

Greetings Society Family,

Thank you to everyone that joined us on April 1 for the first Round Table call. There were a few glitches but the feedback overall was very positive. We are still pulling the information together and we will be posting a link to the call as well as the chat notes and other information on the OAAS website. We have added a new button on the website titled **COVID-19** so that it will be easier for you to find COVID-19 related material.

GOOD NEWS - The OAAS is planning a 2nd Zoom COVID-19 Round Table on **Tuesday April 7 at 7:30pm**. The topic for this call will be “**Contract FAQs**”. We are very pleased to have Don Perry of Perry Law - he has graciously offered to speak to you and answer questions. **See the link below to register.**

This is short notice but we felt it was important to get this information to you as soon as possible.

We hope to offer some information on what to look for in a contract, your obligations and other information in this call.

IMPORTANT: If you have any questions about contracts, please send them to me ASAP and we will try and answer them in the call.

Also, if your Agricultural Society has any contracts they would like to share that we can post on our website as examples for other Agricultural Societies please send them to me at manager@oaasfairs.com. Please remove specific names from your contract before sending it to me.

Please forward this email and attachment to all directors on your Agricultural Society. We can accommodate up to 500 people. We are planning on posting a link to the video conference on the OAAS website.

Please don't share this link with anyone outside of your Agricultural Society or District to prevent unauthorized people on the call.

Registration:

You must register in advance for this meeting by clicking on the following link: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/u5luf--vpi4rCO7XJCv0a_NmNv-LtPvoCq

You may register at any time but we suggest registering at least several hours prior to the call due to the large number of participants.

You will be asked to input your name and email address – please verify your email address is correct. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar either by your computer or phone.

NOTE: If you don't receive a confirmation email – please contact me – we ran into a couple instances where the email was entered incorrectly so they didn't receive the registration email.

Accessing the call:

We will be using Zoom video conferencing for this webinar. **Please disable the video option when you log in** – video streaming affects the band width and slows down responses during the call.

You shouldn't have any issues with a laptop or smartphone accessing the webinar. If you have an older laptop or a desktop see the information below:

- You can access the webinar via computer (with or without video camera and microphone) or by telephone (cell or landline). You will need audio/speakers to hear the conference – if you can hear music or YouTube on your computer, you should be okay with Zoom.
- If your computer does not have video camera, you will still be able to see and hear the information on your computer screen
- If your computer does not have microphone, you will still be able to see and hear the information on your computer screen, you will be able to type your questions by chat but can't verbally ask them.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Please see the “**Zoom Instructions for COVID19 Video Conference**” document on the website <https://www.ontarioagsocieties.com/covid-19/647-oaas-video-call-links-and-information> for more specific information on the various methods of accessing Zoom – computer, smartphone, landline, and other information such as how to participate in the discussion or ask questions, etc.

NOTE: If you haven't used Zoom before, I suggest you start the process of logging in at **least 30 minutes** before the call starts to allow time for the app to download to your computer or smartphone.

If you have logged in before, I still suggest you log in ahead of the meeting.

Problems accessing via computer: If you have problems logging with your computer the evening of the call you may dial into the call on your cellphone or landline phone.

IMPORTANT – check the provided numbers against your phone plans - you could be charged long distance charges.

Reported Zoom hackers: We had a couple of concerns raised about reports that hackers are accessing Zoom meetings. We have updated the settings in Zoom as per instructions from Zoom and other specialists to stop people from hacking into our call. If you have been advised not to use Zoom for this reason, you may dial into the call on your cellphone or landline phone.

Important points:

When you log into the call you will be put on hold (in a Waiting Room) until the call starts.

All callers will be muted by the system. If you wish to participate or ask a question, click on the ‘**Raise Hand**’ button or ‘**Chat**’ option - **see the document on the website for more instructions.**

Thanks

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