat I harvested provided me with feelings of gratitude, a sense of accomplishment and joy but I can honestly say of equal importance is the connections and new sense of purpose it has brought to my life.

Sheep hunting truly is my passion. (Don't tell the RMGA!) If I were only allowed to hunt one species the decision would be an easy one for me. The country which they inhabit and how they manage to thrive there never ceases to amaze me. I believe everyone should they so choose have the opportunity to visit these places in search of wild sheep. During my time as a hunter I have unfortunately seen this opportunity being diminished. By joining you I hope to leave behind a legacy which ensures the opportunity to chase wild sheep for generations to come and if possible give something back to the species and sport which has given me more than words can express. Thank you for considering me for this position.

## Lee Irvine



Lee Irvine resides in rural Fort St. John with his wife and two children, where his lifelong passion for hunting was ignited at a young age. Since 1998, he has ventured into the mountains in pursuit of stone sheep, harvesting two mature rams over a span of 25 years, a testament to his deep respect for the animals. His passion for stone sheep drove him to the stone sheep shows in Dawson Creek which has allowed him to purchase hunts in South Africa (2019) and Spain (2025).

In 2001, Lee pursued a Bachelor of Commerce with a double major in Finance and General Business from the University of Northern British Columbia. During his academic journey, he secured an auxiliary position with the BC Wildfire Service on the Fort St. John Unit Crew, funding his education while gaining invaluable field experience.

Upon graduating, Lee continued wildland firefighting, rising to the role of squad boss with the Fort St. John Rhinos from 2006 to 2014. Throughout his academic and professional endeavours, Lee honed his interpersonal skills, adeptly managing group projects, meeting deadlines, and delivering presentations with confidence to audiences large and small.

His tenure with the BC Wildfire Service was marked by achievements, including completing leadership training and earning certification as a Felling Supervisor. In 2015, driven by an entrepreneurial spirit, Lee co-founded Northern Rockies Tree Service, specializing in danger tree assessment and falling, serving both his community and the BC Wildfire Service.

As a business owner, Lee enjoys a flexible schedule, allowing him to actively participate in trade shows and other society-related duties. His diverse skill set, including wildfire management, chainsaw expertise, and leadership acumen, positions him as a valuable asset to the Wild Sheep Society.

Lee's track record of successfully completing proposals and his commitment to punctuality and organization make him an ideal candidate to represent the society's interests. His dedication to conservation and his community ensures he will continue to contribute positively to the mission of the Wild Sheep Society.

## James Mitton



I am from Port Moody

I grew up in northern Manitoba, I have always loved the outdoors and spent my early years camping and fishing, I came to BC in 2002 to climb mountains and explore all that BC has to offer. I met my wife in 2020 and we were married a year later, she introduced me to the Wild Sheep Society of BC, I became a life member and joined her as a volunteer for the Jurassic Classic. I immediately saw the incredible work that WSSBC was doing and the generosity and commitment of its members. In the past few years I have had the pleasure of working beside the dedicated board of directors at various events and I am excited to continue working with WSSBC in whatever capacity I am able.