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CSGA 114th Annual General Meeting

July 11, 2018

Montréal, Québec

The meeting opened at 1:00pm with opening remarks and an official welcome from Kevin Runnalls, President of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association (CSGA).

Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented. Moved by Glenn Logan. Seconded by Renée Hoyme.

CARRIED

Motion to approve the Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting as circulated and posted to the CSGA website. Moved by Joe Hickson. Seconded by Les Trowell **CARRIED**

Norn Lyster introduced the Resolutions Committee, including: Mitchell Japp, Dave Wuthrich, Djiby Sall, Ryan Murray and Norm Lyster with resolutions closing at 11:59pm on Wednesday, July 11, 2018.

John Groenwegen delivered a presentation to delegates on how Canada's seed certification system compares to other countries. Panelists, including Laurie Wakefield, Bryan Harvey, André Lussier, Ken Bertsch and Marcus Weidler, were invited to weigh in on the topic.

Kevin Runnalls delivered the Presidents' Report and spoke to recent efforts by the Association and latest developments in Seed Synergy.

A grower expressed concern with cost associated with the proposed next generation seed system and indicated growers would not vote on Seed Synergy matters until a detailed cost analysis, and efficiencies were identified and shared with the membership. The grower cautioned CSGA to think of customer threshold. K. Runnalls invited delegates to raise their hands in support for progress to date in Seed Synergy matters. From the show of hands, members felt CSGA was on the right track in Seed Synergy discussions.

Jonathan Nyborg delivered the Executive Committee Report followed by Glyn Chancey who delivered the Executive Director Report. Members heard updates on CSGA's staff, ISO 9001:2005 certification, staff work priorities, and an overview of CSGA's audited Financial Report.

Motion to approve the Executive Director Report, including the audited financial statements. Moved by Dale Connell; Seconded by André Lussier **CARRIED**

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Kevin Runnalls opened the meeting and invited Jonathan Nyborg to the stage to present plaques to retiring members of the Board of Directors. Plaques were handed to Bob Rugg of Saskatchewan, Ron Markert of Alberta, Norm Lyster of Alberta, Patti Rothenburger of Manitoba, and Doug Heaman of Manitoba.

Norm Lyster read the Nominations Report and introduced the members of the CSGA Board of Directors for 2018-2019. The following individuals were named for appointment to the CSGA National Board by their respective Provincial Ministers as Advisors to the Board:

- Marc MacNaughton of Alberta
- Mitchell Japp of Saskatchewan
- Chami Amarasinghe of Manitoba
- Hugh Berges of Ontario
- Djiby Sall of Québec
- Peter Scott of New Brunswick
- Steven Tattrie of Nova Scotia
- Steven Hamill of Prince Edward Island

The following individuals were elected by the members of their respective Branches for appointment as Grower Directors to the CSGA National Board:

- British Columbia: David Wuthrich
- Alberta : Glenn Logan and Richard Stamp
- Saskatchewan: Joe Rennick and Laurie Wakefield
- Manitoba: Eric McLean and Ryan Murray
- Ontario: David MacKellar, Dale Connell, and Kevin Runnalls
- Québec: André Lussier and Martin Provencher
- New Brunswick: Jonathan Nyborg
- Nova Scotia: Jim Baillie
- Prince Edward Island : Peter Boswall

The Maritimes Branch did not nominate candidates from that region at its annual meeting in December 2017. Section 6:03 c) of the CSGA Bylaws states that the Board of Directors may appoint additional Directors from the Regular Members who shall hold office for a term expiring not later than the close of the Next Annual Meeting of Members. Therefore, the Board appointed Jim Baillie of Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia and Peter Boswall of Charlottetown, PEI to represent the Maritime Branch on the National Board.

Under the provisions of Bylaw Section 6:03 c) the total number of directors appointed may not exceed one third of the number of Directors elected at the previous Annual meeting of Members. Since there were 12 directors elected last year, the Board also wishes to appoint the President and Past President as voting members of the Board of Directors and name Dr. Bryan Harvey as an advisor to the Board.

It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to elect its officers for the coming term. The Board named the following individuals:

- Djiby Sall of Quebec as Provincial Ministry representative;
- Dale Connell as Second Vice President;
- Joe Rennick of Milestone, Saskatchewan as First Vice President; and
- Jonathan Nyborg of New-Denmark, New Brunswick as President.

Motion to approve the Nominations Report as presented to the membership.

Moved by Roy Klym. Seconded by Barry Reisner. **CARRIED**

Norm Lyster presented responses to the 2017 resolutions and read the resolutions received from the membership at this year's 2018 Annual General Meeting in Montreal, Québec.

