

**ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES  
PROPOSED BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS**

**February 21, 2026**

In the centre column, suggested additions and changes to the Constitution and By-Laws are noted in **red**.  
Deletions are noted using the **strike-out** function.

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<b><u>Change #1 – BY-LAW 10 FINANCES</u></b>		
a) all monies belonging to the Society shall be deposited in a bank account in the name of the Association at a branch of a charter bank, credit union, or other financial institution in Canada by any officers or an employee so designated by the Board	a) all monies belonging to the <del>Society</del> <b>Association</b> shall be deposited in a bank account in the name of the Association at a branch of a charter bank, credit union, or other financial institution in Canada by any officers or an employee so designated by the Board	Correction
<b><u>Change #2 – BY-LAW 4.1.3 ELECTION OF OFFICERS</u></b>		
<p>The Board shall elect a full slate of officers from the names of members of the OAAS Board of Directors presented by the Nomination Committee and from nominations from the floor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President of the Association and Chair of the Board</li> <li>• First Vice President and Vice-chair of the Board,</li> <li>• Second Vice President</li> <li>• shall install the Past President.</li> </ul> <p>The election takes place at the fall OAAS Board meeting and comes into effect following the annual meeting.</p>	<p>The Board shall elect a full slate of officers from the names of members of the OAAS Board of Directors presented by the Nomination Committee and from nominations from the floor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President of the Association and Chair of the Board</li> <li>• First Vice President and Vice-chair of the Board,</li> <li>• Second Vice President</li> <li>• <b>Member-at-Large</b></li> <li>• shall install the Past President.</li> </ul> <p>The election takes place at the <del>fall</del> <b>January</b> OAAS Board meeting and comes into effect following the annual meeting.</p>	<p>Since the districts haven't held there fall meetings to elect their provincial director (if is election year). Once they determine those positions, then the current Board would elect a full slate of officers.</p> <p>It was determined to member-at-large at the same time. Since the new directors coming for the most don't know one another yet.</p> <p>With this change BY-LAW 4.1.3.1 Member-at-large would be remove and be part of BY-LAW 4.1.3 ELECTION OF OFFICERS. <b>passed July 22 2025</b></p>

**Change #3 – BY-LAW 4.1.3.1 MEMBER AT LARGE**

The Board shall appoint or elect from among the Provincial Directors a Member-at-Large at its first meeting following the annual meeting of the Association.	The Board shall appoint or elect from among the Provincial Directors a Member-at-Large at its first meeting following the annual meeting of the Association.	Explanation above
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**Change #4 – BY-LAW 3.2.1.2 QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE DIRECTOR POSITION**

f) must continue to be a member in good standing of an Agricultural Society, who is a member of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies as set out in the By-law 2. They must remain in good standing for the duration of the director's term.	f) must continue to be a member in good standing of an Agricultural Society, <del>who</del> <b>in the district they are representing, which</b> is a member of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies as set out in the By-law 2. They must remain in good standing for the duration of the director's term.	Clarifying that a director must be a member of an agricultural society in the district they represent
i) must sign the Association's Code of Conduct document within 10 days of being elected as a director.	i) must sign the Association's Code of Conduct document within 10 days of being elected as a director <b>and submit by email to the OAAS Administrative Assistant.</b>	Clarifying that the director must submit the signed form to the OAAS.