

ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, February 24, 2024, 1:30 pm
Grand York Ballroom – Convention Floor
Sheraton Parkway Hotel, Richmond Hill



Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 pm.

Introduction of 2024 OAAS Board of Directors

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Land Acknowledgement

In Memoriam by 1st Vice President OAAS, Heather Owens

Staff Remarks: Kathryn Lambert

- Over 1000 individuals registered for the convention
- 200 service members, 70 ambassadors, 75 trade show booths, 36 workshops, 50 speakers
- App downloaded by 622 users, over 10,000 pages have been viewed on the app
- Special thanks to the sponsors, volunteers, board of directors, Brenda & Vince
- Ask to fill out the evaluations as we start planning for the 2025 convention

Staff Remarks: Vince Brennan

- Thank you to delegates
- Livestock traceability update
- Building Community Leaders update
- ONCA updates – webinars and template to be posted to the website shortly
- Data management project – in the final stages, judging module and updated website to be launched shortly
- 50% of the agriculture societies need to complete their contact information update in AssistExpo

Recognition

- Presentation to Liz O’Gorman Smit in recognition of her work on the board
- Kathryn Lambert, 19th year as convention manager
- Brenda Tipping, for her work as an administrative assistant to the OAAS
- Vince Brennan, all his hard work and dedication to the OAAS

President’s Address: President Glen Syme

- Thank you comments to the staff (Vince, Kathryn and Brenda) and the board of directors
- Agricultural societies - congratulations on your success and the work that
- Acknowledgement that Judy McFaul, 1st Vice President, CAFE

Greetings from the Honourable Rob Black, Senator for Ontario

- Being at the convention is like coming home
- Thank you for the warm welcomes and the opportunities to learn about the issues you are experiencing
- Discussed the importance of agricultural societies
- Recognized agricultures celebrating milestone years
- Thank you to the staff of the OAAS
- Recognition of the funding announcement from OMAFRA for the Building Community Leaders program

Building Community Leaders Presentation: Ellen Sinclair

- Ellen and Vince provided an overview of the Community Leaders program

Motion 1: Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as posted on our website and presented today to the membership. **Carried.**

Confirmation of Quorum

With 230 voting delegates, the quorum was confirmed.

Motion 2: Approval, 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes as circulated -Vince Brennan, Manager

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies held on Saturday, February 18, 2023, as posted on our website and presented today to the membership. **Carried.**

Report for Review Engagement as circulated - Lynch, Rutherford, Tozer, Port Hope, Ontario

Areas highlighted:

- Review of the financials on pages 22 and 23 of the annual report book

Motion 3: Accept the 2023 Financial Statements – Vince Brennan

Motion to accept the Financial Statements as posted on our website and presented today to the membership. **Carried.**

Motion 4: Appointment of Review Engagement Company for 2024

Motion to appoint Lynch Rutherford Tozer to provide an Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report for 2024 Financial Statements. **Carried.**

Motion 5: Confirm Acts of Directors and Officers for the past year

Motion that all acts, made, done and taken by the Directors and Officers of the Association since the last Annual Meeting be hereby ratified and confirmed. **Carried.**

Motion 6: Accept all District and Committee reports as printed in the Annual Report

Motion to accept all District and Committee reports as printed in the Annual Report. **Carried.**

Motion 7: Confirm the Election of the OAAS Board of Directors

Motion to confirm the election of the 2024/2025 OAAS Board of Directors. **Carried.**

Introduction of the 2023 OAAS 175th CCEA Scholarship winners

Videos of 2023 CCEA Scholarship Award winners.

- Julie French, Emily Lennox, Emma Oulette, Reegan Sawyer, Isabelle Todd and Jordan Wills
- Kathryn presented the scholarship award winners with their certificates

Closing Comments from Incoming President 2024 Glen Syme

- Discussed Ag Careers and a reminder of the available funding
- Reminder that the scholarship applications will be opening soon for 2024
- Announcement of our new Youth Recognition award
- First impressions program applications will be opening soon
- ONCA workshops
- Building Community Leaders program
- Special meeting to be held in 2024 for constitution changes required by ONCA

Adjournment

Jean Sullivan Carp Fair

2:56 pm