



OAAS GAZETTE

| Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies |



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Greetings from OAAS President...

Judy McFaul, Russell

On behalf of the OAAS Board of Directors, welcome to the 2017, Spring issue of the OAAS Gazette, although it is not very Spring like here in the East, maybe in your parts too, here in the east we are fighting major flooding, no crops in, plus cold weather!

We hoped you enjoyed the 2017 Convention, we are always looking for suggestions and ideas for speakers, seminars, etc., for the upcoming 2018 convention February 15-18th at the Royal York, please mark your calendars to attend!

I am pleased to say that we at the OAAS have renewed our contracts with our Office Manager Vince Brennan, and Kathryn Lambert our Convention Administrator their expertise and support has been instrumental as we move forward with the right sizing of the OAAS board.

As we are all heavy into the planning of our Fairs this upcoming season, remember they are cherished institutions that bring communities and families together, they make memories and traditions.



As we are about to celebrate Canada's 150th celebration I am so astonished how many fairs in Ontario have already achieved this milestone! In District 1 Williamstown is the "oldest annual fair" celebrating its 206th fair this August. This year please congratulate Riceville, Bracebridge, Feversham, Rocklyn, Shelburne, Six Nations, and Stormont for Celebrating with 150th with Canada!

I must admit it is different around the Board table, with only 15 Provincial Directors, but as we move forward it is also exciting to see our future! We are currently working on developing our Vision and Mission statements as well as our strategic plan. We expect this to be completed for the 2018 convention. As you are aware, at your District Meetings, Roles and Responsibilities were explained of the Provincial Director and your Districts responsibilities. We are also renewing and updating around judging issues, updating the judging book, and documentations.

We extend the deadline for the First Impression program, and now have more than a dozen Fairs taking part in this amazing program, visit our website for more information.

Lastly I would like to thank our OAAS staff for all that they do, the OAAS Board of Provincial directors, District Directors and of course all of the volunteers that make fairs happen in Ontario!

May your skies be blue, your attendance bountiful, and your memories priceless at your fairs!

Enjoy the fair season!

- Judy McFaul



Convention Competition



PHOTOGRAPHY

Grand Champion Exhibitor: Port Hope
 Junior Champion Exhibitor: Binbrook

60% WHOLE WHEAT BREAD

1st Sonya Russell, District #4 ~ Port Hope
 2nd Ann Scheurwetes, District #10 ~ Teeswater
 3rd Shauna Lupaschuk, District #13 ~ Brigden

CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

1st Alexandra Jackson, District #6 ~ Dunnville
 2nd Jessalyn Parish, District #10 ~ Chesley
 3rd Alyssa Carpino, District #5 ~ Coldwater

JUNIOR POSTERS

1st Drew Clingan, District #9 ~ Comber
 2nd Hazel Robertson, District #2 ~ Lombardy
 3rd Kaleigh McCallum, District #8 ~ Brussels

INTERMEDIATE POSTERS

1st Nari Hway, District #5 ~ Oro
 2nd Sydney Rooyakkers, District #3 ~ Odessa
 3rd Keagan Thompson, District #7 ~ Harrison

SENIOR POSTERS

1st Jessie Brown, District #5 ~ Milton
 2nd Phoebe Stewart, District #4 ~ Lindsay
 3rd Benjamen Bradbury, District #11 ~ Bracebridge

2-D PROFESSIONAL POSTER

1st Shelburne, District #5
 2nd Harriston-Minto, District #7
 3rd Caledonia, District #6

2-D HOMEMADE POSTER

1st Binbrook, District #6
 2nd Six Nations, District #7
 3rd Wallacetown, District #13



HAND QUILTED QUILT

1st Shirley Abernethy, District #4 ~ Fenelon
2nd Esther Graham, District #5 ~ Orillia

MACHINE QUILTED QUILT

1st Janice Beulow, District #1 ~ Carp
2nd Mary Gunson, District #10 ~ Arran Tara

2017 OAAS Convention Partnership

Platinum

Canadian National Exhibition

Gold

Dominion Regalia
The Co-Operators Insurance
Markham Fair

Silver

Carp Agricultural Society
Encore Promotional Products
Fairmont Royal York Hotel
Grand River Agricultural Society
Limestone Productions
Horse Power
International Association of Fairs & Exhibition
Rick Davis Promotions
Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show
OMAFRA
Shield Security
Encore Promotions
Western Fair District



