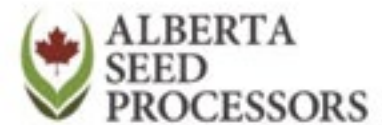


# SEED PLANT NEWS



ALBERTA SEED PROCESSORS

FALL 2015

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

### GREETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As the growing season is wrapping up, with harvest being underway in most areas, some farmers are scratching their heads wondering what the environment will throw at us next. Colin Wager, Director from Region Three in Coronation, reports that all growing season he received four inches of rain, and now since he has started harvest, has received five inches of rain. The headaches of the growing season will undoubtedly create a few challenges for our seed processing industry as well. However, with challenge comes opportunity. Most of our member plants have the capacity to not only process grain for planting seed, but also to process grain for marketing, which should provide opportunities this year.

The Board has focused on a few key activities:

**STRATEGIC PLANNING:** In March, the Board, with the regional manager's representatives and a couple of past board members, gave the strategic plan a tune-up. As the plan had a good solid framework, a complete overhaul was not necessary, but rather a redefinition of what is going to propel the organization into the future. Our pivotal mission is "To create seed and grain processing opportunities for local and global markets." From there, three key points of focus were defined as:

1. Best Practices & Professional Development,
2. Group Services & Benefits,
3. Market Development & Industry Advocacy.

The Board looks at the strategic plan as a method to guide, but not confine what we do for the membership; hence plans are in the works to have annual reviews of the strategic plan to ensure we deliver value and are relevant to you, the membership.

**REBRANDING:** The Board had recognized the requirement to have a shorter name or "brand" in the industry, and to update our logo to be more usable on different types of media. To that end, the difficult task of selecting a web address, brand name (Alberta Seed Processors), and a logo were completed over the summer.

**INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT:** Our organization was invited to an international Pulse Trade Event in Calgary as part of the Canadian Special Crops Association Convention on June 21-23. The General Manager, a few key members that already participate in international trade, and one member that is interested in starting an export business went to an introduction event held by Alberta Agriculture. By all accounts, the event was a success, and an excellent exposure and learning opportunity for the Association.

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**CSTA (Canadian Seed Trade Association):** Our General Manager attended the CSTA convention, and met with key seed industry players in Canada. There were many very interesting presentations, including sessions on Plant Breeders' Rights (PBR), contract law, updates from CFIA and The Grain Commission, and a speaker who addressed communicating with the non-science, non-agricultural public on Biotechnology.

**NEW PBR:** The Board approved the use of a grower declaration as a means of limiting liability relating to infringement of the NEW PBR legislation that came into effect in February 2015. Communication regarding the use of the declarations has been sent to all members. Also, SECAN has generously sponsored signs geared towards seed plant driveways that will be made available to each plant with the goal of communicating to growers the changes to the PBR rules.

**FUSARIUM:** With the change in our provincial government, the push to make changes to how fusarium-infected seed is handled has been put on hold for the short term. However, the Board of Directors strongly suggests for all plants to have clear seed testing requirements in place to support the fusarium-infected seed policy that may be in place for each individual plant. Seed testing, regardless of how your plant's fusarium policy reads, is CRITICAL to ensuring this disease is monitored and managed. Dry conditions across most of the province

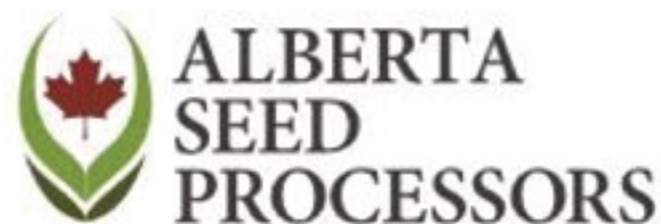
have disease experts predicting lower-than-usual infection rates; this does not mean non-existent. Again, seed testing is a critical factor in disease management.

**DIRECTOR VACANCY:** With much regret, the Board has accepted the resignation of James Obniawka, Director for Region Seven, (Peace Country). James started his tenure on the Board in 2008, and is credited to having excellent communication with all plants within the challenging geography of the Peace Country. The Board of Directors will greatly miss James' keen financial management sense and voice of the north. Any member in good standing who is actively farming can become a provincial director. Provincial directors do not have to be on the board of a plant, however, some type of board experience is always an asset. Any and all prospective board members are encouraged to contact myself, (Dave Bishop, (403) 382-9786), or any other provincial director or the office for further information. Regional directors are key to ensuring annual inspections are completed, as well as acting as a conduit for information to and from the Provincial Association.

