



2024 APAS REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATION FORM

** Please give this nomination form to your RM Administrator by **4:00pm** on **October 9, 2024**. **

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Candidate name: _____

Candidate RM: _____

Candidate address: _____

Candidate phone number: _____

Candidate email: _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Two nominators are required for each candidate. Each nominator must be a resident of Saskatchewan and an agricultural producer in the candidate's RM.

Nominator #1 name: _____

Nominator #1 address: _____

Nominator #1 phone number: _____

Nominator #1 email: _____

Nominator #1 signature: _____

Nominator #2 name: _____

Nominator #2 address: _____

Nominator #2 phone number: _____

Nominator #2 email: _____

Nominator #2 signature: _____

CANDIDATE COMMITMENT

I, _____, a candidate for the position of Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) Representative for the RM of _____, declare that I meet all the requirements as outlined in the APAS Representative Role Description. If elected as an APAS Representative, I commit to supporting the objectives of APAS in good faith and to work in the best interests of the organization and its members.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Signature of candidate

Signature of witness

2024 APAS REPRESENTATIVE ROLE DESCRIPTION

1. Background

The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) has been the strong, united voice of Saskatchewan farmers and ranchers since 2000. Created and governed by farmers, APAS tackles the issues facing Saskatchewan agriculture through agricultural policy development, advocacy, education, and engagement. Democratic and non-partisan, APAS is accountable to over 16,000 Saskatchewan farmers and ranchers within our membership.

2. Authority

Rural municipalities from across the province voluntarily sign on to participate in APAS on behalf of their ratepayers. Each rural municipality (RM) that chooses to participate in APAS elects a Representative from among its ratepayers. These Representatives represent the ratepayers in their RM by participating in APAS governance and supporting the development of agricultural policy, research, advocacy, education, and engagement. The APAS Board of Directors is elected from among Representatives at the Annual General Meeting or at a duly called meeting of representatives of the District.

3. Time Commitment

Approximately (5) five to (10) ten days per year, inclusive of attendance at the AGM, the Policy Conference, District meetings and the RM member updates. This does not include the time a Representative may spend participating on committees of the Association.

4. Term of Office

In accordance with bylaw 7.05, Representatives are elected prior to the end of November for a four-year term. The Representative will take office upon certification of their election by the Association.

5. General Roles and Responsibilities

Representatives are responsible for bringing forth agricultural issues on behalf of producers/ratepayers in the participating APAS Rural Municipalities.

APAS Representatives are responsible for and expected to:

- a) Create Agricultural Policy: Gather input from producers in their communities and use it to inform and develop agricultural policy through non-partisan democratic process. Reps participate in policy development through:
 - i. District meetings
 - ii. APAS General Meetings
 - iii. Policy Committees/Task Forces
 - iv. Webinars
- b) Governance: Participate on APAS Policy Committees, vote at general meetings, and elect and run as Directors for their Districts.
- c) Communication: Ensure that key information flows between APAS, RM Councilors, APAS RM members and ratepayers.
- d) Representation: Give a voice to their communities by participating in APAS meetings and keeping local RM Councilors and individual members informed of APAS activities, policies, and current agricultural issues.

- e) Build Community & Expertise: Build relationships with other producers across Saskatchewan and develop expertise on a wide range of agricultural and governance issues.
- f) Be Accessible: Commit to having a contact phone number and email posted on the website where they may be reached.

Qualifications

As per the APAS Bylaws 7.03, a Representative must meet the following requirements:

- a) Is an individual member of APAS, defined as an individual that:
 - i. Is engaged in the business of farming or is the owner of agricultural land located in a participating RM;
 - ii. Is a citizen of Canada;
 - iii. Is a resident of Saskatchewan; and
 - iv. Is at least 18 years of age.
- b) Has not been found to be of unsound mind by any court.
- c) Does not have the status of a bankrupt.
- d) Is not an employee of APAS.
- e) Has remitted their property taxes to the participating RM.
- f) Has signed a commitment to support the objectives of APAS and to work in its best interests as a Representative.
- g) Is nominated by two (2) ratepayers in the participating RM.
- h) Is willing to represent the participating RM for a term of four (4) years, commencing upon certification of the election.

Compensation

Representatives are reimbursed for APAS-approved expenses, including per diems, mileage, meals, accommodations, and registrations for APAS events.