Bronze

4-H Ontario
Alberta Premium
Albion Amusements Ltd.
Ambush
Ancaster Agricultural Society
AssistExpo
Bayfield Agricultural Society
Big Dave's
Blyth Festival Theatre
Bobcaygeon Agricultural Society
Bracebridge Agricultural Society
Brigden Fair
Brooklin Agricultural Society
Brussels Agricultural Society
Bucking Bronco
Caledon Agricultural Society
Calgary Stampede
Canadian Raptor
Charles Jones Industrial Ltd.
Chesley Agricultural Society
Coldwater Agricultural Society
Country Fair Baking
Country Heritage Ag Society
Dispatch Talent
Dunnville Agricultural Society
Electrical Safety Authority
Elmvale Agricultural Society
Erin Agricultural Society
Essa Agricultural Society
Farm & Food Care Ontario
Farco
Great Northern Exhibition
Harriston-Minto Agricultural Society
Halton Agricultural Society
Hensall Agricultural Society
Huron Central Agricultural Society
Incredible Edibles
International Plowing Match
Ion Talent
Jagger Sports Co.
Kerry McDonald,
Kidomo
Lombardy Agricultural Society

Mary Maxim
Metcalf Agricultural Society
Flos Agricultural Society
Gay Lea Foods Co-operative
Glencoe Agricultural Society
Madoc Agricultural Society
Magical Midway
OAAS District #1
OAAS District #8
OAAS Past Presidents' Association
Ontario Plowmen's Association
Ontario Trillium Foundation
Paris Agricultural Society
Roseneath Agricultural Society
Robertson Amusements
Rockton's World Fair
Russell Agricultural Society
Sara Knox, Shawville/CAFE
Spencerville Agricultural Society
Tweed Agricultural Society
Quinte Agricultural Society
Sylvia Parr, Past President OAAS
Technical Safety Standard Authority
TD Canada Trust
Thorndale Agricultural Society
Thrill Show Productions
Tourism Toronto
Vankleek Hill Agricultural Society
VIA Rail
Wallacetown Agricultural Society
Wellesley Agricultural Society
William Morris, Past President OAS
Workplace Safety & Prevention Services
Woofjocks
World's Finest Shows



OAAS Convention

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2017

OAAS CONVENTION
FEBRUARY 16 - 18, 2017
Fairmont Royal York

- Over 1000 registrations, including: Delegates, Ambassadors, Board, Past Presidents, Service Members, Speakers, Guests (*from 7 provinces, 1 state*)
- 70+ tradeshow exhibitors
- 26 different seminar topics, plus Smart Serve & Consumer Protection Program
- Over 20 entertainers including Meghan Patrick & James Barker Band
- Live & Silent Auction \$14 000+
- Platinum Sponsor: Canadian National Exhibition
Gold Sponsors: Markham Fair, The Co-Operators, Dominion Regalia
- Keynote Speaker: Andrew Campbell, *Standing on the Front Lines of Ag Awareness*



THANK YOU to the 84 people who completed the post convention survey. There were several constructive comments shared on the surveys; unfortunately there were very few suggestions, ideas or recommendations. PLEASE send your ideas for entertainment, seminar topics, as plans for 2018 are already in the works !!

2018 OAAS Convention
February 15-17 2018

IDEAS FOR 2018

- Saturday morning round table discussions will return in 2018
- Ambassador Introductions will kick off Friday evening !!
- Popular seminar topics will be offered more frequently

If you enjoy the OAAS Convention and would like to volunteer for a few hours next year, please let us know.

LEN PATTERSON MEMORIAL AWARD

Presented by Nothers Awards, London

The 9th Annual Leonard Patterson Memorial Award will be presented at the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies Annual Convention in February 2018.

Leonard Patterson worked for Nothers for several years and made many contacts and friends at the fairs. He volunteered and worked diligently on the Board of Mount Forest Fair, as well as for District #10, where he served as their Director on the OAAS board and was elected President in 1986.

Nothers is presenting this award in Leonard's memory.

