



APAS Re-elects President

Passes resolutions dealing with wildfire response, trespassing and right to farm at 2017 AGM

December 4, 2017 – For Immediate Release – The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan Board of Directors has re-elected Todd Lewis, APAS Representative for RM of Lajord #128, as President for the 2017-2018 year. Todd farms at Gray Saskatchewan with his family.

Mr. Lewis was first elected to the position in 2016.

The Board also elected Ian Boxall of Tisdale, and James Vogt of Francis as Vice – Presidents for the Association.

At the Annual General Meeting, APAS Representatives also elected several new Directors to the APAS Board. Those individuals are highlighted in bold.

District 1	James Vogt, Francis Ray Donald, Moosomin	RM of Francis #127 RM of Martin #122
District 2	Todd Lewis, Gray Terry Anthony, Moose Jaw	RM of Lajord #128 RM of Baildon #131
District 3	Don Connick, Gull Lake Rick Jensen, Webb	RM of Carmichael #109 RM of Webb #138
District 4	Ian Boxall, Tisdale Bill Prybylski, Willowbrook	RM of Connaught #457 RM of Garry #245
District 5	Donavon Block, LeRoy Mickey Palfy, Viscount	RM of Leroy, #339 RM of Viscount #341
District 6	Scott Owens, Maidstone Bill Warrington, Loverna	RM of Eldon #471 RM of Antelope Park #322

38 resolutions were passed during the three-day AGM, including:

- That APAS call on the province to make changes to simplify trespass legislation to control public access to farmland to prevent the spread of weed seeds and soil-borne diseases like club root.
- That APAS support a review of the Agricultural Operations Act and municipal authority to ensure Saskatchewan's "right to farm" legislation protects the ability of producers to use accepted and standard practices in both existing and new operations without unreasonable regulation or nuisance complaints.
- The re-affirmation of APAS' opposition to a carbon tax on agriculture.
- That APAS continue lobbying the provincial and federal governments to initiate the AgriRecovery program for producers affected by wildfires.



APAS Director Don Connick spoke about the October 17 wildfires in Southwestern Saskatchewan in an emotional presentation that was live streamed on Facebook and has subsequently been viewed more than 600 times. APAS is making a donation to the wildfire relief fund.

The 2017 APAS AGM was held November 28 – 30 in Regina, and also featured a panel discussion on Saskatchewan Women in Agriculture.

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Background: APAS is Saskatchewan's general farm organization – formed to provide farmers and ranchers with a democratically elected, grassroots, non-partisan, producer-run organization based on rural municipal boundaries. As the united voice of thousands of agricultural producers and ranchers in Saskatchewan, we strive to represent the views of a wide variety of agricultural stakeholders in order to form comprehensive policies that can benefit all sectors of society. APAS is a member of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.