

Board Highlights: April 12-13, 2022

Advisory Group Model Review

The Board of Directors evaluated the advisory group and committee model and decided to revise the structure to include Risk Management, Industry Strategy, and Research advisory groups and two standing committees: Audit and Resolutions. Updated terms of reference that reflect the change will be presented to the Board of Directors at the meeting in May.

2022/2023 Ontario Pork Board Elections

At the first meeting after the annual general meeting, the Board held elections for all Board positions for 2022/2023. The election results are as follows:

John de Bruyn, Board Chair

Maaïke Campbell, Board Vice-Chair

Advisory Groups:

Risk Management: Eric Schwindt (Chair)

Industry Strategy: Arno Schober (Chair)

Research: Tara Terpstra (Chair)

Board Committees:

Audit Committee: Mike Mitchell (Chair), Bruce Hudson, Tanya Terpstra

Resolutions Committee: Bruce Hudson (Chair), Mike Mitchell

The Board also appointed representatives to the following organizations:

Ontario Agricultural Commodity Council: Maaïke Campbell

Farm and Food Care Ontario – Council: Mike Mitchell

Livestock Research Innovation Corporation: Tara Terpstra

London Swine Conference Steering Committee: Mike Mitchell

Ontario Pork's Annual General Meeting

The Board reviewed a summary of evaluations and participants' feedback which was largely positive. The Ontario Pork AGM was held in a hybrid format that would provide in-person and virtual options to attendees on March 23, 2022. This year's AGM featured updates from the Board Chair and the General Manager, the financial report, the auditors' report, the resolutions session, the Canadian Pork Council report and two guest speakers: Brett Stuart Brett Stuart, Global AgriTrends, and Kathleen Sullivan, Food & Beverage Canada. Minister Thompson delivered remarks at the AGM banquet.

2022-24 Business Plan

Senior management presented a draft business plan for 2022-24 for Board's consideration and comment. Board members discussed activities and projects that are planned to support strategic intents and provided suggestions. A fully developed business plan will be presented at the next Board meeting in May.

National Programs Evaluation Committee

The Board of Directors received an update on work of the National Programs Evaluation Committee. This ad-hoc committee was established by the Ontario Pork Board of Directors to review the Canadian Pork Excellence program as it is rolled out in Ontario, to ensure that the program remain purposeful, practical and adds value to pork producers' business.