

**Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies**  
**Board Meeting**  
**August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00pm**



**Present:** Valerie Allen, Lauren Armstrong, Carol Cann, Randy Creighton, Heather Dillon, Mike Dupuis, Beth Howell-Vervaecke, Andrew Icton, Grace Mullens, Linda Murray, Liz O’Gorman-Smit, Heather Owens, Leonard Riopel, Angie Robinson, Brian Slaughter, Glen Syme, and Andrew Taylor

**Staff:** Vince Brennan, Kathryn Lambert

**Absent:** Bart Scherpenzeel – internet issue

**Guests:** Eric Lockhart

**Minutes**

1. Call to Order at 7:00 pm sharp
2. Welcome/Introductory Comments - Beth Howell-Vervaecke
3. **Strategic Plan review - Erik Lockhart**
  
4. Action Sheet Recorder – Valerie Allen
5. Approval of Agenda - call for any additional items  
**Motion** by Mike Dupuis to approve agenda as presented  
**Seconded** by Leonard Riopel  
**Carried** Yes - 14; No - 0; Abstain – 0
  
6. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
7. Reminder that Code of Conduct has been signed
8. Review Action Sheet
9. Approval of July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes  
**Motion** by Linda Murray to approve minutes as presented  
**Seconded** by Heather Owens  
**Carried** Yes - 16 No - 0; Abstain – 0
  
10. Any business arising from the minutes? None
11. Approval of new Mission Statement  
**Motion** by Brian Slaughter to use ‘OAAS’ rather than ‘Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies’ in our new Mission Statement to approve Mission Statement with OAAS  
**Seconded** by Mike Dupuis  
**Carried** Yes - 15 No - 1 Abstain - 1
  
12. Approval of Strategic Plan  
**Motion** by Liz O’Gorman-Smit to approve Strategic Plan as presented  
**Seconded** by Glen Syme  
**Carried** Yes - 15; No - 0; Abstain - 1
  
13. Correspondence received - none
14. Committee Reports – see website. (Motion for received committee reports)  
**Motion** by Valerie Allen to accept Committee Reports as received.  
**Seconded** by Heather Owens  
**Carried** Yes - 16; No - 0; Abstain - 1

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## **PROGRAMME COMMITTEES**

- OAAS Programs - report on website  
Recommendation to send survey to participating fairs.
- Youth - report on website

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

- Finance -
- Human Resources -
- Nomination -
- Sponsorship/Funding -
- Governance – reports on website

**Motion** by Linda Murray *that the OAAS Board of Directors accept the Board Operations Policy – Board Committee Principles and Structure, 2.10*

**Seconded** by Carol Cann

**Carried** Yes - 16; No - 0; Abstain - 1

**Motion** by Mike Dupuis *that the OAAS Board of Directors accept the Terms of Reference – Board of Directors.*

**Seconded** by Linda Murray

**Carried** Yes - 14; No - 0; Abstain - 1

**Motion** by Lauren Armstrong *that the OAAS Board of Directors accept the Board Operations Policy – Executive 2.6, combining the previous Board Operations Policy 2.5 – President’s Role and 2.6 – Vice-Presidents.*

**Seconded** by Andrew Icton

**Carried** Yes - 16; No - 0; Abstain - 0

**Motion** by Valerie Allen *that the OAAS Board of Directors accept the proposed implementation of Policy 2.6. The current executive positions are to be grandfathered in and will continue with their roles as elected. Implementation of Policy 2.6 will start with executive elections at the fall meeting in 2021 regarding only the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President position that will continue with the role of Provincial Director and assume the role of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President in Feb 2022.*

**Seconded** by Carol Cann

**Carried** Yes - 16; No - 0; Abstain - 0

## **CONVENTION COMMITTEES**

- Ambassador
- Auction
- Speakers/Sessions
- Registration
- Competitions
- Hospitality - report on website

## **AD HOC COMMITTEES**

- Judging Panel
- 175th Anniversary

15. Finance Report - none

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16. Manager updates – Vince Brennan

- Working with OMAFRA and COVID team at OMAFRA for onsite or popup vaccination sites
- OMAFRA – a large amount of Ag Societies that have not filed the OMAFRA report for last year
- Executive met with Agricultural Minister Lisa Thompson

17. Convention Administrator updates – Kathryn Lambert

- Not much from hotel on guidelines or restrictions
- Working on service member package to book evening entertainment
- Looking at setting up tradeshow with every other booth for social distancing

18. Adjourned

Motioned by Glen Syme

Next meeting Oct 22 & 23 (zoom)

Next Board Meeting dates: November 30 Jan 18, 2022, Feb 16 –19, 2022



2021 OAAS Action recorder Schedule

Month	Pro Director	District	Confirmed
<del>March</del> 2021	Liz	<del>Executive</del>	
<del>April</del> 2021	Grace	<del>9</del>	
<del>May</del> 2021	<del>Andrew T. working with mentor Randy</del>	<del>7/15</del>	
<del>June</del> 2021	Carol	<del>11</del>	
<del>July</del> 2021	<del>Angie working with mentor Heather O.</del>	<del>2/3</del>	
August 2021	Val	1	
September 2021	<del>Mike working with mentor Liz</del>	<del>10/ exec</del>	
October 2021	Heather D./ Mike & Liz	6	
November 2021	Linda	5	
December 2021	Lauren-working with mentor - Brian	13	
January 2022	Leonard	14	
February 2022	Andrew I. -working with mentor- BHV	4	