Agricultural Societies wishing to nominate their Secretary, Treasurer, and/or dedicated volunteer who has served their organization for at least 10 years, may do so by sending their nomination to the OAAS Past Presidents' Association by December 1, 2017. There is no special nomination form. Please submit in writing, explaining in details why you feel your Secretary and/or Treasurer is deserving of this honour. If previously nominated, please re-apply with an updated profile.

Please send your nomination to:

OAAS Past Presidents' Association,
 c/o Joanne Gregson, 16 Red Pine Cres.,
 Wasaga Beach, Ontario L9Z 3B3 or email: jwgregson@sympatico.ca



Left: Paul Nothers (from Encore Promotions), Middle: Joanne Gregson (Award Recipient), Right: Carl DeSchutter (Past President of OAAS)



proAction Program and Premises Identification Number Update **- Dairy Farmers of Ontario**

What is proAction?

proAction is a national on-farm quality assurance program developed by the Dairy Farmers of Canada (DFC) and implemented in Ontario by Dairy Farmers of Ontario (DFO). It includes modules relating to milk quality, food safety (Canadian Quality Milk), animal care, livestock traceability, biosecurity and environmental sustainability. Currently, the milk quality and food safety modules have already been implemented on Canadian dairy farms. The livestock traceability and animal care modules are set for September 2017 implementation, and the biosecurity and environment modules will follow in September of 2019 and 2021, respectively.

Why Traceability?

Livestock traceability programs are based on three foundational pillars – animal identification, premises identification, and animal movement recording and reporting. Ensuring that the Canadian dairy industry has a functional traceability system can lead to many business advantages and assist in emergency response efforts by improving emergency preparedness, responsiveness and risk management in the event of natural disasters, plant and/or animal disease or other emergencies. The requirements of the proAction traceability module stipulate that dairy farmers must properly identify animals born after September 1, 2017 using National Livestock Identification for Dairy (NLID) double-tags, have a Premise Identification Number (PID), as well as keep records and report information relating to animal births, animal movement, and tag retirement to a national traceability database.

What is a “PID”?

A Premises Identification Number, referred to as a Premises ID or “PID”, is a number identifying a parcel of land where agri-food activities occur. Each parcel of land, or premises, registered will receive a unique Premises ID and a certificate will be issued displaying this number.

The Provincial Premises Registry (PPR) is the official agency responsible for registering parcels of land in Ontario associated with agri-food activities such as fairgrounds, which will require a PID to meet traceability requirements. OMAFRA and OAAS representatives have indicated that the majority of agricultural societies have already been informed of their PID.

For those that have yet to register, registration in the PPR can be done online or over the phone, securely, easily and for free.

- Visit the Ontario PPR website (www.ontarioppr.ca) or
- Call Monday through Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm at 1-855-MY-PPR-ID (1-855-697-7743).

Why is this important?

As dairy farmers across Ontario gear up for the September 1, 2017 implementation date, DFO, with support from OMAFRA, wants to ensure you are informed about this program. The reason it is important for you to be aware is that you can expect dairy farmers will be requesting PID information from your event organizers when dairy animals are exhibited at your fair. For record-

keeping and reporting , proAction requires farmers to indicate the PID an animal returning to their farm is coming from. In the case of fairs and livestock shows, this will be the PID that your event is held at. It is important to note there is no requirement for the event organizers to record or report information to the national database at this time. However, as the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) reviews their regulations, there may be amendments made that will require this in the future. For now, the dairy industry, led by the DFC, will be requiring this to be done on all Canadian dairy farms in advance of the proposed CFIA regulation changes which are expected to occur in 2018.

Next Steps

Some suggestions we have come up with to assist you in this transition are:

- Display your PID at the exhibitors entrance or in the fair office
- Publish your PID on your fair website/communication materials
- Include your PID in emails/communications to show participants

In addition to these tips, the OAAS and DFO have agreed to publish a list of known PIDs on their websites beside each fair location as well.

If you have any questions or concerns about this topic, please do not hesitate to contact me, Dr. Kelly Barratt, DVM at kelly.barratt@milk.org

Thank you in advance for your co-operation!

