



ONTARIO PORK

Resolutions Booklet

March 2, 2018

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Letter from the Chair of the Resolutions Committee

March 2, 2018

Dear Delegates, Substitutes, Presidents and Secretaries:

On behalf of the Resolutions Committee, I would like to thank all of the local associations for participating in the resolution process.

The committee has organized the resolutions and notes have been added by the appropriate staff, board members or submitting body for clarification purposes. Further update on the issues mentioned in the resolutions will be provided at the annual general meeting. Some resolutions have been listed in the booklet as “not for debate.” If an association disagrees with this decision, it is welcome to present itself to the committee at breakfast on March 21 at 7:30 a.m., and ask that the committee reconsider its decision.

I encourage each of you to review and consider the resolutions for 2018 and come to our annual meeting prepared to help determine the future direction of our industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Teresa VanRaay".

Teresa VanRaay
Chair, Resolutions Committee

Introduction

The Resolutions Committee met on February 21, 2018 to review all received resolutions. In accordance with the resolution policy, the committee grouped a number of similar resolutions. Every effort has been made to properly categorize each resolution.

Submitters of resolutions listed are invited to call or meet with any member of the Resolutions Committee before the resolution sessions if, in their opinion, their resolution needs further consideration or clarification. The committee will be available prior to the annual meeting at breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on March 21, 2018.

It is the intent of the Resolutions Committee and the Board to streamline the resolution process in an effort to focus debate and improve time utilization.

2017-2018 Resolutions Committee

Name	Affiliation	Zone	Association
Teresa Van Raay (Chair)	Board Member	1	Huron
Mike Mitchell	Board Member	1	Middlesex
John de Bruyn	Board Vice-Chair	2	Oxford
Dianne Brekelmans	Producer	2	Oxford
John Sikkens	Producer	2	Niagara
Philip Van Raay	Producer	1	Huron

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Resolution Process

Submission of resolutions

Who is eligible to submit resolution(s):

- a single registered producer
- a group of producers
- an association and/or a zone

Note: a resolution will only be debated at the annual general meeting if a delegate seconds this resolution

Format of the resolutions:

- See [Appendix A](#) for the resolution format.
- Avoid a motion containing a negative statement even in cases where it would have a meaning, since delegates may become confused as to the effect of voting against such a motion.

Note: Ontario Pork staff is available to provide assistance if required.

Submission:

- Deadline: **February 16, 2018 12:00 AM**
- Resolutions submitted **after February 16, 2018** and not published in the resolution booklet will be debated, if 2/3 majority of the delegate body at the AGM resolutions session agree.
- Resolutions are to be submitted in writing to Olga Klashtorny, Board Executive Assistant by email at olga.klashtorny@ontariopork.on.ca or by fax at 519-829-1769 or by mail:
 - Ontario Pork, 655 Southgate Drive, Guelph, ON N1G 5G6

The Resolutions Committee¹ process

1. The Resolutions Committee Chair is elected from amongst the Board of Directors to oversee all proceedings of the committee. Board and producer representatives are appointed to the committee.
2. Review the resolutions process on annual basis.
3. Review, organize and prioritize submitted resolutions including notes for clarification.
4. Address requests for re-consideration of debate or re-prioritization of the Resolutions booklet².

Preparation of the resolutions booklet

1. Assessing the resolutions:
 - a. The committee will determine which resolutions will be debated at the annual general meeting.
2. Resolutions that will not be debated, if they:
 - a. are not directly related to Ontario Pork - such resolutions will be referred to appropriate organizations
 - b. were reviewed in previous years and no new information/action is available
 - c. support a policy currently in place, or extend acknowledgements to other organizations or individuals
 - d. are represented by another resolution that was selected for debate.

¹ Resolutions committee – the committee of the Board consisting of the Board Chair or Vice Chair, two Board Directors, and three producer/industry representative. The purpose is to promote and support constructive communication between Ontario Pork's elected Board of Directors and the broader ownership for all resolutions submitted to Ontario Pork.

² Resolutions Booklet – the compilation of all submitted resolutions

These resolutions will be included in the booklet and an explanation will be provided.

