



### **Resolution #13, Niagara South SCIA - To Allow Postage as an Eligible Tier One Grant Expense**

WHEREAS the purpose of Tier One Grants is to fund educational activities such as field days, guest speakers at events and bus tours, or one year in field trials or demonstrations designed to provide guidance on new equipment or management techniques; and,

WHEREAS it is of paramount importance to communicate information of these events to the Membership to ensure attendance; and,

WHEREAS many Members still do not have computers or use email; and,

WHEREAS hard copy mailed invitations remain the most effective way of communicating upcoming events and attracting Members to attend them.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association allow postage to be an eligible expense under Tier One Grant Guidelines.

*Moved by Don Oliver, seconded by Clark Frets (Niagara South).*

**Carried**

**SENT TO OSCIA Executive**

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### **RESPONSE FROM OSCIA Board of Directors**

Tier One funding is provided in a large part through the 3-year agreement between OSCIA and OMAFRA (2018-2021). It is acknowledged that postage costs can be significant, but it has not been an eligible expense for Tier One, Tier Two or Regional Communication Grants for many years. Local/regional associations that continue to depend on postal services to send newsletters or flyers, are encouraged to secure other sources of funding for the postage (e.g. membership fees, sponsorships, etc.) or investigate lower-cost options of distributing the information (e.g. email, multi-organization mailings, etc.). Discussions will continue on this item.