

**Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies  
Board Meeting via Zoom  
Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 7:30 pm**



**Present:** Valerie Allen, Carol Cann, Randy Creighton, Beth Howell-Vervaecke, Andrew Iceton, Rodger Lyster, Grace Mullen, Linda Murray, Liz O'Gorman-Smit, Heather Owens, , Leonard Riopel, Bart Scherpenzeel, Brian Slaughter, Glen Syme, Brenda Tipping and Doug Yeo

**Staff:** Vince Brennan, Kathryn Lambert

**Absent:** Heather Dillon, Wayne Pfeffer

**Guests:** Lauren Armstrong, Mike Dupuis, Angie Robinson, Andrew Taylor

**Minutes**

1. Call to Order at 7:30 pm sharp
2. Welcome/Introductory Comments - Brian Slaughter
3. Appoint an Action sheet recorder – Heather Owens
4. The role call for this meeting is – How many of your District Ag Societies are registered for convention and AGM?
5. Approval of Agenda
  - Motion** by Linda Murray to approve agenda as presented
  - Seconded** by Grace Mullen
  - Carried** Yes – 17; No – 0; Abstain – 0
6. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
7. Code of Conduct
8. Approval of Minutes of January 12, 2021 meeting
  - Motion** by Doug Yeo to approve minutes as presented for January 12, 2021.
  - Seconded** by Rodger Lyster
  - Carried** Yes – 14; No – 0; Abstain – 0
9. Any Business Arising from the minutes? None
10. Review Action Sheet
  - 95 % has taken place
11. Board Correspondence - None
12. Committee Reports - motion for received committee reports
  - Motion** by Heather Owens to receive Committee Reports as reported
  - Seconded** by Valerie Allen
  - Carried** Yes - 17; No - 0; Abstain - 0
- 3 committee reports submitted – no recommendations or actions from any of them
13. Manager updates – Vince Brennan

*"The OAAS is committed to providing an environment in which all persons are treated with respect and dignity.  
The Designated Harassment Officers are Brenda Tipping and Doug Yeo."*

Discussed the changes in the review from last year - see the review under the Board tab for full explanations

- Appointment of Review engagement company
  - Motion** by Doug Yeo presenting Lynch Rutherford Tozer at the AGM to provide an Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report for 2021 Financial Statements.
  - Seconded** by Liz O'Gorman-Smit
  - Carried** Yes - 17; No - 0; Abstain - 0
- Discussion of AGM motions
  - Need a motion to accept Zoom voting rather than normal process
- AGM agenda

14. Convention Administrator updates – Kathryn Lambert

136 Fairs registered  
400 delegates  
46 ambassadors  
19 Past Presidents  
613 total attendees

Training tomorrow for facilitators and session presenters

Monday night 'Hospitality in a box" sold out – 50 people

Tested all the links – make sure you log in to the virtual site and make sure your log in works

Red Ribbon Gala – please attend 1 hr and 10 min

Auction - 65 lots listed closes at 4:30 pm Friday

15. Strategic plan – Update

2 sessions at Convention with Eric to provide input to Strategic Plan

16. Recognition to our retiring Directors

Doug Yeo – by Beth Howell-Vervaecke

Rodger Lyster - by Liz O'Gorman-Smit

Wayne Pfeffer – by Doug Yeo

Brenda Tipping – by Linda Murray

17. Review Board Evaluation Survey

The Executive broke the survey questions into sections and they each presented the main points from their assigned questions.

Liz, Heather and Beth took notes to compile a report.

18. Next meeting – March 16, 2021 incoming Board meeting

19. Adjournment - Moved by Brenda Tipping

Board Meeting dates: March 16, April 9 & 10, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 22 & 23, November 16, December 21, January 18, 2022