**Thanks to Jim McCuaig Gloucester, Ontario
and Doug van Wolde, Markham Fair for letting
OAAS use their excellent photo's**

Save the date

2018 Convention: February 15th-17th, Fairmont Royal York



CANADA 150

Kathryn Lambert - Convention Administrator

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Thanks to the CNE for once again providing free space for their members to set up a booth. This year the OAAS Day at the CNE is on **Wednesday, August 30**. We have the space from 10:00 am until 10:00 pm and need to ensure that there is always someone at the booth so we are looking for interested volunteers. Everyone who volunteers, before the deadline, will receive an admission pass, and if requested (and while they last) a parking pass.

While the CNE takes place in District 5, volunteers from all OAAS Districts are welcome. The deadline to sign up as a booth volunteer is **Wednesday, June 28**. Please email me at woodbridgefair@yahoo.com or jkean@toronto.anglican.ca with your name, contact information (email and phone number) and availability during the day plus your OAAS District number and your home fair and/or Agricultural Society.

Congratulations to all the fairs celebrating their 150th

During our Annual Meeting we awarded the following recipients the OAAS Plaque of Recognition for celebrating their 150th Anniversary!



District 11 - Bracebridge

District 10 - Feversham

District 1 - Riceville

District 10 - Rocklyn

District 5 - Shelburne

District 7 - Six Nations

District 1 - Stormont





CONGRATULATIONS 



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ISSUES FACING FAIRS AND MIDWAY PROVIDERS

There has been a great deal of conversation around midways over the last few years. There was a survey completed in the Fall about the experiences Societies had with midways. There was a meeting held at the Convention with midway providers and some of the OAAS Executive. The following article was compiled to respond to some of the concerns and report on today's reality with the midway industry.

SECURING A MIDWAY.

The recent decline of midway providers in Ontario is due to several factors, some of which include:

1. retirement,
2. the inability to be profitable,
3. the maintenance of the equipment for safety, efficiency and appearance,
4. the inability to meet the numerous regulatory requirements, time-lines, etc.

A few of the things to ask for/look for when talking with a midway provider:

1. a list of the rides that will be provided, along with photos,
2. current TSSA license to operate amusement rides (ADL),
3. current TSSA ride inspections,
4. certificate of insurance, follow up with a call to the insurance company providing the coverage,
5. if possible, visit another event using this midway and speak to the committee members in charge,
6. a completed and signed contract.

THE CHALLENGE OF RESPONSIBLE MIDWAY PROVIDERS

It is essential for owners to be financially responsible and diligent. The following expenses continue to rise each year:

1. wages
2. staff accommodations
3. fuel costs
4. new carbon tax
5. equipment maintenance
6. insurance
7. regulatory fees, (TSSA, ESA, licenses and permits),
8. trucking

Thanks to Elaine Rennie and Doug Yeo for taking the lead on the issues facing Fairs and Midway Providers.





OAAS is proud to introduce renewed Member Service Awards!!!

Currently the OAAS has two Awards:

- 1) **Agricultural Service Diploma** – presented to a person who has given long-time dedicated and meritorious service to the Society.
- 2) **Agricultural Accomplishment Award** – recognizes volunteers who contribute consecutive years of time and energy to an Agricultural Society.

We have updated the awards to more fully recognize our volunteers.

- 1) **Meritorious Service Award** – will replace the **Agricultural Service Diploma**. The requirements have not changed – we have updated the name.

We have split the **Agricultural Accomplishment Award** into two awards

- 1) **Years of Service Award** – to recognize specific milestone or long-time years of service to an Agricultural Society.
- 2) **Accomplishment Award** – to recognize an individual, organization or business who has made a significant contribution to the Agricultural Society.

We have had new pins designed to be presented with the certificates.



Meritorious Service Award

(formerly Agricultural Service Diploma)

The OAAS recognizes an individual(s) who has given long-time dedicated and meritorious service to the Agricultural Society.

The award can be given to a husband and wife jointly.

It is meant to honour an individual who contributes time and energy to an Agricultural Society and whose work meets the following requirements.

Who is Eligible?

- 1) An individual who has made a significant contribution as a volunteer, leader or committee member to the Agricultural Society.
- 2) Well deserving individual without whom our societies would be lost.

