

Board Highlights: February 27, 2018

Associations Annual Meetings Review

The Board of Directors discussed outcomes and the producer feedback from local pork producers' associations meetings held at 14 locations throughout the province January 15 through February 13, 2018. A number of associations held successful, well-attended joint meetings. In total, over 350 producers attended the meetings across the province. Zone 3 and zone 4 held elections and filled their full slate of delegates to Ontario Pork. Two Board members for zone 3 were acclaimed: Arno Schober (Simcoe/York) and Chris Cossitt (Grey/Bruce); one Board member, Oliver Haan (Northumberland/Quinte) was acclaimed for zone 4. Board members provided their feedback and suggestions for future meetings.

Ontario Pork Industry Advocacy Report

The Board of Directors accepted a final report from the Ontario Pork Industry Advocacy committee and supported in principal the strategy outlined in the report. Ontario Pork will update delegates on the strategy and next steps at its upcoming annual general meeting in March.

Swine Health Ontario Update

Amy Cronin, Lori Moser, and Christa Arsenault joined the meeting to present the Swine Health Ontario Command Centre (SHOCC) structure. The proposed structure was developed based on the concepts of the incident management system (IMS) as a coordinated industry effort to work collaboratively with government or to respond to non-reportable diseases. Swine Health Ontario, founded by Ontario Pork and Ontario Pork Industry Council (OPIC), is an industry-wide committee that works to improve and better coordinate the industry's ability to prevent, prepare and respond to serious swine health threats in Ontario.

Annual General Meeting Update

Staff updated the Board of Directors on preparations for the Annual General Meeting which will be held on March 20-21, 2018 at the Delta Guelph Hotel and Conference Centre. An electronic copy of the [2018 resolutions booklet](#) is available on the Ontario Pork website. The [2017 corporate profile](#) is complete, speakers are lined up and registration numbers are good.

Barn Fires Safety Committee

The Board of Directors approved terms of reference for the Barn Fires Safety committee. This ad-hoc committee is tasked with a development of strategy recommendations to deal with barn fires that would address existing gaps, resources, and regulations. Two Board members, three pork producers at large, and an industry representative will serve on the committee.