

2011 NARO Rockies Slate of Board of Directors

Sitting Board/Running for Re-Election

Barbara Jefferies, Durango, CO

Barbara Jefferies is from the La Plata County in southwestern Colorado. She and her husband have a small ranch on the Florida Mesa between Durango and Bayfield. The Jefferies are mineral owners owning a portion of the minerals on their ranch, and on lands they no longer own. They own a parcel that has not been leased, as well as lands where they are surface owners only. They do participate in two "Working Interest" wells.

The Jefferies have found that it is necessary for surface and royalty owners to be pro-active when dealing with the mineral companies. They are active members of the La Plata County Energy Council.

Barbara has been associated with NARO Rockies since its inception. She is presently a Director for NARO Rockies. The NARO Rockies Organization has proven to be beneficial to those who take advantage of the services it offers. Barbara has been instrumental in organizing educational meetings in La Plata County for surface and royalty owners. She attends NARO Board of Director's meetings throughout the State and has been instrumental in forming alliances with the Colorado Cattlemen's Association.

Mrs. Jefferies is active in many facets of the community and state. She is presently serving as president of the La Plata-Archuleta Cattlemen's Association. She is a member of several committees for the State Cattlemen's Association, has been a Director of the State Extension Advisory Council, and she serves on the local Extension Advisory Board. Barbara has just completed two years as "Working Group Member" for La Plata County, giving a rancher's view on the development of a Comprehensive Plan for La Plata County.

Ron Leef, Weston, CO

Ron has been involved in oil & gas since 1995 and a NARO member since 2002. His mineral, royalty and over-riding interests are mostly in the Raton Basin of Southern Colorado, a coal bed methane field located west of Trinidad Colorado. Ron believes that mineral owners are advantaged by having a foundation of mutual respect between themselves and their industry partners. As a NARO Director, Ron has attended numerous board meetings, worked the Colorado Cattlemen's Convention in Colorado Springs, attended each of the Colorado Conferences, and the National Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Ron believes that NARO provides a source of knowledge that is hard to come by from other sources. "Folks get a lot of bang for their buck as NARO members. NARO serves as the watch dog organization for royalty owners".

Michelle Smith, Elbert, CO

With over 30 years of professional experience in the oil and gas business, Ms. Smith has been with The Quiat Companies since 1992 focusing on acquisitions, divestitures, and coordinating successful drilling joint ventures. As Land Manager, she is instrumental in managing the nationwide assets of our fourteen oil and gas limited liability companies.

Ms. Smith's professional experience includes Davis Oil Company (Denver, Colorado) and Anderman Oil Company (also in Denver) as well as acting as an Independent Land Negotiator. She is a member of the Denver Association of Petroleum Landman (DAPL), a board member of the National Association Royalties Owners (NARO) Rockies chapter and a graduate of Cypress College (California).

An active rancher and mineral owner in her own right, Ms. Smith opens her handicap-accessible farm to school and tour groups.

Cristy Hayward Koeneke, Arvada, CO

Cristy has a BA, MA University of Northern Colorado, MA University of Phoenix.

Cristy came to NARO after a successful career in secondary education. Upon retiring, she and her husband Bob, began attending NARO events. The Koeneke's were receiving royalty interests from family minerals in Western Garfield County, Colorado, however, it was 'mailbox' money. As a result of dealing with a forced pooling action, water injection wells, overly aggressive deductions, and with pressure to lease on property where Project Rulison (an underground nuclear detonation 3x the size of Hiroshima) was detonated, they turned to NARO. Since joining and becoming active members, they have attended 4 National Conferences, helped to initiate the Colorado Conferences, have manned the NARO trade booth at numerous functions, set up meetings throughout the state, and appear at the State Capitol whenever necessary to support NARO actions. Cristy has been privileged to serve on the Board of Directors as Vice President, and, she has enjoyed the opportunity to travel Colorado, working to educate & empower fellow mineral owners. Two NARO member sons, Reed and Ryan, are Environmental Health and Radiological Science majors at CSU representing the next generation of NARO. The family also has minerals in a multi county area of the Niobrara, and they have been working hard to bring NARO to families in eastern Colorado, while continuing to support folks on the West Slope. Cristy strongly believes in the development of our domestic energy resources and has worked tirelessly to expand NARO's influence. NARO's political advocacy, professional contacts, and membership network is invaluable to private mineral and royalty owners.

Debra Anderson, Elizabeth, CO

Debra is the operations manager for her family LLC, owning minerals in Garfield County. She was raised on a small ranch on Holmes Mesa between Rifle and Grand Valley. Debra was co-owner of a hunting/fishing resort in Marble, CO and manager of ski resorts in Aspen, CO. She was owner of a real-estate company and worked with ranchers, farmers and development properties. After her marriage to her husband, Kevin, a civil engineer and construction manager of large infrastructure water projects, she traveled with him around the world, living in Cairo, Egypt for five years and 20 years of living from the East Coast to the West Coast of the United States. While their son, Isaac, was in school, Debra volunteered in fund-raising projects to purchase books and school supplies, served on the parent/teacher board of her son's high school for four years. In her spare time she worked as an administrative assistant for executives and attorneys.