The 'Meritorious Service Award' **should not** be awarded routinely to members of the Executive – i.e. at the end of a President's term

The recipient will receive an OAAS stoned lapel pin and a personalized '*Meritorious Service Award*'

Each OAAS Member Society can present one (1) '*Meritorious Service Award*' per year
Certificate must be ordered at least four (4) weeks prior to presentation



Signed by: OAAS President & Local President

Cost: \$10.00 per certificate (\$11.30 HST included)

Shipping:

- 1) Regular post included with certificate cost

NOTE: OAAS cannot guarantee delivery and will not replace lost or delayed certificates sent by Regular Post

- 2) \$15.00 additional cost (includes HST) – Priority Post – Canada Post guarantees delivery in 2 business days. **NOTE:** Multiple certificates (\$10 each) ordered at the same time will be shipped for the same Priority Post fee. (Can include 'Accomplishment' and 'Years of Service' certificates in the same package)

Accomplishment Award

(formerly Agricultural Accomplishment Award)

The OAAS recognizes volunteers and individuals who contribute time and energy or resources to an Agricultural Society and whose work **meets any or all** of the following requirements.

Who is Eligible?

An individual, organization or business who has made a significant contribution to the Agricultural Society:

- 1) As a leader, volunteer, or committee member
- 2) By promoting community betterment by the Agricultural Society.
- 3) By promoting and developing activities to encourage our youth to participate in the Agricultural Society.
- 4) As a friend, partner or sponsor of the local Agricultural Society

Recipients will receive an OAAS lapel pin and a personalized OAAS certificate. Certificates will be forwarded to your Society for presentation at an annual event.

Certificate must be ordered at least four (4) weeks prior to presentation. Each Member Society of OAAS is entitled to five (5) Accomplishment Awards per year.

Signed by: OAAS President and Local President

Cost: \$10.00 per certificate (\$11.30 HST included)



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Years of Service Accomplishment Award

(formerly Agricultural Accomplishment Award)

The OAAS recognizes volunteers who contribute continued years of time and energy to an Agricultural Society and whose work meets the following requirements.



Who is Eligible?

- 1) An individual who has made a significant contribution as a volunteer with the Agricultural Society.
- 2) Has been active in the Society through long-time involvement.

Youth – up to 20 years of age may be recognized for five or more years of volunteer service.

Adults – may be honoured for 10/15/20/25/30/40/ or more dedicated years of continued service.

Certificates will be forwarded to your Society for presentation at an annual event.

Note: For the 50/60 years and beyond of continued volunteering presentation may be made at the OAAS Annual Convention in February **UPON REQUEST**. Notification for presentation at the Convention must be given to the OAAS, in writing, by January 1st.

Recipients will receive an OAAS lapel pin and a personalized OAAS certificate
Certificate must be ordered at least four (4) weeks prior to presentation

Signed by: OAAS President & Local President

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The Co-operators: Horse and Pony Pulling at Ontario Fairs

Horse and Pony Pulls at Ontario Fairs have been a staple for fairgoers as long as fairs have been operating. These competitions continue to be crowd favourites, and draw spectators to fairs from surrounding Counties each and every year. The Co-operators continues to be a part of this important industry and history, and supports it moving forward for many more generations to enjoy.

With all events at Agricultural Fairs across Canada, we continue to promote that Agricultural Societies and Horse & Pony Associations continue to work together, and put Animals and Spectators safety at the forefront in all conversations. Before any competition we encourage Agricultural Societies and Horse & Pony Associations to:

- Have pre-event meetings with Fair committee organizers and Horse & Pony Associations to discuss site setup, and designated loading and unloading areas;
- Inspect competition grounds or pulling track site for teamster and animal safety;
- Work together on pulling safety procedures, track design, and layout safety barriers which will be placed to protect the animals and spectators;
- Inspect weights and pulling equipment;
- Discuss event operations and organizer responsibilities;
- Discuss Rules, Regulations, Registration, Entry Fees, Payouts, Waivers & Insurance;
- Discuss and share Emergency Procedures;
- Discuss how you both are promoting the event to enable a successful competition;

When all organizations work together and prepare together, it has been proven time and time again that such a mix is a strong recipe for success for all involved. For this 2017 Agricultural Fair season, let’s remember what our past Horse and Pony Pulling Heritage has done for Ontario Fairs, and promote it to all fairgoers this upcoming fair season. If you have a designated Association for your fair, reach out to them....if you don’t I encourage you to reach out to one of the below Associations and see what your fair has been missing!

