



# 2020 OSCIA *Resolution Package*



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**Resolution #7 – Oxford SCIA – Credit Card payments for local SCIA's**

WHEREAS, members are showing increasing interest in using credit cards for membership renewals and event registrations, and;

WHEREAS it is not widely known across the province that OSCIA can receive credit cards as a payment option, and;

WHEREAS Ag industry reps are frequently requesting the acceptance of credit cards for sponsorship opportunities, and;

WHEREAS Ag industry reps are finding it more and more difficult to get reimbursements for cash expenditures, and;

WHEREAS accepting and processing credit card payments at the local level currently is a time-consuming process.

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.

MOVED BY: Paul Hagey

SECONDED BY: Darren Scholton (Oxford SCIA)

CARRIED

SEND TO: Local SCIA's a notice on online payments available – perhaps through newsletter

*REPLY FROM: A. GRAHAM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OSCIA*

*June 22, 2020*

*Mr. David Grieve, President  
Oxford Soil and Crop Improvement Association*

*We appreciate the resolution focusing on credit card payments that Oxford SCIA brought forward at the annual conference earlier this year, and we are pleased to report on progress that has been made on our home-grown solution.*

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*Over recent years, OSCIA has used a third-party web-based software product called Wild Apricot to help manage event registration and online memberships. As members become more active online, and with the encouragement of local associations including Oxford, OSCIA determined it was time to bring the ownership in-house and initiated development of a new membership platform that would better serve the specific needs of the membership.*

*The new membership platform uses Paypal, which is a familiar and trusted online payment system that supports online money transfers and serves as an electronic alternative to traditional paper methods like cheques and money orders. Paypal allows members to pay how they like – by credit card (Visa, Mastercard and American Express), debit card, or if internet access is available at the actual event, transactions can be completed on computer through the Paypal portal in-person.*

*OSCIA has begun rolling out the new platform and aims to bring all regions onto the new membership site by the end of 2020. Our processes will be closely monitored and re-aligned as necessary to ensure a positive experience for the member and the organization.*

*We recognize that Oxford has always been an early adopter and strong advocate of on-line services for members and trust you will find this new platform will bring increased confidence and efficiencies for users.*

Sincerely,



Andrew Graham  
Executive Director

Cc Cathy Dibble, Thames Valley RCC & Oxford Secretary  
Darren Scholton, Oxford member

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