3. Resolutions that will be debated:
 - a. All submitted resolutions that do not meet criteria listed above, will be debated.
 - b. The Resolutions Committee may contact the resolution submitter for clarification
 - c. A number of resolutions that request the same action may be compiled into one resolution to streamline debate. A list of submitters will be included.
 - d. A brief explanation may be provided when applicable.

Board adoption of the resolutions booklet

1. The Resolutions Committee will submit the draft Resolutions booklet to the Board of Directors for adoption.
2. The Board will review the draft and finalize the booklet.

Completion of the resolutions booklet

The booklet will be printed and mailed to all delegates and associations' executives. The booklet will be also posted online: www.ontariopork.on.ca

Preparation for the resolutions session at the annual general meeting

1. Delegates will review and discuss resolutions included in the booklet.
2. Resolution submitters will have an opportunity to meet with the Resolutions Committee to address any issues with resolutions they submitted or the order in which resolutions are proposed for presentation.
3. The Resolutions Committee will be available for a meeting prior to the AGM resolution session. Any resolutions marked 'Not for debate', can be debated provided the resolution submitters make the request to the Resolutions Committee prior to the start of the resolution session. If the request is made by a delegate from the floor during the session, it will require a vote 2/3 majority vote of the delegate body to allow debate.

Presentation and debate at the annual general meeting

1. The Board will appoint the Resolution Session Chair³ who will conduct the session according to the Robert's Rules of Order.
2. The Resolutions Committee will suggest names of four scrutineers to be approved by delegates.
3. A member of the Resolutions Committee will read a resolution and make a motion.
4. Debate on the motion will begin when the motion is seconded by a delegate.
5. A delegate may speak in debate twice on any debatable motion – each time for up to five minutes.
6. A maker of a motion has a one-time right to preference in speaking to it.
7. A delegate who has not yet spoken on the motion has preference over anyone who has already spoken on it. The Resolutions Session Chair will try to alternate between speakers who favor and those who oppose a motion that is being debated.
8. Debate on the motion will continue until the Resolution Session Chair calls the question.
9. The Resolutions Session Chair will call the question when one of the following occurs:
 - a. The seconder speaks the second time on the motion
 - b. Seeing no further debate
 - c. If a motion to close debate has passed
 - d. Debate has become repetitive and no new information is being provided

³ Resolutions Session Chair – is appointed or elected by the Board of Directors to run the Resolutions Session at the Annual General Meeting.

Voting procedure

To ensure confidentiality and accuracy in voting, an electronic technology will be used.

If this system fails

1. Delegates will vote by showing their registered delegate tag.
 - a. Upon Resolution Session Chair's request, scrutineers will assist in counting the vote.
2. In the event a confidential ballot is required, a paper ballot will be used.
 - a. Delegates will be required to remain seated.
 - b. Scrutineers will hand out ballots to the delegates.
 - c. Once all ballots are handed out, and delegates vote, the Resolution Session Chair will ask the scrutineers to collect them.
 - d. Scrutineers will count the ballots and provide the Resolution Session Chair with the results of the vote.
 - e. The Resolution Session Chair will announce results.
 - f. At the end of the Resolutions Session, the Resolution Session Chair will ask for a motion to destroy ballots.

Results

1. The Resolution Committee will submit results of the resolutions session and their recommendations to the Board of Directors.
2. The Board will review the results and recommendations and decide what action (if any) needs to be taken.
3. Ontario Pork will report to delegates on progress with all resolutions passed no later than September 30 in the same year.

Decisions of resolutions have no legal authority. A vote on a resolution will not overturn a decision of the Board, nor can it force the Board to take action.

2017-18 Resolution Process Timeline

November 22, 2017	Resolutions committee reviews resolution process for 2018
December 12, 2017	Resolutions process is outlined at the Presidents and Secretaries meeting
January-February 2018	Resolutions are developed at the associations' annual meetings
February 16, 2018	Deadline for submitting resolutions
February 21, 2018	Resolutions committee meets to review submitted resolutions and prepare the resolutions booklet
February 27, 2018	Board reviews and approves the resolutions booklet
March 5, 2018	Resolutions booklet is printed and sent to all delegates
March 21, 2018	Resolutions committee meets to address requests
March 21, 2018	Resolutions session at the AGM
May 30, 2018	The resolutions response is finalized by the Board of Directors
June 30, 2018	The resolutions response is printed and sent to all delegates

Regulations

RESOLUTION 1 – Farm Feed Mill Requirements

FOR Debate

Whereas a history of on farm feed manufacturing records is required by our CQA/ACA program for swine for a period of 2 years and most farms would not have records beyond this; and

Whereas CFIA does on farm feed mill inspections and has been requesting records for a considerably longer period than this;

Therefore be it resolved that the CFIA be lobbied to align the history of required feed records to be in accord with our CQA/ACA program limit of 2 years.

