

Board Highlights: April 10-11, 2018

2018/2019 Ontario Pork Board Elections

According to the Ontario Pork By-Laws, elections were held for all Board positions for 2018-2019. The election results are as follows:

Eric Schwindt, Board Chair

John de Bruyn, Board Vice-Chair

Advisory Groups:

Risk Management: Doug Ahrens (Chair), Eric Hartemink

Sustainability: Arno Schober (Chair), Mike Mitchell

Program Development: Oliver Haan (Chair), Teresa Van Raay, Chris Cossitt

Board Committees:

Audit Committee: Doug Ahrens (Chair), Eric Hartemink, Teresa Van Raay

Resolutions Committee: Teresa Van Raay (Chair), Mike Mitchell

The Board also appointed representatives to the following organizations:

Ontario Agricultural Commodity Council: Doug Ahrens

Farm and Food Care – Ontario – Farm Animal Advisory Council: Eric Hartemink

Farm and Food Care – Ontario – AgCare Environment Advisory Council: Mike Mitchell

Livestock Research Innovation Corporation: Oliver Haan

2018-21 Business Plan

Senior management presented a draft business plan for 2018-21 for Board's consideration and comment. Board members discussed activities and projects that are planned to support strategic intents and provided suggestions. A fully developed business plan will be presented at the next Board meeting in May.

Updates from Advisory Groups

Ontario Pork submitted its hog production insurance proposal, developed by the Risk Management Advisory Group, to Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) in October 2017. Agricorp will consider whether to resource the mortality insurance project in late April.

The Sustainability Advisory Group met on March 1, 2018 to discuss options for facilitating on-farm energy assessments and access to energy conservation incentives for pork producers. Group members also an update on developments in biogas policy and technology that are relevant to the pork sector.

Livestock Research Innovation Corporation Update

Tim Nelson, Chief Executive Officer and Oliver Haan, Board Chair of Livestock Research Innovation Corporation (LRIC) presented an update on the organization. LRIC provides a single portal through which collective investment in livestock and poultry research conducted in Ontario. The overview included the organization's strategic goals, structure and value for its members such as cross-sectoral synergies in research, call for proposals administration and research project management.

Canada Pork International Mission to Japan

Eric Schwindt and Doug Ahrens shared their experience from the Canada Pork International's Mission to Japan that they participated in on March 3-10, 2018. This exploratory mission was organized by CPI with the goal to better understand the challenges and opportunities for Canadian pork producers in the Japanese market. The objectives of the mission included:

- Supporting the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) and demonstrating its importance to the pork industry

- Learning about Canadian pork's most important and sophisticated export market
- Gauging the importance of on-farm programs for Japanese customers
- Witnessing the Verified Canadian Pork promotion efforts in Japan