



## Board Highlights: April 4-5, 2017



The following are highlights from the April 2017 Ontario Pork board meeting.

### *2017/2018 Ontario Pork Board Elections*

According to the Ontario Pork By-Laws, elections were held for all Board positions for 2017-2018. 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, Teresa Van Raay, Chris Cossitt

Board Committees:

Audit Committee: Doug Ahrens (Chair), Eric Hartemink, Oliver Haan

Research Committee: Arno Schober (Chair), Oliver Haan, Chris Cossitt

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

The Board also appointed representatives to the following organizations:

Ontario Agricultural Commodity Council: Doug Ahrens

Pork Value Chain Roundtable: Eric Schwindt

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

London Swine Conference: Teresa Van Raay

### *Annual General Meeting Review*

The Board reviewed a summary of evaluations and participants' feedback which was largely positive. The Ontario Pork AGM, held on March 21-22, 2017 in Guelph, was well attended by pork producers, industry and government representatives.

### *Strategic Planning Preparation*

The Board of Directors together with the Ontario Pork senior management team are entering into a strategic review process to create a workable strategic plan for the organization for the next three years. The Board discussed a strategic planning process format, timelines and facilitation options. The strategic review process will commence in July-August 2017.

### *Canadian Pork Council Spring Meeting*

The Board of Directors engaged in a facilitated discussion to develop Board's input into a discussion at the Canadian Pork Council (CPC) Spring Meeting which will be held April 11, 2017 in Ottawa. At the recent Ontario Pork annual general meeting, delegates passed three resolutions addressing the draft Canadian Pork Excellence program and CPC policy development. Ontario Pork's Board of Directors committed to bringing concerns of its membership for discussion with CPC.

### *Updates from Advisory Groups*

Staff will expand Ontario Pork's current policy document on mortality insurance into a formal proposal for the Risk Management Advisory Group to consider at their meeting in May. The Sustainability Advisory Group met on March 13, 2017 to review preliminary consultation questions, shared by Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), on how to further reduce the practice of manure and nutrient spreading in the winter. At the next meeting, the Sustainability Advisory Group members will provide their feedback on the draft Canada and Ontario's Draft Action Plan for Lake Erie recently released by the government for public comment.