Submitted by: Simcoe/York Pork Producers' Association

NOTE: Amendments to federal regulations are process-driven and can only be amended when they are opened up for review. The Health of Animals Regulations are not currently open for review. National programs, Canadian Quality Assurance (CQA®)/Animal Care Assessment (ACA™), Ractopamine-free, and the proposed Canadian Pork Excellence (CPE) require records to be kept for a minimum two years for:

- Mixing formulae and mixing sheets/records
- Feed production records

Under Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)'s Health of Animals Regulations, these records are to be kept for a minimum of 10 years.

RESOLUTION 2 – Farm Building Code

NOT FOR Debate

Whereas the Farm Building Code is currently under national review; and

Whereas parties not friendly to animal agriculture are actively involved as part of this process;

Therefore be it resolved that Ontario Pork become involved in this process and provide input representing the interests of its members.

Submitted by the Niagara Pork Producers' Association

NOTE: The national Code is scheduled for public consultation in Fall 2018 and due to be finalized in 2020. Before the national Code requirements becomes law in Ontario, they will have to be adopted into the provincial Code; this process will likely take another two years or more. Ontario Pork is currently engaged on building code matters through the industry-wide Electrical Safety Task Group established by Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) in January 2018. The group will develop recommendations that can be used to input into national and provincial consultations on the farm building code, e.g. in terms of barn classification according to moisture and corrosion conditions, quality of electrical equipment and a potential application of zoning in gas atmospheres.

RESOLUTION 3 – CFIA Penalty Process

FOR Debate

Whereas CFIA has the ability to place penalties on the transport of animals to both the producer and the transporter; and

Whereas these penalties appear to not have a statute of limitations for time past the alleged incident in question; and

Whereas by the CFIA’s own rules the person or persons facing the penalty may not use the rules set out by CFIA as a defense on their own behalf stating them “indefensible” currently the accused has no opportunity to argue or refute the allegations to the best of our knowledge, under every Canadian law there is a mechanism for a defense which appears to be lacking in the CFIA rules and regulations in the transport of livestock;

Therefore be it resolved that Ontario Pork lobby the appropriate Federal Ministry to make any alleged infractions/penalties to be made known to the alleged party in a very short time and allow a change in their (CFIA) rules to affect an appropriate and proper defense for the accused party.

Submitted by the Simcoe/York Pork Producers’ Association

NOTE*: There are guidelines in place for handling and transport of livestock

** Provided by the Simcoe/York Pork Producers’ Association*

NOTE:

- Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has a maximum of two years from the date of the offence to investigate and levy a penalty
- There is no policy that requires CFIA investigators to notify a party that they are being investigated. Some jurisdictions within CFIA do notify, some do not.
- Upon receipt of a penalty notification the penalized party has five options:

- Pay the penalty within 15 days of the notice and the penalty is reduced by 50%;
- Pay the penalty after 15 days and pay the full amount;
- Within 30 days request that the facts of the case be reviewed by the Minister;
- If the penalty is greater than \$2,000 the penalized party can enter into a compliance agreement with the Minister, within 30 days of the notice. If successful, for every \$2 spent for corrective action, the penalty is reduced by \$1 to a maximum of the penalty value.
- Within 30 days of the notice, a request can be made to have the facts reviewed by the Review Tribunal. This is a formal hearing where both the CFIA and penalized party can make arguments to a Tribunal related to the facts of the case.