Best wishes for a safe and successful harvest.

On Behalf of the Board,

**Dave Bishop, President.**



## NEW LOGO, BRAND LAUNCHED

Effective October 1, 2015, the Association of Alberta Co-op Seed Cleaning Plants Ltd. will be launching a brand new logo and brand. The Association will now be known as "Alberta Seed Processors." The new brand is to keep in step with the world of digital communication, where it is commonplace to abbreviate even abbreviations themselves: e.g. O.K. becomes "K." Additionally, in an environment where less is more, the shortened name still provides us with a clear identity. The move to a new logo has been a challenge as to select a logo that is unique, yet highly reproducible is more difficult than it may seem. The new logo gives our organization a more globally identifiable segment: the maple leaf is recognized world-wide as being Canadian, and the leaves and awn figures that encase the maple leaf indicate we are agriculture-based and give the symbol of togetherness and solidarity. The logo can be used by any member of the Association. A media package with brand guidelines is available upon request from the office.

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**Go to [www.seedprocessors.ca](http://www.seedprocessors.ca) to check out our new place for all things relating to seed processing. We will still have a presence on [seed.ab.ca](http://seed.ab.ca), but that will be more like the summer cottage that guests visit. [Seed.ab.ca](http://Seed.ab.ca) will still have our sites and services listed for growers and potential customers to access.**

Everything else relating to the workings of the Association will be housed on our new site. The best way to see what is on our new site is to pay it a visit, and please let us know what you think. The purpose of the site is to create a place that important information can be accessed by all members of the Association.

Phase one of the website is to get the site up and running and to populate it with existing pertinent information. Phase two will be to build some user interface to allow members to update their membership data, and possibly even to register for events in the future.

## NEW PLANT BREEDERS' RIGHTS LEGISLATION

**New Plant Breeders' Rights came into effect on February 25, 2015, with the adoption of Bill C-18 Canada's Agricultural Growth Act.**

**Background:**

Canada adopted the International UPOV91 rules to provide standards that are in use world-wide, with the goal of attracting international plant breeding companies to invest in Canada. According to the CFIA (as of July 2015), there has been an increase in variety registration applications since the adoption of the new Plant Breeders' Rights (PBR) compared to the same time frame a year ago.

**OLD vs. NEW:**

There are many changes in the new legislation; however, the biggest impact to seed processors is the fact that they can now be charged under the new rules. Under the old rules, if an infraction of PBR occurred, the legal proceedings were between the owner of the variety (seed company) and the grower that planted the seed. Under the new PBR rules, seed processors can now be charged, as well as grain traders/marketers, and growers. Also to note, the new legislation provides a statement that says farmers can reuse seed that they **legally acquired**, whereas the old legislation did not have any such provision; however, an industry "assumption" for farm-saved seed had been made under the old rules.

**Limit your Liability:**

It is important that seed processors now take extra measures to ensure they are not infringing upon PBR. To this end, the Provincial Board of Directors has sought legal counsel, and has provided every plant with a grower declaration for use with each and every work order. The essence of the grower declaration is for the grower to declare that the grain the seed processor is handling has been legally acquired, and is not infringing on any PBR, or any other contract that may be legally binding on any lot of grain/seed. The use of a grower declaration is not unheard of in the industry, as growers have to currently declare the class of grain that they may be delivering to an elevator/marketing channel.

**Recommended Use of the Declaration:**

1. The Provincial Board of Directors recommends that each individual plant board create a policy regarding the use of the grower declaration, with this policy being recorded in meeting minutes, and added to the regular operating policies of that plant. A sample policy was sent to each plant in September.
2. The use of the declaration is to limit (not absolve) the plant, the Board of Directors and employees of liability in regards to the new PBR rules.



