

Summary of Resolutions OSCIA's 2020 Annual Conference

	Resolution Title	Resolution Action <i>(Complete resolution available on website)</i>	Seconded by:	Directive sent to	Sent	Response from	Received	Response posted
1	Sandhill Cranes crop damage prevention through seed treatment	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Ontario Soil and Crop should support licensing of seed treatment to protect field crops from Sandhill Cranes.	Algoma SCIA	SEND TO: Arkion Life Sciences	02/27/20			
				COPY TO: Christopher Sharp, Canadian Wildlife Services, Environment and Climate Change Canada	02/27/20			
				COPY TO: Peter Jeffery, Senior Farm Policy Analyst, OFA	02/27/20			
				COPY TO: Crosby Devitt, Vice President and Barry Senft, Chief Executive Officer, GFO	02/27/20			
				Send 2019 Arkion response to Algoma as update				
2	Legacy Soil Mapping Upgrades	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Soil and Crop work with OMAFRA's mapping team to identify ways that members and partners can support a more rapid upgrade of the legacy soil maps.	Algoma SCIA	SEND TO: Ross Kelly, Manager, Resource Information and Business Services, EMB, OMAFRA	02/27/20			
3	Hay Insurance	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OSCIA encourage Agricorp to modify hay insurance so that it is yield & quality based rather than relying on a rainfall only model.	Algoma & Cochrane SCIA	SEND TO: Doug LaRose, CEO Agricorp	02/27/20			
				COPY TO: Debbie Brander, Manager, Product Management and Industry Relations, Agricorp	02/27/20			
4	FarmSmart	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OSCIA take direct, short-term action to assist FarmSmart in becoming a viable stand-alone entity with appropriate governance.	Halton SCIA	ACTION: Executive to get in touch with GHSCIA on assisting with resolving outstanding issues with respect to FarmSmart as an entity.	On-going			
5	Dissemination of knowledge from Huronview Drainage	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OSCIA collaborates with HCSCA and ABCA in disseminating the knowledge gleaned from the Huronview Drainage Demonstration	Huron SCIA	ACTION: include information in upcoming OSCIA newsletters and forward to AgScape to help spread information.				

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5	Demonstration Site	Project and in promoting learning opportunities at the Site for this project to serve as an educational prototype for other regions.		SEND Letter to Huron regarding utilizing Tier One Grant to help with knowledge transfer.				
6	Public recognition of value of sequestering Carbon	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association encourage various levels of government to support getting public recognition of the value that farmers provide to society by sequestering carbon, in the form of some financial compensation for this service.	Lambton SCIA	SEND TO: (support letter) Crosby Devitt, Vice President and Barry Senft, Chief Executive Officer, GFO	02/27/20			
				COPY TO: Ducks Unlimited	02/27/20			
				COPY TO: Paul Robertson, President, Ontario Woodlot Association	02/27/20			
				SEND reply to Lambton SCIA				
7	Credit Card payments for local SCIA's	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OSCIA investigate a more streamlined and secure method of accepting credit cards for payments at the local and regional level.	Oxford SCIA	SEND letter to Oxford SCIA updating them on online membership and event payment process on membership platform.		Andrew Graham, Executive Director, on behalf of OSCIA Executive	06/22/20	https://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2020-Resolutions-7.pdf
8	Engaging Landowners as Stakeholders in Soil Health and Agricultural Best Management Practices	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association encourage the provincial government to promote Agricultural Best Management Strategies as an engagement tool for all levels of stakeholders of agricultural lands, including landlords, investment firms & rural non-farming dwellers.	Renfrew SCIA	SEND TO: Thom Hagerty, Chair of Soil Action Group (SAG)	02/27/20			
9	Recognizing Agriculture's Contributions as a Key Stakeholder to Economic and Environmental Sustainability	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association encourage the provincial government to invest in the agricultural industry by engaging the services of Farm and Food Care to provide education, social incentives and & engagement tools for collaboration.	Renfrew SCIA	SEND (support letter): Kelly Daynard, Executive Director, Farm & Food Care	02/27/20			

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10	Communications Grant, Regional Communications Coordinator and Regional Newsletters	<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the OSCIA recognize local and regional associations that have clearly demonstrated the ability to produce a strong, vibrant, successful and sustainable regional newsletter by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to provide a funding program equivalent to (or better than) the existing Communications Grant. • Providing adequate support, guidance and training to the Regional Communications Coordinator position. • Allowing Regional Associations to ensure that newsletter content is both timely and contains information, articles and content that is largely relevant to their specific region and circulated in a manner that is suitable to both the grassroots member's needs and technological infrastructure available. 	Thunder Bay SCIA	SEND reply to Thunder Bay President and Secretary				
11	Glyphosate	<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OSCIA write a letter of support for glyphosate to the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) encouraging their continued re-affirmation of the safety and effectiveness of glyphosate, and;</p> <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OSCIA thank PMRA for publicizing their confidence in their science-based review of glyphosate.</p>	York SCIA	SEND (letter of support): PMRA	04/08/20			
12	Bill 156	<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OSCIA acknowledge and support the efforts of the Federations of Agriculture in encouraging the Government of Ontario to enact Bill 156 into law.</p>	York SCIA	SEND (letter of support): Cathy Lennon, General Manager, OFA	02/27/20			

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13	OMAFRA Staffing	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OSCIA encourage OMAFRA to replace all extension staff who have recently retired or who have otherwise left the Ministry, and; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the positions being refilled that were originally bilingual remain bilingual positions.	Eastern Valley Regional SCIA	SEND (letter of support with suggestion): Minister of Agriculture, Honorable Ernie Hardeman, OMAFRA	02/27/20	Minister of Agriculture, Honorable Ernie Hardeman, OMAFRA	04/20/20	https://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/2020-Resolutions-13.pdf
				COPY TO: Colleen Fitzgerald-Hubble, Director, Agriculture Development Branch, OMAFRA	02/27/20			
14	OSCIA Website	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OSCIA work to revamp the website to make it more user friendly by being less confusing and more intuitive.	Eastern Valley Regional SCIA	SEND reply to Eastern Valley	On-going			
15	OSCIA Newsletter printing	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that OSCIA carry out printing and distribution of both the province-wide and local news for members requiring hard copy, as identified by each region, with cost incurred to be billed to each region on a cost-recovery basis	Golden Horseshoe Regional SCIA	ACTION: OSCIA Executive and RC Sub-Committee to continue investigations with regards to centralized printing options versus sending pdf document to RCCs for regional level printing.	On-going	RC Sub-Committee has met and discussed various printing options and their recommendation was accepted during the March Executive meeting.		