Source: CFLA Notice of Violation Options Instructions – CFLA 5198 (2015/05)

RESOLUTION 4 – Regulatory Approvals

FOR Debate

Whereas the 2016 corn crop was infected with high levels of vomitoxin; and

Whereas Ontario pork producers rely heavily on corn in diets fed to pigs; and

Whereas in the US, collaboration from 12 swine nutritionists studying which products were the most effective at mitigating the negative effects of vomitoxin came to the conclusion that a product known as “Defusion” was the best; and

Whereas this product is not yet approved for sale in Canada; and

Whereas to be competitive with other countries it would be an economic disadvantage not to have similar products available to Ontario pork producers;

Therefore be it resolved that Ontario Pork lobby the necessary regulatory agencies in Canada and Ontario to reinforce the importance of having products approved in a timely manner in order to ensure Ontario pork producers are not at a competitive disadvantage to neighboring jurisdictions.

Submitted by: Perth Pork Producers’ Association

Production

RESOLUTION 5 – Loose Housing

NOT FOR Debate

Whereas pork producers in Canada are being forced to convert to loose housing systems for sows; and

Whereas loose housing systems can present some very negative consequences as it pertains to animal welfare and health due to fighting and bullying as well as deficiencies in management; and

Whereas much of the push for the move to loose housing has come from animal welfare extremist groups whose goal is to end animal agriculture;

Therefore be it resolved that any move to force the industry to move to loose housing must be based on sound science and not emotion as currently appears to be the driver.

Submitted by: Middlesex Pork Producers' Association

NOTE: According to the current Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Pigs, as of July 1, 2024, mated gilts and sows must be housed:

- in groups*; or
- in individual pens; or
- in stalls, if they are provided with the opportunity to turn around or exercise periodically, or other means that allow greater freedom of movement. Suitable options will be clarified by the participating stakeholders by July 1, 2019, as informed by scientific evidence.

*If housed in groups, individual stalls may be used for up to 28 days after the date of last breeding, and an additional period of up to 7 days is permitted to manage grouping.

Source: <http://www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/pig-code#section1>

The Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Pigs was released in 2014. There is a statement in the Preface of the code document that reads “Codes should be reviewed at least every five years following publication and updated at least every ten years”.

The CPC has recently struck a board level committee to build a list of producer concerns and be fully prepared to address those concerns during the review process in 2019.

Environment

RESOLUTION 6 – Swine Manure Manual

FOR Debate

Whereas pork producers are under increased scrutiny to reduce environmental impacts of their manure management methods; and

Whereas the nutrients in manure, applied to the land, provide a competitive advantage to pork producers in producing cash crops vs. those who are limited to using commercial fertilizers; and

Whereas research funded by Ontario Pork has been focused on pork production; manure research by OMAFRA needs to be commodity neutral, and research by OSCIA has been focused on crop production leaving research into the optimization of hog manure management unrealized; and

Whereas pork producers may not be aware of all existing research on this topic, and therefore may not be using their manure in the most efficient manner;

Therefore let it be resolved that Ontario Pork produce a Swine Manure Manual for pork producers. The manual shall review existing research, and invest in further research as required so that pork producers can maximize the nutrient use efficiency of their swine manure through improved storage and land application practices. This manual should take into account the current regulatory, economic, and climatic conditions in the province that drive current manure management practices. It should also provide a cost/benefit analysis of the recommended practices in \$/pig or \$/acre and changes in nutrient loss compared to the amount of manure produced.

Submitted by: Perth Pork Producers' Association

NOTE: OMAFRA has developed a range of publications such as fact sheets on manure management practices. However, there is insufficient financial information available through any of the available resources to calculate the net cost or gain from different manure management practices at the farm level. Other jurisdictions (e.g. Cornell University in the U.S.) have resources such as manure value calculators, but they do not account for Ontario's regulatory, economic and climatic conditions.

Ontario Pork's Political Structure

RESOLUTION 7 – Ontario Pork's Delegate Allocation

FOR Debate

Whereas Ontario Pork uses not only producer numbers from a county but also hogs designated in that county to establish delegates and substitutes; and

Whereas market hogs are finished and shipped from premises that are different from the locations of hog owners and cross county lines;

Therefore let it be resolved that Ontario Pork assign hog numbers to counties, based on the premise, where the hogs are finished for the purposes of establishing delegates and substitutes.

