

# Notice of the 2019 Annual General Meeting

Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies





November 30, 2018

To: All Members of the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies

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The Annual General Meeting will be held on February 9, 2019 at 4:15 pm at the Edmonton Inn & Conference Center on Kingsway in Edmonton, AB in conjunction with our annual convention. The 2019 convention theme is "To Boldly Go Where No Ag Society Has Gone Before".

The following Director positions will be up for election at the 2019 convention during the Regional Meetings which will be held the morning of February 9, 2019.

Region 2 – 1 position (3 year term)

Region 3 – 1 position (3 year term)

Region 4 – 1 position (3 year term)

Region 5 – 1 position (1 year term)

The Board of Directors currently has no special resolutions to present at the 2019 convention. In accordance with Bylaw 24.2 any special resolutions from the membership must be received by the office at least sixty (60) days prior to the AGM. No special resolutions were received thus far.

Copies of our current bylaws were mailed to each Agricultural Society in December 2014, as well as being included in the AGM package at each convention since 2015. They are still current and in effect. They are also available for download on the "About" page on our website at [www.albertaagsocieties.ca](http://www.albertaagsocieties.ca). If you wish to receive or require another copy of the bylaws you can contact the AAAS office at 780-427-2174 or [aaas@gov.ab.ca](mailto:aaas@gov.ab.ca) to have a copy mailed or emailed to you.

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## ELECTIONS

Elections are required annually in alternate regions to ensure continuity in the board.

This year elections will be held in Regions 2, 3, 4, & 5. These elections will take place during the regional meetings at the annual convention. All incumbents and any AAAS member are welcome to let their name stand for election in their respective region.

To help you in deciding whether to stand for election, the job description below outlines the commitment of the office of a Director.

### Directors up for election:

Region 2 – Debbie Ross	3 year term
Region 3 – Keith Bailey	3 year term
Region 4 – Rick McCarthy	3 year term
Region 5 – Travis Reed	1 year term

### Elections for Directors will take place at the Regional meetings on Saturday February 10, 2019.

As per the bylaws, a Board of Directors, consisting of nine persons elected by regional members, and one person by Service Members, shall administer the affairs of the Association:

Region 1	Southern Region	1 Director
Region 2	South Central Region	1 Director
Region 3	North Central Region	2 Directors
Region 4	North East Region	2 Directors
Region 5	North West Region	2 Directors
Region 6	Northern Region	1 Director
Service Member	Provincial	1 Director

Executive Committee elections are held at the meeting directly after the annual meeting at convention to determine the following positions: President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Treasurer. Each executive committee position serves a one year term.

### Regional Director and Service Member Director Positions

The position of Regional Director (three year term), and Service Member Director (three year term) are unpaid volunteer positions. Directors shall only serve for three (3) continuous terms, and must take one (1) year off prior to running for re-election as a Director.

A Regional Director must be a member or staff of an agricultural society within the region they represent. A Service Member Director must be a Service Member in good standing.

### **Regional Director and Service Member Director Duties include:**

- Attendance at all meetings of the Board of Directors, as called by the President. In the event a Director's position becomes vacant, the Executive Committee may appoint any eligible person to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term.
- Attendance at special meetings called by the President
- Attendance at the Regional Meetings and conduct elections as needed
- Attendance at the Annual Meeting and convention
- Representation of the association at meetings and events as required by the Board

### **Director Time Commitments**

#### Board of Directors Meetings:

- Board meetings are usually held four times annually
- Board meetings typically are on a Friday evening and Saturday

#### Annual Meeting & Convention:

- Annual meeting and convention must take place prior to March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year
- A meeting of the Board to discuss the business and assign responsibilities for the weekend is scheduled prior to the annual meeting.
- Arrival is expected as designated by the President (usually for a Thursday evening meeting); departure is typically Sunday afternoon.

#### Committees and Special Projects

- Special projects and committee responsibilities are unique and require various time commitments
- Occasionally there may be a need for a 2 day retreat for the purpose of strategic planning or discussion on a topic that requires more time than the typical board meeting

### **Remuneration:**

Expenses incurred while carrying out the business of the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies will be reimbursed. Eligible expenses and rates are reviewed and revised annually. In all cases, accommodations are booked and paid for by the Association. Incidentals are the responsibility of the individual. A meal allowance and mileage/airfare reimbursement is provided upon the submission of an expense sheet.

The AAAS Board of Directors is a diverse group, from different backgrounds, that continues to serve the needs of agricultural societies in Alberta. Every one of us is proud to be connected with this organization and have a strong loyalty and commitment to serving our members. If you feel that you want to be a part of the future of agricultural societies in Alberta, we welcome you.

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Director, Service Member Director or the AAAS office at 780-427-2174

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