Resolution #1

WHEREAS: A lot of effort went into making the 2018 CSGA Annual Meeting in Montreal, Quebec a success; and

WHEREAS: Numerous organizations provided funds to assist with the financing of the Annual Meeting

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That CSGA extend thanks to all the speakers, special guests, members of the local organizing committee, staff and all level of sponsors for their efforts and contributions to the 2018 CSGA Annual Meeting in Montreal, Quebec.

Moved by Doug Heaman; Seconded by Kevin Runnalls **CARRIED**

Resolution #2

WHERE AS: It is the Canadian Seed Growers Association's mission to represent and support its Members and advance the seed industry.

AND WHERE AS: It is important to the success of Members to have their contact information listed under the varieties they have available in the provincial seed guides and CSGA's online Pedigreed Seed Locator.

AND WHERE AS: Carryover seed stocks are not currently listed under the existing system.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Canadian Seed Growers Association develop a system in which Members can enter their carryover seed variety and pedigree, accompanied by a legitimate crop certificate number in order to be listed on the CSGA Pedigreed Seed Locator and in provincial seed guides.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the carryover seed listing system be available in time to have carryover seed listed in 2019 provincial seed guides.

Moved by: Kurt Printz; Seconded by AJ Armstrong

Jonathan Nyborg asked how old the seed could be and if the membership would consider a price for the service. Kurt Printz indicated he did not feel CSGA needed to worry about the year the seed was certified and felt CFIA grade tables were sufficient. A fee was seen as appropriate.

CARRIED

Resolution #3

WHEREAS the question asked yesterday was that CSGA continue on the path of the single association model, and

WHEREAS there may be alternative models of synergistic opportunity between the groups,
BE IT RESOLVED that the CSGA also consider other models.

Moved by Carl Bolton; Seconded by Roy Klym

On Resolution No. 3, Carl Bolton asked CSGA to consider and present various models for a next generation seed system for the membership to consider. A single model for consideration was not seen as acceptable. A member took the microphone and questioned whether the single window approach that has been promoted necessarily meant a single organization. Ron Markert spoke to members to confirm his active participation in the Seed Synergy steering committee, and reassured the membership that the steering committee did complete an analysis of various models before coming to the conclusion that the single entity model was, in their opinion, the best model for the organization. A member asked whether the resolution was going backward. Another member asked if the membership was having cold feet and informed the membership of his participation in the Grassroots Committee, a committee of CSGA members tasked to weigh in on Seed Synergy matters. He indicated the Grassroots Committee was given the green light to think big on Seed Synergy matters and to come up with their own preferred approach. After several meetings, the Grassroots Committee came to the same conclusion and felt a single entity was the best model for the Association to move forward with. A grower expressed that although he understood what the auditors and the analysts were bringing to the table, he did not understand the value added by partnering with the trade and CropLife. A grower offered a rebuttal and explained how his personal business has grown and benefitted from relationships with the trade and pointed to the number of members in the audience that dipped their toes in both production and trade. Several growers expressed support for the Association to continue to explore the single entity model, and support in the elected individuals on the various Boards and Committees to continue their work, but one grower expressed that although he was in support of the single entity model, he implored the Association to create silos under the single entity for advocacy and discussion on production issues to continue. Members supported the Association to continue its work, and asked the Association to continue engaging with members on all Seed Synergy matters. Resolution No. 3 was defeated by the membership.

Rick Frieman of RICOH and Doug Miller of CSGA delivered a presentation on CSGA Modernization, including an overview of the Single Window concept and how it could be adapted to the Canadian seed system.

Wendy Jahn delivered a report from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. Members asked CFIA whether in a Seed Synergy context and a proposed single-entity, whether CFIA saw a conflict of interest with CSGA being a regulator. CFIA indicated the proposed system can work as long as conflict of interests are recognized and systems are created to manage them.

Seed growers and select members of CSGA's Grassroots Committee were invited to a panel discussion on "CSGA's Grassroots: Where to go next?" moderated by Jeremy Latta to provide a grassroots perspective on the next generation seed system and Seed Synergy matters. Panelists included Martin Provencher, Annie Bergeron, Mike Scheffel, Barry Reisner, Craig Riddell, Glenn Logan and Carl Bolton.

Motion to appoint KPMG auditors to the Association for the ensuing year at the remuneration to be set by the Board of Directors. Moved by Art Bolton; Seconded by Roy Klym. **CARRIED**

Motion to appoint Jonathan Nyborg, Joe Rennick, Pam Coles and Glyn Chancey signing officers of the Association. Moved by Doug Heaman; Seconded by Ed Lefsrud. **CARRIED**

With the close of the annual general meeting, the passing of the gavel and Jonathan Nyborg was introduced as CSGA's President

Motion to adjourn. Ron Markert; Seconded by André Lussier **CARRIED**