In an effort to educate the public regarding the new Plant Breeders' Rights, many Seed Industry companies have taken steps to advertise and communicate the changes to growers in Western Canada. SECAN has generously sponsored educational signs for our Association, with the goal of spreading the word regarding the new PBR to growers in Alberta. The signs contain information regarding the changes to the PBR rules and how it affects growers, seed processors, and grain marketers. Every Seed Plant will get two of these signs to put up in the driveway, or other location that is clearly visible to your customers. A big thank you goes out to SECAN for partnering with our Association in this public outreach initiative. As the signs are quite large, and do not lend themselves to be shipped in an economical manner, the signs will be available from your Regional Director near the beginning of November.

3. The declaration should be signed for every work order; it is recommended to incorporate the declaration into each work order.
4. Copies of the declaration should be kept for a minimum of two years, and optimally for seven years. The plant's privacy policy may also indicate how this information (or any/all information) retained on file is handled.
5. The spirit of the declaration is to protect the plant/board/employees, not create undue administrative task, or to become "seed/grain police." The declaration is a method of taking a proactive approach to limiting liability, as ignorance or lack of knowledge is not a defence. The declaration indicates that the establishment (plant) has undertaken due diligence under this new federal legislation.

Thank you for taking time to consider the use of this declaration. The Provincial Board is committed to fostering growth in the seed and grain processing industry, and always welcomes feedback. If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Provincial Board members, or Monica Klaas, General Manger at (403) 489-9999.

## FUSARIUM: FOCUS ON BEST MANAGEMENT

**FUSARIUM:** Best management practices are still the best defence mechanism to manage this disease. Drier conditions in many parts of the province may have a few growers becoming complacent, however, practising best disease management is economically and agronomically sound, regardless of the environment or infection level.

**Test your seed:** Use the lowest infection level possible. Seed testing is an investment in success.

**Choose high quality, vigorous seed:** Remember that fusarium can also cause seedling blight; seed lots with fusarium infection typically do not perform as well as seed lots without infection.

**Choose varieties with the best resistance:** Consult the ALBERTA SEED GUIDE to check if the varieties you choose have the best disease resistance package.

**Treat your seed:** Professional application by a Seed Processing Facility ensures your seed treatment works to the product's best ability. This method is more convenient, efficient and safe. If mobile treating equipment and on-farm treaters are checked and calibrated, these tools can do an adequate job. Poor application = poor results.

**Practice crop rotation with other crops:** Alberta has become a great province to plant a non-host crop such as a pulse, canola or flax. Watch out for corn, as this crop tends to have very high fusarium susceptibility, and then the corn acts as a source for wind-blown spores to infect neighbouring fields in subsequent years.

**Scout your field for signs of disease:** Ignorance is NOT bliss. Knowing the disease populations in your fields can help make agronomic decisions for economically feasible foliar protection programs. Scouting is a great cure for "sympathy spraying" or the opposite issue of "too dry to spray." Get out there: "KNOW, don't guess."

**Apply foliar fungicides:** Watch your application window - consult your product manufacturer for tips on how to maximize the efficacy of the product you are using. The new dual product fungicides are more effective, but cost more. Don't forget to rotate fungicides as well.

**Bury your stubble and chaff:** Your infected stubble will emit spores for as long as the straw stays intact, so anything that is done to remove or speed up the decomposition of infected stubble helps with disease management. If infected straw is used for bedding, measures to have it composted properly should be taken to ensure the disease is not spread with the straw/bedding.

**Test your grain:** Many growth factors can result in symptoms that look like fusarium-damaged kernels. A test for the pathogen on your grain will ensure that you are not feeding toxic levels to livestock, or taking a marketing loss for something that looks like fusarium, but is not... so be safe and wise. TEST.

Thank you to Bill Chapman for assistance with editing this article.

## MANAGERS HOLD SUCCESSFUL TRAINING SESSION

The Managers' Association held a very successful training day at the end of June in Lethbridge. Fifty-three people were in attendance representing thirty-eight plants. A big round of accolades goes out to the Managers' Association for organizing an informative and enjoyable opportunity for operators, managers and staff to network, learn and have a bit of R&R.

