

# United Suffolk Sheep Association

## 2017 Director Election Bio - District 2



### **Candidate: Tom Burke, Platte City, Missouri**

I would like to introduce myself; my name is Tom Burke; as a Candidate for the Board of Directors of the United Suffolk Sheep Association. Residing on a farm near Platte City, Missouri it has been my privilege and pleasure to have been a Suffolk breeder for the past 37 years.

One of the highlights of my life was being inducted into the United Suffolk Sheep Association “Hall of Fame” at the 2014, 41<sup>st</sup> Annual North American International Livestock Show on November 17, 2014.

In 1988 I was elected to the National Board of the National Suffolk Association and reelected in 1990 and 1993. I had the privilege and pleasure of serving as President of the National Suffolk Association from 1994 through 1996. From 1994 through 1996 I served as Vice President of the Missouri Suffolk Breeder’s Association and from 2003 to 2007 served as the Secretary/Treasure.

In 2002 I was selected to judge the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual North American International Suffolk Show in Louisville, Kentucky. In 2005 I was elected to the Board of Directors of the United Suffolk Sheep Association and served as President of the United Suffolk Sheep Association in 2009. For the past 27 years I have served as an announcer for the National Junior Suffolk Show. For the past 32 years I have exhibited Suffolk’s at many shows.

I have exhibited numerous Louisville champions and first prize winners and have been the premiere exhibitor at the North American International Livestock Show in Louisville at the National Suffolk Show for 4 consecutive years. In 2017 I will be exhibiting Suffolk at the Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas State Fairs. My registered Suffolk flock continues to grow and prosper.

On Sunday evening, November 12, 2017 I will have the honor of being inducted into the Saddle & Sirloin Portrait Gallery in Louisville, Kentucky. I will become the first Suffolk breeder since the exception of the Saddle & Sirloin Portrait Gallery in 1903, 114 years ago to receive this honor.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the United Suffolk Sheep Association I will work for all members to continue building a fair and strong organization. I will aggressively be untiring in my devotion to keeping the Suffolk registry pure from the invasion of outside forces, and sincerely ASK for your vote and support in my candidacy as a Director for the United Suffolk Sheep Association. As a Director of the United Sheep Suffolk Association, if you are in need of help or have a problem, you won’t have to find me, I will find you.—THANKS!

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