



2019 Annual General Meeting Agenda

January 16 & 17, 2019

Lancaster Room

Executive Royal Hotel Edmonton Airport, Leduc, AB

Wednesday, January 16, 2019	
7:00 pm	Early Registration
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	President's Reception
Thursday, January 17, 2019	
7:30 am - 8:20 am	Registration & Breakfast
8:20 am - 8:30 am	Welcome & Introductions
8:30 am	NOMINATIONS OPEN
8:30 am – 8:45 am	Introduction to Seed Variety Issue PowerPoint
8:45 am – 10 am	<p>Panel: Seed for Thought: An Examination of Canada's Crop Varietal Research Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holly Mayer – AAFC • Todd Hyra – SeCan • Dr. Richard Gray – U of S • Kevin Bender – Alberta Wheat • TBA – Grains Roundtable
10:00 am – 10:15 am	COFFEE BREAK
10:15 am – 11:45 am	Panel: Seed for Thought: An Examination of Canada's Crop Varietal Research Funding
11:45 am - 12:30 pm	LUNCH
12:30 am - 12:45 am	Provincial Update: Hon. Oneil Carlier, Minister of Agriculture
12:45 pm - 1:00 pm	Greetings: Marc Duplantie, The Co-operators
12:45 pm - 2:00 pm	Break Out Bear Pit Session: Minister Carlier & Lakeland College Students
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Discussion & Voting on Resolutions
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	AFA Board Report
2:30 pm - 2:45 pm	Minutes Financial Report
2:45 pm	NOMINATIONS CLOSE
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	COFFEE BREAK
3:00 pm – 3:10 pm	Greetings: Rob Schmeichel, FCC
3:10 pm – 3:25 pm	Greetings: Bob Friesen, Canadian Federation of Agriculture
3:25 pm - 3:30 pm	ELECTION

3:30 pm – 4:10 pm	Western Farm Leaders Panel & Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynn Jacobson – President, AFA • Todd Lewis – President, APAS • Bill Campbell – President, KAP
4:10 pm – 4:30 pm	Discussion & Voting on Resolutions
4:30 pm	President's Closing Remarks & Adjournment

Seed for Thought

An Examination of Canada's Crop Varietal Research Funding

Panel Discussion - January 17th, 2019

Proposed questions for panel speakers:

	What	Who	Time
1	Background <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of UPOV '91 and how it came to be • Regulations under UPOV '91: what regulations are needed, what is the process for developing them? • AAFC funding for varietal research (how much has been spent on what crops over the last 10 years?) 	Holly Mayer, AAFC	20 minutes
2	Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently, what is being spent by whom on what crops? Who provides the funding - public funding, royalties, seed sales, etc. • How is funding managed and shared? • Justify the case for more funding. Are we falling behind in yields and profitability? • Will we lose seed industry research if we continue with seed royalties? • Which crops would be included under recommended model(s) and which would not? 	Todd Hyra, SeCan Holly Mayer, AAFC	20 minutes
3	Alternatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding models in other countries & results on the industry: pros and cons 	Richard Gray	40 minutes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation for Canada • Financial result of above recommendation (s) 		
4	<p style="text-align: center;">Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is the Grains Roundtable? • Why only EPR & Trailing Royalty? What other models were reviewed? Was there consensus? • What crops are included in these royalty recommendations and how is minor crop breeding funded? • What is the role of the commissions with respect to varietal research 	<p>Grains Roundtable (TBA)</p> <p>Kevin Bender, Alberta Wheat</p>	<p>10 minutes</p> <p>10 minutes</p>
5	<p style="text-align: center;">Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How committed is AAFC to changing the current system? • Can the regulations segregate among types of plants (under PBR Act) and types of crops (eg. cereals vs oilseeds)? Is this contemplated? • If producers want an alternate system to those recommended by the Grains Roundtable, what is the process to bring that forward? • What is the anticipated process and timelines from now to completion? • What is the Federal Government's role with regard to funding public varietal breeding, and what specific crops will be the focus of public funding? 	Holly Mayer, AAFC	20 minutes
6	QUESTIONS and DISCUSSION	Moderated by Humphrey Banack	50 minutes