

## **Call for Expressions of Interest: Regulatory Services Committee - External Stakeholder Position**

### **Information for Interested Parties**

#### **CSGA Background**

As Canada's national seed crop certification authority, the [Canadian Seed Growers' Association \(CSGA\)](#) has partnered with the Government of Canada for 120 years to deliver Canada's seed certification program to the benefit of Canada's agri-food system and all Canadians. We facilitate international trade, new technology adoption, and economic prosperity through seed certification.

CSGA provides the national seed crop certification program for Canada for most agricultural field crops and is responsible for establishing and administering seed certification requirements and standards. CSGA also certifies Breeder and Select seed and approves Breeder seed as eligible parent seed for further pedigreed seed crop production.

#### **Seed Crop Standards Development**

CSGA is proud that Canada's seed crop standards are developed by the seed sector for the seed sector through an efficient process that encourages broad stakeholder participation and is agile and able to respond to our sector's needs.

The development of requirements and standards for new crop kinds or types that support Canadian agriculture and the annual reviews of existing standards are guided and supported by CSGA's Regulatory Services Committee (RSC). Eight crop-specific working groups provide independent advice on certification requirements and technical standards.

CSGA's core [standards development principles](#) enable input from participants across Canadian agriculture, including seed growers, plant breeders, seed processors/distributors/retailers, inspectors, analysts, end users and government representatives.

***CSGA is seeking expressions of interest from qualified seed processors, distributors and retailers to fill a vacancy on the Regulatory Services Committee.***

## Purpose of the Regulatory Services Committee

The RSC plays an essential role in the CSGA framework for developing standards and procedures for Canadian seed certification. The committee recommends changes to CSGA's certification requirements as set out in the [Canadian Regulations and Procedures for Pedigreed Seed Crop Production](#) (Circular 6) and the [Canadian Breeder Seed Requirements](#) (BSR) to ensure they are current, science-based, internationally harmonized, incorporate new technology, and provide high levels of varietal purity and genetic identity assurance.

The requirements in these documents and other aspects of Canada's national seed certification program ensure that Certified seed is not only true-to-type but also has good germination and freedom from impurities, including other crop kinds and weeds.

## External Stakeholder Selection Criteria

The Governance Committee and Board of Directors will use the following criteria to evaluate a candidate's fit for the RSC.

The RSC shall be comprised of individuals with relevant expertise who demonstrate knowledge related to the committee's key functions and the issues it will address in the near and longer term. Key stakeholders include seed growers, seed processors/distributors/retailers, plant breeders, seed crop inspectors and seed analysts.

Candidates will also be selected to ensure that the committee remains diverse with regional, crop kind and stakeholder representation.

Committee members must commit to attending RSC meetings, reviewing background information prior to the meeting, and contributing to the discussion at meetings. They must also agree to support seed certification in Canada and the work of the CSGA, remain objective and impartial, uphold confidentiality and professionalism, and declare any conflicts of interest in carrying out their duties.

## Length of Term and Meeting Frequency

Committee appointments are for a two-year term with the possibility of renewal. There are at least two meetings per year, each lasting at least two hours, with one to two hours of preparation required for each.

## Operation of the RSC

More information regarding the duties and responsibilities of the RSC and the role of the Chair can be found in the linked [Terms of Reference \(TOR\)](#). **Please review the TOR before submitting an Expression of Interest.** For questions regarding the role of the committee or its members, please contact [Gail Harris](#), Standards Manager.

## Expression of Interest Application

The application form can be [found here](#). Expressions of interest will initially be compiled by staff and presented to CSGA's Governance Committee, which will make the final recommendation to the Board of Directors.

## Expression of Interest Closing Date

Expressions of interest will be accepted until 5 pm ET, June 15, 2026.