



Manitoba Organic Alliance

# Manitoba Organic Alliance Annual General Meeting

April 8 2020

Zoom meeting videoconference.

Pre-AGM: Karen Klassen and Martin Entz discuss the proposed Organic Sector Development Fund (check-off).

**1. Agenda circulated**

Janine moves the Agenda be accepted as presented. Carried.

**2. Minutes from 2019 AGM**

Motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Carried

**3. President's Report: Elizabeth Karpinchick and Janine Gibson: co-chairs.**

Goals & Impacts 2019/2020: presented by Elizabeth Karpinchick

- Member consultations about the proposed Organic Sector Development Fund on January 24, 2019 and April 2, 2019.
- February 2019 - MOA hired Dana Penrice as contracted Coordinator
- February 2019 – Annual MASC meeting. Continuing to lobby on behalf of organic producers for improved risk management tools in this time of extremes
- June 12, 2019 – Ag Action Manitoba Grant approval for Podcast and Online Resources to Grow a Competitive Organic Grain Industry
- July 24, 2019 – Crops-a-palooza, Dana & Liz attended
- August 2019 – MOA joined twitter (100 followers on March 25, 2020)
- MOA letter of support for CAP research funding Struvite Research by Joanne Thiessen Martens
- September 7, 2019 – APOFA Petition completed and sent to Agricultural Producers' Organization Certification Agency
- November 13, 2019 – “Getting the most out of every acre” Cover cropping workshop.
- December 16, 2020 – Hiring Karen Klassen as contracted Communication Development Officer



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- January 24, 2020 – MOA hosted “Growing Hemp for CBD & Seed Workshop” at Brandon AG Days
- MOA represented by Janine Gibson on the Organic Federation of Canada and on the Canadian General Standards Board 2020 Canadian Organic Standard Review

Goals & Impacts for the future: 2020/2021

- Publish the second season of “Grain on the Brain”
- Organic Sector Strategic planning
- MASC Adjustor Training with U of M
- Succession/Transition Planning event with Elaine Froese
- Getting the Most out of Every Acre November Conference
- Renovating online resources for MOA and Pivot and Grow
- Human Resources Committee
- Podcast Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- By-laws Committee
- Continuing to serve on Organic Federation of Canada, with new board members welcome to participate

#### 4. **Nominations Report**

**Current board members:** Anne Kirk, Kim Wilton, Laura Natrasony, Patty Harris, Alden Braul, Larry Black, Hermann Grauer, Eric Rempel, Janine Gibson, Ken Sabatier, Chuck Leibert

Non-voting: Laura Telford, Jacqui Davidson

**Outgoing board members:** Alden Braul, Larry Black, Harmann Grauer, Eric Remple, Janine Gibson, Ken Sabatier, Chuck Leibert

Outgoing board members can sit on committees.

**First call for nominations:**

Nominations to the Board of Directors for a second term: Elizabeth Karpinchick

Nominations to the Board of Directors for new board members: Royden Loewen, Alex Boersch, Jason Peters, Don Rourke, Lorne Lix

5. **Financial Report:** Eric Rempel presents his Activity Report/ Profit & Loss Statement.

Motion to accept the financial report. Carried.

Action: Eric, Laura, Karen and Liz will investigate accrual accounting

6. **Second and third calls for nominations.** None.



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7. **Motion to amend By-laws:** Kim Wilton  
10 years since last review.  
Board of Directors term now 3-year terms.  
No concerns or speaking against the motion. Carried.
8. **Election to the Board of Directors:**  
Motion to approve the slate of directors. Carried.

Thanks to the Outgoing Board of Directors for their years of service:

Alden Braul, Larry Black, Hermann Grauer, Eric Rempel, Janine Gibson, Ken Sabatier,  
Chuck Leibert

9. **Other business:**

Kim moves the AGM meeting be adjourned. Carried Thanks all!

**Action:** Eric, Laura, Karen and Liz will investigate accrual accounting