Shawn LaPalm

The Co-operators

Insurance for Agricultural Fairs, Non-Profits and Events in Ontario

1-888-712-2667

Central Canadian Horse Pulling Assoc.

Dan McCormick
905-261-6163

Eastern Ontario Draft Horse Pulling Assoc.

Susan Keller
613-223-5511

Ottawa Valley Horse Drawing Assoc.

Nancy Lynott
613-914-3384

The Eastern Ontario Pony Pulling Assoc.

Julie Clauson
613-473-1228



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ACCOMMODATIONS

Hyatt Regency Montreal

1255 Jeanne-Mance, Montreal, QC H5B 1E5
514 982 1234

Room cost - \$189.00

To make your reservation and to receive the special
CAFE convention room rate, please follow this link prior to Friday, October. 13, 2017:

[Book your group rate for Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions here](#)

[Discover the Hyatt Regency Montreal](#)



C.A.F.E. is a national non-profit organization established in 1924 and funded primarily by its members. The organization represents a broad spectrum of fairs from small community rural fairs to large urban exhibitions. In addition, the membership includes provincial associations that represent agricultural societies from across the nation, industry service providers and affiliate associations who have a direct interest and link with the Canadian fair industry.



Getting Inspired with Friends from Zone 3 and 6

The 2017 Zone 3 and Zone 6 combined meeting was held on May 3-6 at the Chelsea Hotel in Toronto, Canada. Zone 3 includes Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Ontario. Zone 6 includes Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas.

Congratulations to the CNE and IAFE for a well run 3 days of meetings. It was filled with guest speakers, Breakout Sessions, and Workshops. Franks Simone and Steve Summerville, with STAY SAFE Instructional Programs, spoke on “Preparing for and Responding to External Threats”. Marla Calico, President and CEO, IAFE shared a new program that IAFE has developed. The Activist Response Kit (ARK) will help members prepare, be proactive and reactive in dealing with activists.

It was great to network with participants from other fairs and exhibitions and see how they are doing things.

IAFE website: <https://www.fairsandexpos.com/eweb/StartPage.aspx?Site=IAFE>



OAAS was represented by Brian Slaughter, Vice President, Doug Yeo, 2nd Vice President and Vince Brennan Office Manager who participated in the IAFE Zone Meetings along with a number of other fairs from Ontario.



Are you interested in being involved in OAAS committees?

The Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies is seeking OAAS Members to participate on various Committees.

Those interested in positions identified below are invited to complete and submit the Application Form on the OAAS website at

https://ontarioagsocieties.com/images/2017/Committee_Support_Position_Available_Application.pdf

Current Committee Support Positions Available:

The Board has decided to strike two Judging Ad-Hoc committees. These will be small working groups with strict deadlines – we are planning to have the reviews and updates completed by fall. These committees will be meeting regularly by Zoom and the possibility of an in-person meeting.

Qualifications for Judging Ad-Hoc Committees:

- Must have Internet access for Zoom meetings and research.
- Must have access to and be familiar with Word and Excel
- Detail oriented
- Forward thinking and willing to look at all possible solutions – “We’ve always done it that way” is not a viable option! Able to ‘think outside the box’.

Committees:

1. Ad Hoc committee to review and update the OAAS Judging Standards handbooks
2. Ad Hoc committee to review and update the Qualified and Apprentice Judges/Instructors requirements and qualifications.
3. Review /Proof-read committee to review and critique the documents assembled by the Ad-Hoc committees. i.e. missing/incorrect information; suitable format for all parties, etc.

Future Committees:

Other Committees may need help from time to time, so please consider volunteering if you feel you have skills and time to offer.

Member Service and Operational Committees:

First Impressions, Youth, Governance, Judging

Convention Committees:

Registration, Ambassadors, Auction, Speakers/Sessions, Convention Competitions, and Convention Homecraft program (Friday afternoon).

If you are interested in any of these Judging Committees or future committees, please fill out the application form and forward it to: Vince Brennan Office Manager -

https://ontarioagsocieties.com/images/2017/Committee_Support_Position_Available_Application.pdf

NOTE: Ensure you enter the name of the Ad-Hoc Committee or other committee you are interested in the “**Name of Committee**” field on the Application form.

The Board will appoint applicants to the committees based on the expertise, experience, and skills required on those committees.