Debra joined NARO in 2007 and has attended national conferences in Albuquerque, Little Rock and Pittsburg. She became a member of the Rockies Board in 2008 and is now serving as secretary/treasurer of the board. The opening sentence of the NARO mission statement has strongly guided her efforts in working with the board and serving the members of the organization. Debra helped organize the first two Colorado Conferences and is actively working on the 2011 conference in Carbondale. She has worked tirelessly to help set up and attend informational meetings across the state as well as working the booth at the Cattleman's Association Conferences, Colorado Farm Show, Rio Blanco Fair and others. Debra believes that building alliances with community, government and industry to produce and use the oil and natural gas we own in Colorado to help our nation become energy independent is our legacy to our children and their children. Protecting our rights as mineral owners is paramount in maintaining the right we have as private property owners.

Penni Compton, Hesperus, CO

1964 – B.A. Psychology - Westmont College, Santa Barbara, California

1969 – M.S. Counseling Psychology – University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska

1975-79 – Psychology Instructor – LeTourneau University, Longview, Texas

1979-83 – Co-owner and Operator, Science Camp of the Rockies

1985-2000 – Family Therapist and Director of Therapeutic Foster Care Programs

1980-present – Co-owner and Operator of Compton Cattle Company Mineral Issues
Involvement

1964-79 – Limited partner involvement in family mineral interests

1979-95 – Numerous meetings with oil/gas attorneys regarding mineral interests

1979-present – General partner and manager of family mineral interests

2009-present – Attended numerous COGCC hearings regarding rules re-write; Attended local meetings hosted by San Juan Energy Council; Attended local Gas and Oil Regulatory Team meetings; Attended field trip to Battlement Mesa to observe development of natural gas in close association with residential areas.

*Dates are approximations

Irene Johnson, Loveland, CO

Irene Johnson was raised on a North Dakota wheat farm where the family had a large herd of Registered Black Angus cattle that they showed at state fairs and livestock expositions in seven states. Her Bachelor of Science degree was granted from Montana State University in Bozeman. She was employed as a manager of economic development by an investor-owned electric utility that served the Dakotas and Minnesota prior to moving to the Loveland/Windsor area over twenty years ago. After arriving in Colorado she became an investment advisor specializing in financial issues for seniors. She became a board member of a legislative alliance that represented business interests from Loveland, Ft. Collins and Greeley at the state legislature and served for fifteen years. She now manages a portfolio of family minerals located in the Williston Basin.

Irene first joined NARO twenty years ago, and has attended five national conferences. She presently serves on the NARO National Legislative Council and recently returned from Washington, D.C. where council members contacted congressmen on both sides of the aisle to discuss our concern regarding the loss of the depletion allowance and intangible drilling costs as fixes for the federal budget deficit.

Running for 2011 Board

Keith Crichton, Centennial, CO

Keith Crichton has 30 years experience in corporate tax consulting, corporate tax management and public accounting dealing with both federal taxes and the taxes of all 50 states. He currently has his own CPA firm specializing in Sales and Use Tax Consulting for small to mid-sized businesses and other CPA firms.

Keith's wife and sister-in-law own a number of royalty interests in northeastern Colorado, principally Yuma County, and in North Dakota, for which Keith is actively involved in the management.

He holds a Master of Taxation degree from the University of Denver, an MBA from the University of Colorado and a B.S. in Accountancy from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a Member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Colorado Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Financial Executives Networking Group, as well as NARO. He is also a past member of the Board of Directors for the Heritage Village Homeowners Association.

Sara Dodero – Silt, CO

Sara was born and raised in the valley from Basalt to Rifle. She grew up farming with her family and attended 10 years of 4-H. She started in banking in 1989 and into finance in 2000. In 2006, she and her business partner started their own financial consulting business in Glenwood Springs. She is an independent financial consultant who offers her clients wealth management services and retirement planning. Sara's children are fifth generation in the valley- her son, Marc (19) and daughter, Sabrina (17) so she is almost an empty nester! Dominic, her husband ranches with his parents, Lou & Carol Dodo who have a small cow/calf operation. He raises and sells hay so Sara helps with irrigating and all the other many duties of running a Western Colorado ranch. She has been a member of the Colorado Cattlewomen and Cattlemen for years and served on the Cattlewomen State Board and is currently president of the Holy Cross Cattlewomen. She loves to spend time with her family and friends and likes to travel whether on a plane or her motorcycle. Sara loves Western Colorado and of all the places she has seen she is convinced it is the best place to live and play. Sara is a strong defender of personal property rights, the 2nd Amendment, and energy independence for our country.