

2024 OSCIA *Resolutions*



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Resolution #1 – Renfrew SCIA – Cultivate Collaborative Opportunities

WHEREAS OSCIA’s on-farm field trial research is truly relevant to all Ontario farmers, and;

WHEREAS Many Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association’s priorities align with other Ontario farm groups, and;

WHEREAS Volunteer fatigue and network management for farmers (we all wear many hats), and;

WHEREAS On-farm research benefits Ontario farmers as well as farmland and the environment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OSCIA collaborate with the other Ontario agricultural groups (such as Grain Farmers of Ontario, the Ontario Canola Growers Association, the Beef Farmers of Ontario, and Dairy Farmers of Ontario) by hosting more joint Knowledge and Technology Transfer events and research initiatives.

MOVED BY John Poel

SECONDED BY Jennifer Doelman,
Renfrew

Carried

Resolution #2 – Middlesex SCIA – Coordinating On-Farm Research Results

WHEREAS A great deal of on-farm research is conducted on Ontario farms, and;

WHEREAS This research would have exponentially greater value if the protocols and results were coordinated at the Provincial level, and;

WHEREAS Other jurisdictions have developed excellent systems for coordinating, compiling and reporting the results.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OSCIA coordinate with Grain Farmers of Ontario to arrange a farm research network coordinator.

MOVED BY John Poel

SECONDED BY Ryan Kennes,
Middlesex

Carried.

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Resolution #3 – Elgin SCIA – Nitrogen High Yield Research

WHEREAS Nitrogen fertilizer costs and emissions are top of mind, and;

WHEREAS N response data does not include the high yields (greater than 220 bu) that many growers now achieve.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OSCIA continue to support Nitrogen research in high yield environments and look at nitrogen loss potential.

MOVED BY John Poel

SECONDED BY Terry Small,
Elgin

Carried.



Resolution #4 – Wellington SCIA – Membership Fees for OSCIA

WHEREAS OSCIA plans to offer a reduced membership fee to people 23 years and under, and;

WHEREAS These people are our future leaders in agriculture.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OSCIA provide outreach services to potentially get these young members to join by giving a presentation on membership benefits at graduating classes of agriculture at OAC Guelph and Ridgetown College of Agricultural Technology, senior 4-H clubs and Junior Farmer clubs in Ontario.

MOVED BY John Poel

SECONDED BY Lawrence Levesque,
Wellington

Carried.

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Resolution #5 – Niagara Peninsula, Halton and Eastern Valley SCIA – Membership Platform

WHEREAS Membership and its revenue is a major income for OSCIA, Local Association and Regions, and;

WHEREAS Since COVID, rebuilding Membership in the Local Associations and Regions has been paramount, and;

WHEREAS Online Membership renewals and/or payments are services offered by many Agricultural Organizations in the Province, and;

WHEREAS OSCIA's Membership Platform has been undergoing changes since leaving the Wild Apricot platform, and;

WHEREAS The Membership Platform in its current state is still an unreliable and cumbersome way to process Memberships.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the OSCIA put sufficient resources to either improve the usability/reliability of the Membership Platform or find another platform that will meet the needs of the Members and Administrators, and;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that a fully functioning platform be in place by November 1st, 2024.

MOVED BY John Poel

SECONDED BY Peter Lambrick
Halton

Carried.

Resolution #6 – Sudbury & Manitoulin SCIA’s – Compensation for Wildlife

WHEREAS Crop losses from wildlife damage are substantial (OFA survey), and;

WHEREAS The losses are not adequately addressed through Agricorp Production Insurance, and;

WHEREAS Other provinces, notably Manitoba and Saskatchewan, have compensation programs for crop losses from wildlife (as previously presented by representatives from MB and SK to the Agriculture-Wildlife Conflict Working Group (AWCWG), chaired by OMAFRA), and;

WHEREAS Ontario has a compensation program for livestock losses caused by wildlife (the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program (OWDCP), administered by OMAFRA)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, OSCIA support OMAFRA, with ideas, information and statistics, in the creation of a compensation program for damage to crops by wildlife.

MOVED BY John Poel

SECONDED BY Mack Emiry

Sudbury West

Carried.

Resolution #7 – Glengarry SCIA – Online Membership Payments

WHEREAS Membership and its revenue is a major source of income for Local Soil and Crop Associations, and;

WHEREAS Since COVID, rebuilding membership in the Local Associations has been paramount, and;

WHEREAS Online membership renewals and/or payments are services offered by many agricultural organizations in the province, and;

WHEREAS OSCIA's membership platform is an ideal place in which members are able to make their membership payments, and;

WHEREAS The timeline in which local associations receive online payments can be extremely delayed, often taking many months.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that OSCIA remit to the local associations, monies received from online membership payments, in a timely manner, and;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that a reasonable timeline for remitting membership monies to the local associations be within sixty days of online payment.

MOVED BY John Poel

SECONDED BY William Lang

Glengarry

Carried.

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