

Board Highlights: April 6 and April 13, 2021

2021/2022 Ontario Pork Board Elections

At the first meeting after the annual general meeting, the Board held elections for all Board positions for 2021/2022. The election results are as follows:

John de Bruyn, Board Chair

Arno Schober, Board Vice-Chair

Advisory Groups:

Risk Management: Doug Ahrens, Maaïke Campbell (Chair)

Sustainability: Bruce Hudson, Mike Mitchell (Chair)

Program Development: Chris Cossitt (Chair), Eric Schwindt, Tara Terpstra

Board Committees:

Audit Committee: Doug Ahrens, Mike Mitchell (Chair), Eric Schwindt

Resolutions Committee: Mike Mitchell (Chair), Bruce Hudson

Research Committee: Maaïke Campbell, Chris Cossitt, Tara Terpstra (Chair)

Chairs of the advisory groups and committees will be contacting previous members and producers who expressed their interest in serving on the committees to confirm members for the 2021/2022 term.

Ontario Pork's Annual General Meeting

Due to the continuing COVID pandemic, the Ontario Pork annual general meeting was held virtually on March 24, 2021. The virtual event was attended by over 70 delegates and almost 120 other participants, including presidents and secretaries of local producers' associations, producers at-large, industry representatives and staff. This year's AGM featured Minister Hardeman's address, updates from the Chair and the General Manager, the financial report, the auditors' report, the new Ontario Swine Research Centre update and the Canadian Pork Council report. The Board reviewed a summary of evaluations and participants' feedback which was largely positive. Most participants indicated that although in-person meetings were the preferred option, they appreciated the Ontario Pork virtual update.

2021 Policy Day

The Board of Directors decided to plan for a face-to-face Policy Day in September-October 2021. Once the date is determined, it will be circulated to all Ontario Pork delegates as well as presidents and secretaries of local pork producers' associations. The Board will confirm discussion topics at its next meeting. The resolution session will be incorporated in the agenda. If government restrictions on face-to-face meetings are not lifted by September 2021, the Policy Day will be postponed.