Committee Support Position(s) Available

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Member Service and Operational Committees:

First Impressions, Youth, Governance, Judging

Convention Committees:

Registration, Ambassadors, Auction, Speakers/Sessions, Convention Competitions, and Convention Homecraft program (Friday afternoon).

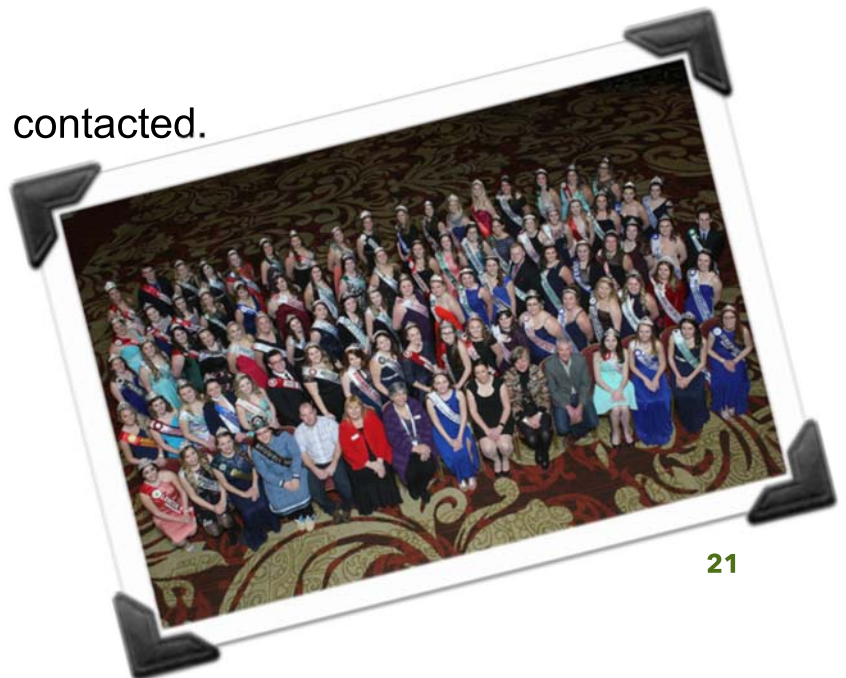
REQUIREMENTS:

1. Should be a member in good standing of an Agricultural Society in Ontario
2. Your Agricultural Society must be a member in good standing in OAAS

HOW TO APPLY:

Those interested in positions on OAAS committees are invited to complete and submit the Application Form below to the Office Manager at oaasofficemanager@gmail.com

Only selected candidates will be contacted.



Name of Committee

OAS GAZETTE

Surname

Given Name

Mailing Address

Home Phone

Business Phone

Cell Phone

List all the jobs/positions you have had in the last 5 years and your responsibilities:

List the skills, work experience, or training that you have acquired that could be used on this committee you are interested in.

Why do you wish to be part of this committee?

Hello from your...

OAAS GAZETTE

OAAS Office Manager, Vince Brennan.

As you are well aware, there have been considerable changes and visionary thinking over the past few years, in an effort to move our organization forward and position us to better assist our members.

I would like to congratulate those involved in this endeavour in the past and those currently involved. The process has not been without its hiccups and issues, and I thank you for your patience and hard work during this process. Your foresight and involvement will surely enable the OAAS and its members to not only survive but to thrive.

I wish to thank the Executive, Board members, Districts, and Agricultural Societies for all their support, help and patience during my first year. Your advice, support, and encouragement has been invaluable. I have really enjoyed working with you all and I truly appreciate the time and energy that you have put forth in assisting with the revision of the Provincial and District Policy Manuals. Many thanks for responding to my emails and inquiries in a timely and welcoming manner and I look forward to working with you as we continue on this journey.

Our board will be working hard to continue improving our organization to better serve your fairs. However, we need your help to know what we are doing right, what needs to be improved and what services we can add. We need and appreciate your input – please attend your Society and District Meetings, contact your District and Provincial Director.

I continue to be impressed with the volunteers within the Board, Districts, and Agricultural Societies commitment to, and 'passion' for the fairs in Ontario. They have accepted the challenge and are moving forward to ensure our success.

Thank you for all you do. The time, efforts, and energy you provide in support of the fairs in Ontario is appreciated by many!

Respectfully,

Vince

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