

July 2018 Connections

You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough.
— Mae West

66th AGM January 16-18, 2019

“Setting the Stage for Success”

Mark your calendars for January 16-18, 2019.

ON THE MOVE:

For the first time in decades (drum roll, please), the Board has selected a new venue for the AGM. The Double Tree Inn, 16615-109 Ave, Edmonton is the venue that has been selected for the 2019 AGM.

CHANGES TO THE FORMAT:

The agenda is currently being crafted with plans to hold an awards luncheon, (rather than an awards banquet), workshops, business to business intelligence sharing, networking opportunities, and a tradeshow.



Also, as a special event, we are planning on taking in the vibrant Mayfield Dinner Theatre.

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS!

Show Off

Borrow the Association Banners for a trade show or local event in your community!
Contact the Office for details.



Strategic Planning

“Fail to plan: plan to fail” ...This is a great opportunity for your plant to considering creating or updating your strategic plan and would like some assistance, please contact Monica in the office ASAP. There is an opportunity to share development & travel costs with other plants.

Pesticide Applicator Credits

The Continuing Education Program requires an applicator to recertify by obtaining fifteen (15) Continuing Education Credits within their five-year certification period. Alberta Environment & Parks has posted new opportunities to obtain credits. The listing of Continuing Education Credit Opportunities for 2018 have been posted onto our website under the “Resources” tab.

Business Volume Report Forms

The forms are now available to submit your annual business volumes. Please go to the “members only” section of our website to access the forms.

Data is being collected for the time period between July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Information is due into the office no later than August 1, 2018.

SEED SMART

Proposals are now being accepted for ideas of how to propel the SEED SMART Program to a larger audience. In the past we have used radio, twitter, printed materials and posters. This industry-leading initiative is a point of differentiation for our Association. Please send any ideas you may have to Monica in the office. Remember: the only bad idea is no idea.

SUMMER FIELD TOURS

Be sure to check out our website <http://seedprocessors.ca/> & the Alberta AG Website www.agric.gov.ab.ca for a listing of the many field tours that offer excellent learning/networking opportunities.



Know the New PBR Rules

- 1) If a variety is protected under PBR, it is illegal to sell common seed, even if you don't use the variety name.
- 2) Under PBR, it is OK to keep seed on your farm - as long as the farm-saved rights are not pre-empted by another agreement or contract.
- 3) Under the new PBR '91 rules, **the buyer, the processor, and the seller are responsible for the infringement.**
- 4) Visit PBRfacts.ca for more information.

The goal of Plant Breeders' Rights is to encourage investment in plant breeding in Canada. There is a misconception that PBR only benefits large companies - the fact is large companies often have other tools to protect their intellectual property (including patents and contracts). PBR is critically important for public breeders, (including universities) and smaller private breeders who may not have the resources or traits necessary to utilize other forms of protection.

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Lougheed Co-op Seed Cleaning Plant

- 1- 6 row Carter Day indent
- 1- 6 row Precision grader
- 1- 2 row Carter Day indent
- 2- dust collectors
- 1- 10 x 80-foot steel scale
- Various legs and conveyors
- Call for details 780-386-3771

Battle River Seed Cleaning Cooperative Ltd

Delta i-IQ/CCD 5 Color Sorter. Asking \$ 35,000.00
For further details, contact Mark @ 780 745 2279
Or email brscc@mcsnet.ca

EQUIPMENT WANTED

Grimshaw Co-op Seed Cleaning Plant

Is looking for a gravity table.
Contact: Kelly Diebert (780) 332 4560

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Willingdon Municipal Seed Cleaning Co-operative is seeking a Full-Time Seed Plant Operator:

The Willingdon Seed Cleaning Co-op is a steel facility that has quality up to date equipment that cleans both Pedigree and commercial seed. Regular plant operational hours are 8am-5pm Monday-Friday with exceptions during busy seasons. Currently the plant employs one full-time Manager, two part-time Operators, and has a part-time Secretary/Treasurer.

We are currently seeking a self-motivated, confident individual to fill the position of Seed Plant Operator and help grow the business. This person should have a valid class 5 license, good communication skills, be mechanically inclined, able to work well with others, and be willing to advance skills. A knowledge of grains, oilseeds and pulse crops would be an asset. Salary will be based on experience. Bonuses and employee incentives will be discussed at the job interview.

For job details and questions, contact:

President Ross Bezovie: (780)208-9400 or at

acepoultry@live.ca

Vice-President Zolton Yaremie: (780) 886-0772 or at

zyaremie@hotmail.com

Interested applicants can drop off their resume in person at the Willingdon Seed Plant, email it to willingdonseedcleaningplant@gmail.com, or mail it in to the address below:

Willingdon Seed Cleaning Co-operative Box 356,
Willingdon, Alberta T0B4R0

This position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

Taber Seed Cleaning Association

Is seeking a SEED PLANT OPERATOR

Remuneration commensurate with experience. To apply or for more details, contact Joe Hanson at joe.hansontsc@yahoo.ca