

Agenda

Annual General Meeting of the Organic Federation of Canada

Friday, February 28th, 4pm to 6:15 pm, Mountain Standard Time,
at the Conference Room of the [Barrhead Neighbourhood Inn](#),
6011 49 St, Barrhead, AB T7N 1A5

Dial-in numbers: 866-613-5223 or 416-204-9354
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4:00 pm MST

- 1 10 min Introductions – Roll call of member delegates and sector participants.
- 2 5 min Adoption of Agenda - Appointment of referee for the minutes.
- 3 5 min Adoption of [minutes of AGM 2012-2013](#)
- 4 20 min Report from the President
- 5 30 min AGM Special Event– The Alberta Organic Sector
 - a. Sustainability of the Alberta organic sector;
 - b. Facing GMO contamination;
 - c. Lack of intra-provincial rules: impact on the Alberta sector
- 6 **5:10 MST** Reports on Projects:
 - 10 min Review of the Canadian Organic Standards Report – Hugh Martin, Chair of the Technical Committee on Organic Agriculture
 - 10 min Organic Science Cluster Report– Andy Hammermeister, Ph.D, OACC Director
 - 5 min Standards Interpretation Committee Report – Nicole Boudreau
 - 5 min [Organicinputs.ca](#) – National Organic Input Brand Name Directory
- 7 20 min Resolution to amend [Bylaws](#) and [Policies and Procedures](#) with regard to representation of Nova Scotia & research project management.
- 8 10 min [OFC Financial Report](#) 2012-2013
Appointment of the auditor
- 9 5 min Designation of directors (voting and ex-officio)
Terms ending in 2014: MB, BC, ON, YK, SK
- 10 Domestic issues – Next AGM
- 11 Adjourn – 6:15 MST

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Appendix

1- Resolution for representation of Nova Scotia on OFC Board

Whereas;

the member for Nova Scotia has been and is unable to perform the tasks which are necessary in representing and communicating with the sector in Nova Scotia, as outlined in “OFC Policies and Procedures; 3.3.1 a), c), d), and f),

Be it Resolved;

that the Organic Council of Nova Scotia is, as of this date, expelled as a member of the Organic Federation of Canada.

Membership Withdrawal

4.3.1. Any member or associate member may withdraw from the corporation by delivering to the corporation a written resignation and lodging a copy of the same with the secretary of the corporation.

4.3.2. Any member or associate member may be required to resign by a special resolution requiring approval of 75 percent of the members present at an annual meeting.

a) The notice of special resolution for expulsion shall be accompanied by a brief statement of the reason or reasons for the proposed expulsion.

b) The member or associate member who is the subject of the proposed resolution for expulsion shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the general meeting before the special resolution is put to vote.

Membership Criteria

3.3.1. Provincial and Territorial Organisations

1. The structure of the OFC/FBC relies on the existence of strong, democratically constituted, regional organizations. The provincial and territorial organizations provide the communications link between the OFC/FBC and organic operators across the country. The OFC/FBC has certain requirements for its provincial/territorial members. They must:

a) Strive to represent the entire organic industry—this means the producers, handlers, processors, input manufacturers, importers and exporters, retailers, and certification bodies in that province or territory. No one facet of the industry should predominate in their organisation so that all organic interests are represented in their governing council (or board).

b) Include government in their organization—either as ex-officio directors or as members. Provincial or territorial governments shall be included—federal government representatives may be included if the provincial or territorial organization desires.

c) Have the functional ability to serve their members—be able to communicate information to their members from the OFC/FBC and to communicate information from their members to the OFC/FBC.

d) Pay their membership fees.

- e) Have the ability to provide an elected director to the OFC/FBC board of directors. The director must be able to fulfill their role as a responsible member of a legal board of directors. They must attend meetings and they must report the results of OFC/FBC meetings to the body that appointed them.
- f) Have the ability to provide for the reasonable expenses required of a director.

2- Execution of documents: determination of overhead cost

It is proposed to add a paragraph to section 9 of OFC's Bylaws to determine allowed overhead cost when OFC signs agreements with other institutions/partners.

Justification: when negotiating agreements, most institutions (and sometimes individuals or private companies) will include an overhead charge on the contribution to cover their administrative expenses. Sometimes, this can be 40% or even higher. As some institutions will only accept O/H limitations if it is a clear policy of the funding partner, it is proposed to add the following resolution to section 9 of OFC Bylaws – named Execution of documents:

When work is being subcontracted or grant contributions are being made by the OFC to another institution or individual, overhead charges will not exceed 15% of the total amount.