### SAFETY UPDATE

Critical information regarding safety preparedness was delivered by Jamie Page, including a hazard manual update. Having an up-to-date hazard manual, that is reviewed at regular intervals with staff and directors, is imperative to be compliant with national and provincial safety codes. Additionally, safe working practices add to the overall wellbeing of any business, anywhere. A hands-on respirator fitting clinic was also hosted by Ms. Page, wherein people could get fitted to their specific respirator that they may be wearing at work.

### LABOUR CANADA

A Labour Canada representative outlined current labour laws relating to vacation time, hours of work, and termination. The importance of each plant having policies that cover the federal labour laws help in employee/ employer relationships in so far as the rules are written, so no one is left guessing what the rules are.

### CROPLIFE

Russel Hurst from CropLife presented on how the member plants graded against the national average relating to the CropLife-Certified Applicator Protocols. Aside from a few physical building protocol issues, and the necessity to upgrade documentation and written standard operating procedures, the plants scored relatively well.

### CANADIAN SEED INSTITUTE

Daniel Fletcher from Canadian Seed Institute also presented to the group, relating to what is happening with Alternate Service Delivery in crop inspections, the pending certified grader protocols, and other issues pertinent to the pedigreed seed sector in Canada.

### UPOV 91: NEW PLANT BREEDERS' RIGHTS

The New PBR rules were outlined as per the passing of Bill C-18 at the end of February 2015. As per this bill, a grower can utilize a declaration form to limit liability that a seed processor has in cleaning any seed and/or grain. A sample grower declaration form will be sent out to each plant, with a recommendation for each plant's Board of Directors to make the decision on the use of the declaration.



Manager's & staff had the opportunity to get respirators tested for proper fit.

### SCALE CERTIFICATION

Accurate Scale presented on the new regulation to certify scales every two years. Accurate Scale left a questionnaire to provide special service contract designed to provide a cost reduction to the participating seed cleaning plants if there were enough that signed up.

### EMPLOYEE ATTRACTION & RETENTION

Alberta Agriculture gave a presentation on how to attract employees to a business, with some tips on how to retain employees. Ideas such as signing bonuses and employee on-boarding or orientation were also covered as being critical parts of new employee management.



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  - Retirement Planning
- Workplace Violence/Harassment
- Work Performance

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## Getting the Most from Your Meetings

### ONE MINUTE ON: BOARD MEETING AGENDAS

Brad was frustrated as he left the board room last month. For the third meeting in a row the big issues had been tabled because the first 12 items on the agenda had consumed the available time. They had listened to staff reports, dissected the financial statements, and heard about the new office decor. Yet, the board hadn't fulfilled its role of leading the organization because it didn't make time to consider adding a new business division and targeting a more diverse client base.

Brad jumped for joy today as the board meeting unfolded. The board chair had made the following dramatic changes to the agenda—and they worked. What an exciting discussion and did we ever do board work!

#### The Agenda Guidelines used were:

1. Time was allocated for each agenda item. This outlined a plan for addressing all the items within the planned meeting time. And it led the Chair to only have 8 items on the agenda since that was all we could properly handle in the time available.
2. A consent agenda was used for the standard business items that usually don't require discussion. All items on the consent agenda were approved with one motion. Wow did that ever save a lot of time.
3. There was no presentation or review of operational reports at the meeting. They were included in the pre-meeting package so board members could read them in advance.
4. The biggest board issues were put at the beginning of the agenda, right after approval of the agenda and consent agenda. This ensured that there was ample time for the most important items. The background information on these items was included with the pre-meeting package.
5. Less consequential matters were at the end of the agenda. The board made the final 3 decisions quickly as it was near adjournment time.

### What Can You Do?

If your board meetings are not yielding quality results, talk to the board chair about board agenda planning. Support her efforts to reserve time for big issues. Avoid and discourage prolonged discussion on straight forward topics. Be sure reports from committees are included in the pre-meeting package and discourage verbal summaries at the board meeting.

This article was originally written by STRIVE!, July 2003.



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### PROPERTY CLAIMS

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  - b. Take photos of the damage before having emergency repairs made, such as boarding up windows or covering holes in the roof.
2. Call Foster Park Brokers Inc. to report the loss,
3. Call a contractor to estimate the building damages,
4. Separate damaged contents from undamaged contents. Do not discard any items until the claims adjuster gives you the authority to do so,
5. Keep records of expenses if you are forced to temporarily relocate your business,
6. Do not authorize repairs until the claims adjuster has given you the authority to do so.

