

**IT'S TIME . . .  
CAST YOUR VOTE**



## **2017 NATIONAL IHC CLUB ELECTION**

Dear IHC Member,

Enclosed you will find a ballot to vote for your National IHC Club Directors and a biography of the four gentlemen that are running for the three vacancies. We know in the past that most of the members have not participated in the elections. Please read these biographies. If you are not sure about the people that are running, please check with your chapter president. I'm sure he will guide you in the right direction.

Your ballots must be postmarked by November 22, 2017 and your name and return address must be on your ballot for it to be counted. **THIS IS YOUR CLUB SO PLEASE VOTE!**

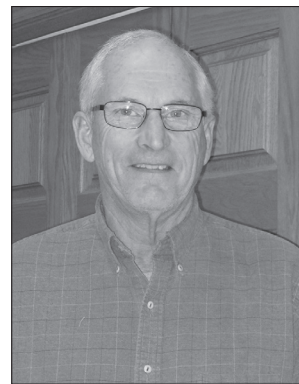
Thank you,  
The Election Committee

## **BIOGRAPHIES (LISTED ALPHABETICALLY)**

### **JIM BREWERS - WISCONSIN**

Fellow members of the IHCC,

For the past 3 years my wife Christy and I have lived in Star Prairie, WI, 30 minutes from the Minnesota Twin Cities. We have five grown children and nine grandchildren. We both grew up in southwest Minnesota, where we lived our entire lives until my retirement as an electrical instructor and an electrical contractor. We were both raised on farms that used mostly all IH equipment, which made it very easy to choose which brand to start collecting. My dad owned a "B" Farmall, along with other Farmalls that I started driving at an early age. The first tractor that I started my collection with had to be a "B", which was owned by Christy's dad. "Buy the tractor and get the wife with it", or was it the other way around. (Can't quite remember)



I have been a member of South Dakota Chapter 21 since 1996, having joined shortly before the 1997 RPRU in Madison, SD. I served on the Board of Directors for 6 years; having served as Vice President for two years and President for three years. I am also a member of Minnesota Chapter 15 and Wisconsin Chapter 4. I have been on the National Board for the past three years.

We as a board have begun revising the guidelines and procedures for RPRU's. I would like to be re-elected so that I may be able to see this process completed. We also have created a new Vendor Committee, of which I serve as the National Director liaison. I feel this is an important committee which is in its initial stages. A large portion of our RPRU consists of vendors and it is important that we continue to build a positive relationship.

The first three years of serving on our National Director's Board have certainly been a learning experience for me. It takes a couple of years just to learn the ropes before you can really start adding any valuable input. If re-elected, I would continue to serve our organization by helping our National IH Collectors Club maintain its reputation as a strong organization dedicated to preserving our wonderful IH heritage. Your vote would be greatly appreciated.

### **DOUGLAS ETZKORN - OHIO**

Hello Fellow IH Enthusiasts. My name is Douglas Etzkorn. I am 60 years old and have been married to my wife Connie for 33 years. We live in Wapakoneta, Ohio. Farming has been my life putting out wheat, corn and soybeans on the home place and working at Apple Farm Service (Case/New Holland dealership) for 31 years doing set up and truck driving. I have been in many tractor clubs including organizing and first president of my local club Buckeye Farm Antiques. I also helped start the Ohio Chapter 6 International Harvester Club holding office as well celebrating 25 years with that group. I have been Vice President President and Director of the Tri State Gas Engine and Tractor Club of Portland, Indiana. Most of the national events I attend for the IH collectors and was Co-Chairmen of Ohio's Red Power Round Up in 2013. I have a vast knowledge of the inner workings of the tractor clubs and problems they may encounter and will work hard to serve you as a national director and will be fair to all. I thank you for your vote in advance.





## **SHERMAN ROBERTS – ALABAMA**

Hello. I am Sherman Roberts from Jasper, AL. The things that are important to me are my Faith, my Family, my Friends, and my Farmalls. My wife, daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren are all members of International Harvester Collectors. I retired from working as an educator after 40 years as a math and science teacher. One of the best feelings is when a former student tells me that they enjoyed my class. I also worked the last 25 years in school administration.

I joined International Harvester Collectors in 1990 as a charter member (#711). In 1997, I helped organize Alabama Chapter 23 starting with just 10 members. I served as the first President for Chapter 23 and during that time the chapter grew to over 200 members. I have also served as a chapter director.

I enjoy collecting anything made by or about the International Harvester Company. I truly enjoy restoring International tractors. The industrial IH tractors have become a favorite. My first tractor was a 1937 F-12 on steel back wheels. After rebuilding the engine by myself, it cranked and ran after being pulled only about 30 feet.

I drove this F-12 in the Jasper, AL Veteran's Day Parade for the first time in November of 1992. I have been blessed to have driven this tractor for 25 years straight in Jasper's annual parade dedicated to the Veterans who served our great United States of America.

I would be honored to serve the members of the International Harvester Collectors Club as a national director. Thank you.



## **GARY SPINA - IOWA**

I have been a member of Iowa Chapter 5 and the National since 2000. I have served two, three-year terms as Director of the Iowa Chapter. I was Secretary of the Iowa Chapter for 4½ years. I have been a National Director since 2015 and have served 2½ years as National Secretary.

I am married; my wife's name is Linda. We have four grown children and 11 grandchildren. I grew up on a small farm near Cedar Rapids, Iowa, farming with a Farmall M, Farmall H and a Cub tractors and mainly IH equipment. I married into an IH family. They owned at that time a Farmall M, 560D, 340, two 806D and other IH equipment.

I collect the IH Cub Cadets, Cub Cadet Attachments, IH toys, IH memorabilia and literature. My main focus now is collecting Cub Cadet attachments.

I assisted with hosting the 2012 National Winter Convention in Coralville Iowa, the 2009 Winter Convention in Waterloo Iowa, and the summer RPRU's in 2001 and 2004 in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. I was chairman of the IH Chapter 5/FFA Restoration Program committee that provided grants up to \$1,000 to FFA winners in 6 FFA districts, to encourage restoration of International Harvester tractors, IH equipment, Cub Cadets, stationary engines etc.

I am retired from an electronics manufacture of guidance, communication and entertainment equipment for aerospace, commercial airplanes, small planes and military applications. Being a member and Director of Iowa Chapter 5 and a National Director has allowed me to meet a lot of great people with a vast knowledge of IH and expand my knowledge of IH and IH equipment and have a lot of fun.

It is a great honor to represent this great organization and I would be please if you would re-elect me to serve another term on the National Board. Thank you.

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Instructions: To mail your ballot, fold in on the two dashed lines, folding the bottom flap up first. Put a piece of tape on the bottom to secure. You must place your name and return address where indicated for your ballot to be counted. Once received, the ballot portion will be separated from your name and address.

**Must be postmarked by November 22, 2017.**



## **2017 International Harvester Collectors ELECTION BALLOT**

There are 3 Director's positions to be elected.  
Please vote for 1, 2, or 3 of the following candidates:

- Jim Brewers – Wisconsin
- Douglas Etzkorn - Ohio
- Sherman Roberts - Alabama
- Gary Spina - Iowa

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