Submitted by the Northumberland/Quinte Pork Producers' Association

Supported by:

Glengarry/Prescott Pork Producers' Association

Nation Valley Pork Producers' Association

Ottawa Valley Pork Producers' Association

NOTE:

- The reporting system for hog movements and where the hogs originate from exists at Ontario Pork. The allocation of hogs to a specific county is dependent on the accurate reporting from those who ship the hogs.
- The area/county where the hogs are assigned is based on the county assigned to the 9-digit producer number used when the hogs are shipped.
- If a producer chooses to use one producer number to report all hogs, regardless of the premise they are shipped from, those hogs will be reported for the county assigned to the producer number.

RESOLUTION 8 – Local Pork Producers' Associations

FOR Debate

Whereas there has been declining interest in participation at the association level; and

Whereas it is difficult to run an effective association with declining interest; and

Whereas the pork industry has changed and producer numbers have declined in the Province; and

Whereas county associations and their borders may not work the best for the change in the industry;

Therefore be it resolved that Ontario Pork consult with county associations on the viability of merging them into zone associations.

Submitted by the Oxford Pork Producers' Association

NOTE: Ontario Pork's Board of Directors recognizes the importance of active producer engagement and the on-going struggle of local pork producers' associations to maintain participation. In 2015, an ad-hoc Producer Engagement Revitalization Committee, consisting of Board members and producers at large, submitted a report to the Board of Directors, which recommended a number of initiatives that would potentially increase participation. The new strategic plan, approved by the Board in December 2017, reinforced the importance of addressing this issue; one of the objectives included in the plan focuses on an evaluation of Ontario Pork's political structure with the aim to better serve the changing producer demographic.

Business Risk Management

RESOLUTION 9 – Cost-Share Programs

FOR Debate

Whereas the Growing Forward program has many areas for producers to potentially access cost share funding from the provincial government; and

Whereas with every revision made to the intake process, the program becomes more complicated and the parameters narrower, resulting in lower chances of a project being approved;

Therefore be it resolved that Ontario Pork have a staff member with extensive knowledge and training as it pertains to any future assistance programs and the application process, in order to assist producers in submitting more successful applications.

Submitted by: Middlesex Pork Producers' Association

RESOLUTION 10 – New Research Facility

FOR Debate

Whereas Ontario Pork has decided to go forward with plans to build a new research barn and that research is very important to the Ontario pork industry; and

Whereas there is ever more pressure to have transparency from the public; and

Whereas Ontario pork farms are very confident and proud of how they produce pork; and

Whereas bio-security is very important to the farmers and animals welfare as to make it hard to invite the public on to their farms

Therefore be it resolved that the design of the new barn have a public viewing and education element in it to reflect the future and continuous changing of the industry.

Submitted by the Oxford Pork Producers' Association

NOTE:

- The Ontario Pork Board has not yet made a final decision on participating in the build of a new swine research facility in Elora.
- In January 2018, the Board approved supporting the next stage of the assessment process.
- The next stage in the process is to put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) to engage building design services.
- A building design proposal will enable Ontario Pork, Agricultural Research Institute of Ontario (ARIO), Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and the University of Guelph (U of G) to determine the cost and scope of a new facility.
- After this stage the Board will consider Ontario Pork's commitment to the build.
- Input into the building design is being coordinated by a core design team made up of Ontario Pork, U of G, ARIO and OMAFRA personnel (current facility staff, researchers, and building experts) along with an internal committee from Ontario Pork also feeding into the process.
- Public viewing and education components continue to be part of the design discussion.

Emergency Preparedness

RESOLUTION 11 – Disease Emergency Preparedness

NOT FOR Debate

Whereas foreign diseases remain a constant threat;

Therefore be it resolved that Ontario Pork consult with CPC to have trade rules and regulations in place in the event of a disease outbreak.

Submitted by the Oxford Pork Producers' Association

NOTE: Ontario Pork works with all stakeholders to support federal and provincial rules and regulations related to disease outbreak issues when they arise. OMAFRA and the CFIA currently work together with respect to disease-related issues. Information on this can be found via the website link below.

Their work includes surveillance and controls to support an overall risk management process in the event of a foreign animal or reportable disease outbreak.

The national traceability system, PigTrace, which went live July 1, 2014, is a tool that will be utilized by CFIA and OMAFRA for disease-related issues.

More information on the government's Foreign and Reportable Animal Diseases framework can be found: <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/infores/foodsafe/foreignreportable.html>