**After you report the claim to the insurance company, the claims adjuster will:**

1. Contact you by phone or mail to discuss the loss,
2. Arrange for an appraiser to inspect extensively damaged property,
3. Assist you with your choice of contractors to make the repairs, and
4. Contact you for a settlement.

### SEED MIXING CLAIMS

**In the event of a seed mixing claim:**

1. Stop cleaning to protect the seed from further damage,
2. Call Foster Park Brokers Inc. to report the loss,
3. Provide samples of product before and after cleaning,
4. Adjuster will contact you and settle claim with the third party affected and the insurer. Do not discard any items until the adjuster advises you to do so.

### LIABILITY CLAIMS

**In the event of injuries or damage to property of others which you allegedly caused:**

1. Call Foster Park Brokers Inc. to report the claim,
2. Forward any correspondence, including a summons from an attorney representing the other party,
3. Do not discuss the claim with the other party or their attorney. Refer them to your insurance company's claims adjuster or to Foster Park Brokers Inc.

**After you report the claim to the insurance company, the claims adjuster will:**

1. Contact you to discuss the incident that allegedly caused the injury or damage to the property,
2. Deal directly with the other party and/or attorney to handle the claim.

### AUTO CLAIMS

**In the event of an accident:**

1. Report the accident to the police,
2. Obtain information about the other people involved in the accident, such as:
  - a. Names, addresses, and phone numbers,
  - b. Insurance company,
  - c. Type of vehicle, and
  - d. Auto and driver's licence numbers.
3. Have your vehicle towed to the nearest repair shop if the vehicle is not drivable. Do not authorize repairs until the claims adjuster gives you the authority to do so, and
4. Call Foster Park Brokers Inc. to report the accident.

**In the event of a windshield, vandalism, or theft loss:**

1. Report the vandalism loss or theft to the police,
2. Call Foster Park Brokers to report a loss.

**After you report the claim to the insurance company, the claims adjuster will:**

1. Contact you to request details of the accident and repair estimates,
2. Arrange for an appraiser to inspect the damages of vehicles that are extensively damaged or not drivable,
3. Contact you for a settlement,
4. Deal directly with the others involved in the accident.

**YOU SHOULD NOT TALK TO OTHERS INVOLVED IN THE ACCIDENT, BUT REFER THEM TO YOUR CLAIMS ADJUSTER.**

## VARIETY DESIGNATION CHANGES DESIGNATION CHANGES AS OF AUGUST 1, 2017

As a result of consulting with value chain stakeholders and conducting a thorough evaluation of the following varieties, The Canadian Grain Commission has determined that the following varieties do not meet revised quality parameters for the Canada Western Red Spring (CWRS) and Canada Prairie Spring Red (CPSR) wheat classes.

The Canadian Grain Commission will designate these varieties to another class as of August 1, 2017. This does not mean a grower cannot grow the variety, it does mean that the end use market will change, hence the economics of marketing a particular variety could change. **Growers need to know the status of the variety they are growing to prevent Wheat Class mixing in seed processing and grain marketing facilities.**

### CWRS

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|---------------|-------------|------------|
| • AC Abbey    | • CDC Osler | • Neepawa  |
| • AC Cora     | • Columbus  | • Park     |
| • AC Eatonia  | • Conway    | • Pasqua   |
| • AC Majestic | • Harvest   | • Pembina  |
| • AC Michael  | • Kane      | • Thatcher |
| • AC Minto    | • Katepwa   | • Unity    |
| • Alvena      | • Leader    | • 5603HR   |
| • Alikat      | • Lillian   |            |
| • CDC Makwa   | • McKenzie  |            |

### CPSR

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|--------------|-----------|
| • AC Formost | • Conquer |
| • AC Taber   | • Oslo    |

### Varieties of CWRS and CPSR under review

In addition to the designation changes as of August 1, 2017, the Canadian Grain Commission will initiate a review in 2016, for a period of up to two years, of CWRS and CPSR varieties for which more quality data is needed before a decision is made about their class designation. These varieties will remain in their designated classes unless an evaluation shows they do not meet the revised quality parameters for the CWRS and CPSR wheat classes. At least two years' notice will be given before any of these varieties are designated to another class.

