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CSGA 120th Annual General Meeting

Minutes

June 26, 2024

1. President's Welcome

President Dale Connell welcomed more than 90 participants to the 120th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association (CSGA). Past and honorary presidents, directors, staff, awards recipients, and growers who passed since the last AGM were all recognized. Welcoming the incoming President Glenn Logan, Dale thanked members for their support in CSGA's accomplishments in 2023 and in building a strong foundation and looking forward to a bright future for CSGA. Quorum was confirmed, the AGM agenda was reviewed, and the following sponsors were thanked:

- SeCan
- Crop Development Centre, University of Saskatchewan
- SGS Canada
- Farm Credit Canada
- Syngenta
- 20/20 Seed Labs

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Chelsea Tomlinson moved, and Ryan Murray seconded approval of the following Agenda for the 2024 CSGA Annual General Meeting (AGM).

CARRIED

Business Session

1. President's Welcome
2. Approval of AGM Agenda
3. AAFC Minister's Welcome
4. Approval of Minutes from 2023 AGM
5. Executive Director's Report
6. Financial Report and Approval of Auditor
7. Election of Board of Directors
8. Adjourn Business Session

Town Hall Session

9. 2024 Member Proposals
10. Membership Class Proposal Review
11. Closed Member-to-Member Session
12. Adjourn Town Hall Session

3. AAFC Minister's Welcome

The Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food in Canada (AAFC), reflected on his own experience producing certified seed crops and thanked CSGA for its long history of partnering

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with the Government to ensure that Canada's food sector is sustainable, that our agricultural supply chain is secure, and that farmers can trust the quality and genetic identity of the seed they plant.

Minister MacAulay reminded the AGM that CSGA's seed crop certification provides valuable traceability and transparency. He thanked CSGA for its digital innovations, Certified seed awareness campaign, and active participation in the Seed Regulatory Modernization (SRM).

4. Approval of Minutes from 2022 AGM

MOTION: Glenn Logan moved, and Andrew Ayre seconded approval of the Minutes from the July 9, 2023, Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

5. Executive Director's Report

CSGA's Executive Director, Doug Miller, reviewed CSGA's performance metrics, progress on delivering CSGA 2.0 Business Plan priorities, and our future vision for seed certification. Performance in 2023 included certification of more than 1.2 million acres of seed crops of more than 2200 varieties of more than 70 different crop kinds for more than 3,000 growers across Canada.

Other 2023 deliverables included the successful uptake of CSGA Learn, our new online training platform, with more than 500 registrants, the launch of our #ChooseCertifiedSeed campaign, which was seen by more than 1 million, and Phase 2 of our digital seed tag pilot.

To support CSGA 2.0 Business Plan priorities and maintain its leadership role, CSGA also invested resources and outreach in Seed Regulatory Modernization (SRM). In 2023, CSGA also completed an extensive review of CSGA governance, including a renewal of our Regulatory Services Committee membership, and launched CSGA Health, a program for the seed sector that provides discounted health and dental insurance. The new 2023-2024 Annual Report online offers a complete picture of CSGA's 2023 activities.

6. Financial Report and Approval of Auditor

Executive Director Doug Miller summarized CSGA's financial performance for 2023 and its consolidated financial statements of operations, financial position, and changes in net assets as of January 31, 2024. The AGM was reminded that the audited financial statements were circulated to members before this AGM and are available on the CSGA website and the Annual Report webpage.

Approval of Auditor: As advised by the CSGA Audit Committee, the Board recommended the appointment of KPMG as auditors for the Association for 2023-2024.

MOTION: Roy Klym moved, and Carl Bolton seconded the appointment of KPMG as auditors for the Association for the ensuing year at the remuneration set by the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

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7. Election of 2024-2025 Board of Directors

The CSGA By-laws specify that the Association is governed by a Board of Directors of no less than fourteen (14) and no more than twenty-four (24) Directors. By-law 6.03 (a) provides that every seed-producing region of Canada is represented on the Board by a grower director. The Board is also supported by an Academic Advisor and Advisors nominated by their respective Provincial Ministers.

The following have been nominated by members of their respective Branches for election as Directors to the CSGA Board.

- Alberta-British Columbia: Lori Oatway and Chelsea Tomlinson
- Saskatchewan: Roy Klym and Ian Bodnaryk
- Manitoba: Andrew Ayre and Ryan Murray
- Ontario: Shannon Bieman and Carl Bolton
- Quebec: Marc-Antoine Paquet and Gabriel Provost
- Maritimes: vacant

MOTION: Glenn Logan moved, and Richard Brault seconded, to elect the Directors nominated to the CSGA Board of Directors as presented to the membership. **CARRIED**

The following have been named for appointment to the CSGA Board by their respective Provincial Ministers as Advisors to the Board.

- British Columbia: Brenna Schilds
- Alberta: Krista deMilliano
- Manitoba: Chami Amarasinghe
- Saskatchewan: Matt Struthers
- Ontario: Joanna Follings
- Quebec: Damien Chaput
- New Brunswick: Peter Scott
- Nova Scotia: Amy Sangster
- Prince Edward Island: vacant

Per CSGA By-laws, the CSGA Board of Directors has elected Glenn Logan as President of the Association. Dale Connell will continue as Past President of the Board. After the annual general meeting, the incoming board will elect Board Advisors and Vice Presidents.

8. Adjourn Business Session

MOTION: Shannon Bieman moved, and Andrew Ayre seconded, to adjourn the Business Session of this CSGA Annual General Meeting. **CARRIED**

Town Hall Session

With the AGM business session adjourned, the Town Hall Session began.

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9. 2024 Member Proposals

President Dale Connell explained that a request for Member Proposals was sent to all members in May. These are an integral part of CSGA's governance, allowing members' voices to be heard and can provide direction to the Board of Directors on policy development or support for specific grass-roots issues. The CSGA office received no Member Proposals for discussion at this 2024 AGM.

10. Membership Class Proposal Review

Executive Director Doug Miller summarized the CSGA 2.0 Business Plan vision for a strong, national seed certification system that encourages innovation and includes key SRM proposals: CSGA as the main administrator of Canada's seed certification system, plans for digital single window access to certification services, and inclusive governance.

To support inclusive governance, Doug outlined the current proposal, based on Branch AGM feedback from last winter, to amend CSGA By-laws to reintroduce Affiliate and Associate membership classes that would not affect the rights of Regular Members. In this consultation stage, from June 12 until August 12, 2024, CSGA is seeking member and stakeholder feedback on the proposal. The Board will review feedback from this consultation and, if positive, could recommend a vote on the proposed By-law changes at a Special General Meeting of members. Members' questions were answered about Affiliate members' representation on the Board and about why these two classes were removed in 2013.

2025 CSGA AGM Invitation

President Dale Connell extended an invitation to the 2025 CSGA Annual General Meeting in Victoria, BC, from July 3 – 5, 2025.

11. Member-to-Member Session

At 2:20 pm ET, the meeting convened a member-to-member session.

12. Adjourn Town Hall Session

With thanks to all for attending this 120th CSGA AGM, CSGA President Dale Connell thanked members for their dedication to producing high-quality, identity-assured seed for Canadian farmers.

At 2:30 pm ET, the Town Hall session of CSGA's 2024 Annual General Meeting was adjourned.

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