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Canadian Seed Growers' Association 113th Annual General Meeting

Westin Nova Scotian, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Tuesday, July 10, 2017

The meeting opened at 8:00 am with opening remarks and an official welcome from Kevin Runnalls, President of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association (CSGA). K. Runnalls requested a moment of silence to remember those members who died in the past year.

Motion that the Minutes of the July 2016 Annual General Meeting be approved as posted to the CSGA website. Moved by Les Trowell; Seconded by Jonathan Nyborg **CARRIED**

K. Runnalls presented the President's Report.

Jonathan Nyborg, 1st Vice President presented the Board of Directors Report.

Glyn Chancey, Executive Director, presented the Executive Director Report.

K. Runnalls introduced the Resolutions Committee, Norm Lyster, Richard Stamp, and Dale Connell with resolutions closing at 11:00pm on Wednesday, July 12.

K. Runnalls provided the membership with responses to the resolutions received at the 2016 CSGA Annual General Meeting in Clear Lake, Manitoba.

Motion to approve the AGM Agenda. Carl Bolton asked for the addition of a members' to members' session. Moved by Carl Bolton; Seconded by Joe Hickson **CARRIED**

G. Chancey presented the Financial Report.

Motion to approve the financial statements. Moved by Dan Curtis; Seconded by Laurie Wakefield **CARRIED**

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

G. Chancey presented the 3-year forecast and proposed changes to CSGA Director compensation from an honoraria to a per diem model.

Motion to change the basis for director compensation from an honoraria to a per diem model. Moved by David Mol; Seconded by Barry Reisner

Members asked for clarification on whether the proposed compensation under the per diem model was targeted to all directors or limited to seed grower directors. It was confirmed that the motion to change to per diems was limited to seed grower directors, CSGA's scientific advisor and Executive Committee. **CARRIED**

Motion to increase the director compensation budget cap from \$44,000 to \$100,000.

Members asked for clarification on how the director compensation was calculated and how per diems would be capped under this scenario. Clarifications were provided. Moved by Les Trowell; Seconded by Laurie Wakefield **CARRIED**

Norm Lyster presented the Nominating Committee Report. Retiring director plaques were presented to Julie Robinson and Dan MacEachern.

Motion to adopt the Nominations Report. Moved by Norm Lyster; Seconded by Eric McLean. **CARRIED**

Motion to adjourn E. McLean

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A session on the Seed Synergy Collaboration Project was held with Warren Wilson as moderator. The session was opened to industry colleagues from other associations. The Executive Directors of the member associations of the Seed Synergy Collaboration Project (Dave Carey for the Canadian Seed Trade Association, Glyn Chancey for the Canadian Seed Growers Association, Roy van Wyk for Canadian Seed Institute, Krista Erikson for the Commercial Seed Analysts Association of Canada, Lorne Hadley for the Canadian Plant Protection Agency, and Stephen Yarrow for Crop Life Canada) presented a progress report on work to date and plans for the next phase of work. This was followed by a panel discussion of industry leaders, moderated by Shawn Brook of Issues Ink. The panelists were Cathy Fedoruk of Kamsack, Saskatchewan, Jonathan Nyborg of New Denmark, New Brunswick, Scott Horner of Lethbridge, Alberta, Jeff Reid of Ottawa, Ontario, Morgan Webb of Leduc, Alberta and Jay Bradshaw of Kitchener, Ontario.

The Seed Synergy session was followed by a presentation and panel discussion on End Point Royalties facilitated by Warren Wilson of Intersol Consulting. The session was co-chaired by Erin Armstrong of Canterra Seeds and Anthony Parker of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. Erin and Anthony presented, respectively: an update on the activities of the Value Creation Working Group of the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) Grains Value Chain Round Table and an overview of how an End Point Royalty system enabled by regulatory amendments to the Plant Breeders Rights Act could work. The presentations were followed by an industry panel discussion moderated by Erin Armstrong and made up of Norm Lyster of Stettler, Alberta, Kofi Agblor of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Lorne Hadley of CPTA, Saskatchewan, Harvey Brooks of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and Crosby Devitt of Guelph, Ontario.

The EPR session was followed by lunch and guest speaker Bill Carr, who was introduced by CSGA First Vice-President Jonathan Nyborg.

