

Organic Council of Ontario Annual General Meeting

April 13th, 2018, 12:55 PM
Country Heritage Park

Date: April 13th, 2018

Location: Country Heritage Park, Milton

Chair: Sarah Bakker

1. Call to Order

- Sarah Bakker officially called the meeting to order at 12:55 pm

2. Motion to approve the Agenda

- Ted Soudant motioned to approve the agenda as presented
- Glenn Valliere seconded
- No discussion was held
- Motion was carried unanimously

3. Motion to approve 2017 AGM Minutes

- Joel Aitken motioned to approve the 2017 AGM Minutes as presented
- Bill Redelmeier seconded
- No discussion was held
- Motion was carried unanimously

4. Election of Directors

- The following are the nominees for OCO's 2018 Board

Name	Business Represented	New/Past	Category	Product
Bill Redelmeier	Southbrook Vineyards	Returning	Producer/At-Large	Grapes/Wine
Bill van Nes	St. Brigid's Dairy	New	Producer/At-Large	Dairy
Catriona Ffrench	Cookstown Greens	New	Producer/At-Large	Greens and Vegetables
Jeff Nickerson	Freeman Herbs	New	Producer/At-Large	Greenhouse Herbs and Vegetables
Nick Morcinek	Faunus Herbs Inc.	New	Producer/At-Large	Medicinal Herbs
Simon Jacques	Producer/Ecocert	Returning	Producer/At-Large	Field Crops
David Cohlmeier	Consultant	New	Supporter/At-Large	Services

Joel Aitken	Consultant/Ecocert	Returning	Supporter/At-Large	Services
Michael Smith	Impact Bridge Consulting	New	Supporter/At-Large	Services
Thorsten Arnold	Ecological Farmers' Association of Ontario	Returning	Supporter/At-Large	Non-certified vegetable/Association
Krysten Cooper	Yorkshire Valley Farms	New	Value-Chain(cert)/At-Large	Chicken/Eggs
Rob Wallbridge	Thompson's Ltd.	Returning	Value-Chain(cert)/At-Large	Field Crops

- The following are those who were elected onto OCO's 2018 Board

Role	Person
Producer	Simon Jacques
	Bill Redelmeier
Value Chain (certified)	Krysten Cooper
Supporter	Joel Aitken
Directors at Large	Rob Wallbridge
	Thorsten Arnold
	Catriona Ffrench
	David Cohlmeier

5. Activities Report

- Please refer to the [Activities Report](#) for details
- No questions regarding the Activities Report

6. Financial Report

- Please refer to the [Financial Report](#) for details (include link)
 - Carolyn highlighted that OCO is relying more on grants (which has enabled OCO to increase activities and staff). Downside is that these are more unpredictable.
 - Carolyn highlighted that over \$40,000 in-kind from grants covering rent and staff time was not included in the totals.
 - Lindsay highlighted we are primarily funded through grants.
 - Carolyn highlighted that Laura and Carolyn moved from consultants to staff
 - Just under \$20,000 for website and internet – a lot of these costs were getting the directory up and running

7. Audited Financial Statements

- Bill Redelmeier motioned to approve the auditor's report
- David Cohlmeier seconded
- Questions
 - Heather Ferguson asked about the decrease of fundraising and other from 2016 to 2017. Carolyn - This is the PCP. Went down by about \$15,000
 - Ted Eng shared concern that membership fees are low compared with many organizations
- The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously

8. Motion to re-appoint the auditor

- Joel Aitken moved to re-appoint Bruce Hawkins as the auditor for the 2018 fiscal year
- Ted Soudant seconded
- No discussion was held
- Motion was passed unanimously

9. New Business

- No new business
- At this point the ballots for the board nominees were counted and results were shared

10. Motion to destroy the ballots

- Glenn Valliere moved to destroy the ballots
- Roman Plawiuk seconded
- No discussion
- Motion was approved

11. Motion to adjourn

- Heather Ferguson motioned to adjourn the 2018 AGM

12. Sarah Bakker adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm