

**Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies
Board Meeting
July 20th, 2021 at 7:30pm**



Present: Valerie Allen, Lauren Armstrong, Carol Cann, Randy Creighton, Mike Dupuis, Beth Howell-Vervaecke, , Grace Mullen, Linda Murray, Liz O’Gorman-Smit, Heather Owens, Leonard Riopel, Angie Robinson, Bart Scherpenzeel, Brian Slaughter, Glen Syme,

Staff: Vince Brennan, Kathryn Lambert

Regrets: Andrew Taylor, Heather Dillon, Andrew Icton

Guests:

Minutes

1. Call to Order at 7:30 pm sharp
2. Welcome/Introductory Comments - Beth Howell-Vervaecke
3. Action Sheet Recorder – Angie Robinson and Heather Owens
4. Approval of Agenda - call for any additional items

Motion by Valerie Allen to approve agenda as presented

Seconded by Leonard Riopel

Carried

5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
6. Reminder that Code of Conduct has been signed
7. Review Action Sheet
8. Approval of June 15th, 2021 meeting minutes

Motion by Brian Slaughter to approve minutes as presented/amended

Seconded by Liz O’Gorman-Smit

Carried

9. Any business arising from the minutes?

DUUO program – contact Shawn and he will connect you to the people. They are creating a package. Launch in September but are working with Ag Societies now. Can refer other organizations to them.

10. Correspondence received – letter from Metcalf – posted on website

11. Strategic Plan review (see report)

12. Committee Reports – see website. (Motion for received committee reports)

Motion by Liz O’Gorman-Smit to accept committee reports as received

Seconded by Heather Owens

Carried

PROGRAMME COMMITTEES

- OAAS Programs - report on website
- Youth

STANDING COMMITTEES

- Finance –
- Human Resources -
- Nomination -

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- Sponsorship/Funding -
- Governance – report on website

Motion by Linda Murray to accept amendments to the “Convention Terms of Reference” as presented.

Seconded by Valerie Allen

Carried

Motion by Linda Murray to accept amendments to the “Board Operations Policy 2.11 – Convention Program” as presented.

Seconded by Liz O’Gorman-Smit

Carried

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

- Ambassador
- Auction
- Speakers/Sessions – report on website
- Registration
- Competitions
- Hospitality

AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Judging Panel
- 175th Anniversary

13. Finance Report

Motion by Leonard Riopel to accept financial reports as presented

Seconded by Glen Syme

Carried

14. Manager updates – Vince Brennan

Below is a list of what I have been working on since our June meeting

- Attended IAFE Zone, and State/ Provincial meetings.
- Participated in CAFE and Provincial Association meetings
- Organized two OMAFRA webinars for information on reopening.
- Ongoing newspapers interviews around reopening and what subsequent steps may look like.
- Multiple meetings with Agricultural Minister’s staff regarding annual funding grants.
- Prepared a large number of emails, press releases.
- I have been regularly meeting with Assistant Deputy Minister(Covid Agri-Food Secretariat), her staff and other OMAFRA personnel primarily focused on reopening plans and asking for clarification on regulations.
- Updating changes for the directory/website - ongoing.
- Collecting information around charitable status organization
- Working on our 2022 Budget
- Planning/working on next steps for Risk Management program - funding from Grassroots
- Working with Shawn LaPalm – The Co-operators - DUUO vendor program (Thanks to everyone for supporting program)
- Received CEWS
- Meeting Thursday morning with Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- Ongoing regular duties

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15. Convention Administrator updates – Kathryn Lambert

Great news that the province is beginning to open up and the current meeting space capacity is at 50%, excited to see this number lower as we get closer to February.

Saying that the seminar schedule still has lots of unknowns, but definitely coming together.

The service member package will be revised and released in the next month or so, at to start recruiting showcase applications. We may have to wait on the advice from the hotel regarding our current tradeshow layout and how we may need to alter our arrangements for February.

Other than that, July was a quieter month for committee meetings and once the Fall arrives committee will beginning to meet more frequently to get details confirmed and set for February 2022 Convention !!!

Thanks folks for your support, things are starting to get excited as February gets closer.

16. Adjourned

Next meeting August 17, 2021 with Erik Lockhart 7:00pm

Next Board Meeting dates: Sept 21, Oct 22 & 23 Fall meeting via zoom, Nov 16, Dec 21, Jan 18, 2022, Feb 17–19, 2022



2021 OAAS Action recorder Schedule

Month	Pro Director	District	Confirmed
March 2021	Liz	Executive	
April 2021	Grace	9	
May 2021	Andrew T. working with mentor Randy	7/15	
June 2021	Carol	11	
July 2021	Angie working with mentor Heather O.	2/3	
August 2021	Val	1	
September 2021	Mike- working with mentor Liz	10/ exec	
October 2021	Heather D.	6	
November 2021	Linda	5	
December 2021	Lauren-working with mentor- Brian	13	
January 2022	Leonard	14	
February 2022	Andrew I. -working with mentor- BHV	4	