Bill Carr was followed by Martin Provencher (President of the Quebec Seed Growers' Association and CSGA Director) invited delegates to the 2018 CSGA annual general meeting in Montréal, Québec.

The final session of the day was devoted to a presentation of the recently approved CSGA *Strategic Plan 2017-2023* and the implementation priorities and associated work plans for 2017-20. The Strategic Plan elements were presented by consultant Monty Doyle and the overall implementation work plan was presented by CSGA Executive Director, Glyn Chancey. Key elements for the implementation plan were elaborated on by: Doug Miller, CSGA's Managing Director of Certification and Technology (Single Window initiative); Mike Scheffel, CSGA's Managing Director of Policy and Standards (Circular 6 Modernization); and, Caroline Lafontaine, Managing Director of Communications and Member Services (Seed Grower Training, Education and Professionalization).

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Chet Boruff, Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA), presented the AOSCA Report.

Annie Bergeron, Director on the ASCIS Association Board, presented the Authorized Seed Crop Inspection Service (ASCIS) Association Report.

Morgan Webb, President of the Canadian Seed Analysts Association of Canada (CSAAC), presented a report from CSAAC.

Roy van Wyk, Executive Director of the Canadian Seed Institute (CSI), presented a report on behalf of CSI.

Wendy Jahn, National Manager of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) Seed Section, presented the CFIA Report.

A closed member to member session was held.

Norm Lyster, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, presented the following resolutions.

Resolution #1

WHEREAS: A lot of effort went into making the 2017 CSGA Annual Meeting in Halifax, Nova Scotia 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 2017 CSGA Annual Meeting in Halifax, NS and to provide a list of those in the Annual Report.

Moved by Dale Connell, Palmerston, ON; Seconded by Richard Stamp, Enchant, AB **CARRIED**

Resolution #2

WHEREAS: it is in Canada's interest to protect Plant Breeders' Rights to ensure the future of agriculture for generations, and;

WHEREAS: it is very important to protect specific genetic traits such as the SM1 gene in Midge Tolerant Wheat varieties; and,

WHEREAS: it is known that licensed grain cleaning plants have legal obligations to maintain proper records of grain processed;

BE IT RESOLVED: that the CSGA petition the Government of Canada to require the Licensing of all grain cleaning facilities (both mobile and stationary) and ensure all plants are operated by trained and licensed operators.

Moved by Roy Klym, Regina, SK; Seconded by Carl Bolton, Dublin, ON **CARRIED**

Resolution #3

WHEREAS: Annual Seed Guides are published by the three prairie provinces to promote the use and sale of pedigreed seed, and,

WHEREAS: Provincial Seed Guides are often the first source of information for commercial producers on the newest varieties and a resource that is used for years; and,

WHEREAS: Due to publication dates, information on varieties and growers have been missed in recent years because of timing issues involving approval of Field Crop Certificates or payment of accounts, which compromises the integrity of the data; and,

WHEREAS: Seed Growers and variety rights holders rely on the publication of those Seed Guides as a long-term marketing tool; and,

WHEREAS: There is no actual seed for sale until the Certificate has been issued and the seed conditioned;

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Canadian Seed Growers Association provide seed grower data to the provincial Seed Guide publishers for all varieties for which inspection has been completed for the current year.

Moved by Cathy Fedoruk, Kamsack, SK; Seconded by Ward Oatway, Clive, AB

An amendment to resolution #3 was moved to exclude fields that were declined from seed lists provided to seed guide publishers. The motion was further amended to include the anticipated seed class and accounts in good standing. **CARRIED**

Art Bolton proposed a motion from the floor.

Motion for the Executive Committee to send a congratulatory letter to Robynne Anderson for her induction in the Canadian Agriculture Hall of Fame, and Kim McConnell for receiving the Order of Canada. Moved by Art Bolton; Seconded by Laurie Wakefield **CARRIED**

Les Trowell thanked the Board for giving members the opportunity to have a Member to Member session and asked for all future CSGA AGMs to include a Member to Member Session.

Motion to adjourn. Moved by Joe Rennick.

The following award recipients were presented with an Honorary Life Award at the CSGA Awards Banquet: Dr. Richard Martin (PEI), Peter Boswall (PEI) and Dale Adolphe (ON)

The following award recipients were presented with a Robertson Associate Award at the CSGA Awards Banquet: Jim Baillie (NS), and Grahame and Kathy Hardy (ON).