

OAAS Spring Board Meeting - April 1 and 2, 2022

Take back notes

- During the process of updating the Ontario Fairs website with a new AssistExpo module, we determined that there were many broken links to Agricultural Societies' websites and Facebook pages.

There were over 60 Agricultural Societies pages where their website and/or FB page links were broken. We are asking each society to please log on to the Ontario Fairs website and go to your Agricultural Society page and click on the links to your website and Facebook page and ensure that they are working so you don't lose potential visitors to your fairs and events.

NOTE: If your links are incorrect or any other information on your page needs to be updated, your Agricultural Society must log into your AssistExpo account for the OAAS Directory and update the link(s) and information.

- There will be a return of the '**What's Up Wednesday**' webinars. More details to follow – watch for emails and notifications on the OAAS website & FB page.
- The opportunity to book rooms for the 2023 OAAS Convention will begin **on May 3, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.** The phone number is 905-881-2121.
- Please make your Provincial Director your first point of contact for concerns and questions in order to alleviate some of the workload for our Manager. As well, when Vince sends requests for action there is often lots of information contained in the email, so please read them thoroughly to ensure that you are not missing details.
- Please take the time to ensure that your District information is up-to-date on the OAAS website. This includes District Contact Information and the Judges Lists. Some of the '**Judges' Lists**' have not been updated since 2017.
- Just a reminder that District Board members are required to submit a 'Vulnerable Sectors Check within 60 days of being elected or appointed to your position.
- OAAS will again cover 50% of the cost of Zoom Pro for 2022 for each District. Please send the invoice to the manager@oaasfairs.com .

- Directories and brochures will be printed and distributed again this year. The 2022 Directory will be available on the OAAS website – select the ‘**Ag Society Info**’ button and ‘**OAAS Directory & AssistExpo Instructions**’ from the dropdown menu. In order to cut down on paper waste– we are reducing the numbers printed and are providing 2 Directories and 20 Brochures to each Agricultural Society. **However, if your Society would like more, please email the OAAS Manager prior to April 15th to request additional copies.**
- **IMPORTANT:** Because our Spring Board Meeting was held via Zoom rather than in-person, the OAAS Manager will be sending a package with the usual supplies to each:
 - 1) Agricultural Society secretary – **please ensure the mailing address in AssistExpo is correct.** The Package will contain 3 Fair Passports, 2 Directories, 20 Fair Date Brochures, Competition Cards to identify the winning exhibits that are eligible for the District Competitions.
 - 2) District Board secretary - **please ensure the mailing address in AssistExpo is correct.** The package will contain the ribbons for the District Competition and a Fair Passport, and Directory for District Directors **that have submitted their Vulnerable Sectors Check** to the OAAS Manager.
- The updated Competition Regulations for the Provincial, District and Agricultural Society levels are posted on the OAAS website. Select the ‘**Conventions**’ button and select ‘**District and Provincial Competition Rules**’ from the dropdown menu.
- The First Impressions program will be in operation again this year. Information and application forms are available on the OAAS website. Select the ‘**Ag Society Info**’ button and select ‘**First Impression & Strategic Planning Program**’ from the dropdown menu.
- Details of the ‘**OAAS 175th Central Canada Exhibition Association Scholarship**’ will be announced shortly.
- The OAAS Board of Directors Fall Meeting will be held October 21 and 22 after the last fair of the season. For the couple of Districts that have not already set the date for your Fall District Meetings, we ask that you plan them for after October 22.