### Interim wheat class as of August 1, 2015

As of August 1, 2015, an interim wheat class, Canada Western Interim Wheat, is in effect for Faller, Prosper and Elgin ND wheat varieties. This allows the Canadian Grain Commission, in consultation with value chain stakeholders, to gather further information before making a decision on the permanence of the class.

**For further information on Grain Variety Classification, visit [www.grainscanada.gc.ca](http://www.grainscanada.gc.ca)**

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## PEA LEAF WEEVIL

BY BETH MARKERT, BAYER SEEDGROWTH SPECIALIST

### Background

The pea leaf weevil has been a predominant problem in southern Alberta for over a decade now. Its range has expanded from British Columbia and the northwestern U.S. into the southern Prairies of Alberta and Saskatchewan. With the increase of pulse acres in the south, we are only giving the pea leaf weevil more to feed on. However, the pea leaf weevil is no longer just a "southern Alberta" problem. In spring 2015, reports of pea leaf weevil damage were recorded as far north as the Camrose area and spreading. Growers were seeing the characteristic scalloped or notched edge bites on their pulse crops. However, when it comes to pea leaf weevil damage, the scalloped or notched edges are the least of our concerns.

### Life cycle

Under Alberta conditions, the pea leaf weevil can produce one generation per year. The pea leaf weevil will go through four stages in its ten-week life cycle. The pea leaf weevils will seek out a pea or faba bean field in early May, or as temperatures reach 17 degrees

Celsius, to lay eggs on the surface of the soil near the plant stem. **The next stage of the pea leaf weevil life cycle, the larva stage, is crucial and this is where the most economic damage to your crops can occur. At this stage, the larvae will burrow down into the soil and start feeding on the nitrogen-fixing nodules of the pea or faba bean roots for up to six weeks.** After the immobile pupae stage, adults will emerge in mid-August to September and start to feed on any legume crop they can find. Typically, no economic damage is done by the adults chewing. Pea leaf weevils can also lay eggs anytime throughout May, June and July, so it isn't uncommon to be able to see all four generations at one time.

### Preventative measures

Even though the pea leaf weevil can lay eggs continuously from May-July, there are some preventative measures that can be put in place to protect your yields. We know that the most crucial time for the growing pea plant is from the second to the sixth node stage. We also know that pea leaf weevil larva can chew for up to six weeks. Stress Shield® by Bayer CropScience is a

registered insecticide that can be added into your pulse seed treatments. Stress Shield has the highest rate available on the market in Canada for an insecticide with a rate 62.5 gai/100 kg of seed. As such, it can last on the seed in the soil for two to three weeks and up into the plant for another two to three weeks. This is giving you protection for four to six weeks under ideal conditions for your pea and faba bean crops. Stress Shield will put the pea leaf weevil larva into a haze-like state, and prevent it from feeding on the nodules. Another additional benefit of Stress Shield is that it can prevent the pea leaf weevil adult from laying her eggs in the first place, as long as she takes a bite out of the leaf as well. Timing is very important here. If Stress Shield can protect the plant until it is past the sixth node stage, any chewing and sucking occurring after that the plant should outgrow.



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## 63<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

### Join us to "REACH NEW HEIGHTS"

January 13, 14, & 15, 2016 - WESTIN HOTEL - EDMONTON, ALBERTA

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Subject to change)

#### Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

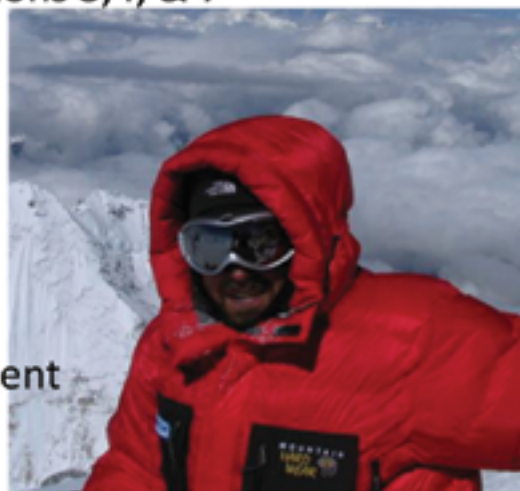
- 8 - 5 Manager's meeting
- 4 - 7 AGM Registration
- 7 - **Midnight** Welcome Reception & Entertainment

#### Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

- 8 - 4 Business Meeting, including round table discussions
- 8 - 4 Ladies Visit to The Spa
- 4 - 5 Regional Elections for Regions 3,4, & 7
- 6 -12 Banquet & Entertainment

#### Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

- 8 - **Noon** Business Meeting
- 10:30 am Keynote Speaker  
*Allan Mallory; Everest Climber,*
- Noon** Wind up Luncheon
- 1 - 3pm Board/Business Development Workshop



#### Key Dates:

**EARLY NOVEMBER:** Registration Packages Available with Further Agenda Details, Hotel Reservations Available.

**DECEMBER 15:** Deadline to submit resolutions  
 (Email [monica.klaas@cleanseed.net](mailto:monica.klaas@cleanseed.net) or call 403 489 9999 for resolution form)  
 Deadline to reserve hotel rooms at group rate of \$145.00 (parking not included)  
 Westin Hotel Reservations: 1.800.937.8461. (Specify Seed Processors Group Rate)  
 Deadline for early registration fee of \$300.00

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#### Registration Form

January 13-15, 2016  
 Annual General Meeting Westin, Edmonton

PLANT NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 PrePaid Manager \_\_\_\_\_  
 PrePaid Delegate \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	Delegates		Women's			Indicate YES or NO if attending the workshop Friday afternoon
	Early registration fee of \$300 if payment is received by December 15/2015	Registration fee of \$330 if paid after December 15/2015	Early registration fee of \$300 if payment is received by December 15/2015	Registration fee of \$330 if paid after December 15/2015	Select your spa service: Manicure Pedicure Facial Massage	
<i>Total</i>						

**Plant Manager - Will you be attending the Manager's meeting Wednesday? YES \_\_\_ No \_\_\_**

Food Allergies (Name/Allergy) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Have you remembered to book hotel rooms?

A Block of Rooms is available at \$145 + taxes/night.  
 Reservations must be made prior to December 15<sup>th</sup> to receive the reduced rate.  
 Please phone Westin Reservations @ 1.800.937.8461. (Specify Seed Processors Group Rate)

Make all cheques payable to: Association of Alberta Co-op Seed Cleaning Plants Ltd.

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Plant Breeders' Rights



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## Industry Notice

### New tool assists stakeholder to identify PBR protected varieties

**Ottawa, Ontario (Friday, August 28)** – A new database to assist seed sector stakeholders to easily identify PBR protection on crop varieties registered for sale in Canada has been launched.

**The Crop Varieties Registered in Canada and Plant Breeders' Rights Status** database was created by the Canadian Seed Trade Association with the assistance of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's Variety Registration Office and the Plant Breeders' Rights Office.

Using the database, seed sector value chain members can easily identify the PBR status of a crop variety with a few simple steps. Users can search specifically by crop kind, variety name, and by the type of PBR protection, or they can view the [full database \(http://cdnseed.org/library/crop-kinds-database/#all\)](http://cdnseed.org/library/crop-kinds-database/#all). The type of PBR protection is indicated by two certification marks: UPOV 1978 or UPOV 1991. The database is easily accessed from the [library of cdnseed.org \(http://cdnseed.org/library/crop-kinds-database/\)](http://cdnseed.org/library/crop-kinds-database/).

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### Plant Operator (Full-Time or Part-Time) Forestburg Seed Plant

Forestburg Seed Plant is seeking a full-time or part-time person as a plant operator.  
Contact us at (780) 582-3819  
or email: [fscp@wildroseinternet.ca](mailto:fscp@wildroseinternet.ca)

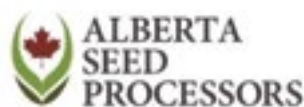
### EQUIPMENT FOR SALE:

DELTA 142.2 Air & Screen  
Machine, no screens.  
Asking \$5,000.00

Contact Glen at (403) 578-3810

## LONG SERVICE AWARD

At the June Manager's Meeting, Kevin Schmaltz was presented with his 30-Year Award Plaque. Congratulations Kevin on your contributions to the seed processing industry.



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