



## Update on previous passed Bylaws and Resolutions

### 1. Who is a member of Manitoba Canola Growers Association (MCGA), how do you become one, and how does that determine who votes?

*We have quoted excerpts from our corporate By-Laws.*

**Membership:** Except as otherwise provided in this section, each person engaged in the business of producing and marketing canola in Manitoba and who has paid fees to the Association on all canola marketed by such person in the previous fiscal year of the Association pursuant to Manitoba Regulation 57/96 being a regulation made under *The Agricultural Producers' Organization Funding Act* (the "Funding Act") shall be a Member of the Association for the subsequent two (2) fiscal years of the Association. August 1 to July 31.

Notwithstanding the provisions set out above, upon receipt by the Association of a Member's application for a refund under the Funding Act, the Member's membership shall automatically terminate and such person shall not be eligible to be a Member of the Association during that fiscal year or during the subsequent fiscal year of the Association.

**Voting:** In the case of an individual who is a Member, the individual shall be entitled to one vote at each meeting; in the case of a corporation which is a Member, the corporation may designate a director and shareholder of that corporation to be an "Eligible Person" to represent it at meetings of the Association and such Eligible Person shall be entitled to one (1) vote at each meeting of Members of the Association; and in the case of a partnership which is a Member, the partnership may designate a partner in that partnership to be an "Eligible Person" to represent it at meetings of the Association and such Eligible Person shall be entitled to one (1) vote at each meeting of Members of the Association. In the case any other type of person which is a Member, that Member may designate an individual to be an Eligible Person to represent it at meetings of the Association and such Eligible Person shall be entitled to one (1) vote at each Meeting of Members of the Association.

### 2. 2015 AGM resolutions:

**Resolution 1:** Therefore be it resolved that; When either the present Federal or Provincial Government implements any new carbon tax or carbon credit program that all carbon sequestered in the past as well as in the future that compensation be given to the active farmer and/or landowners' as both an offset for carbon taxes or in cash and be it further resolved; That grower groups explore a common strategy to ensure that growers are recognized and rewarded for removal and storage of carbon in the soil.

*Moved By: Jack Froese*

*Seconded By: Ron Krahn*

**Resolution 2.** National Canadian Food Strategy is needed to help increase spending on research. Therefore be it resolved that; the MCGA strongly invite the Canadian Canola Growers Association to demand that our Federal and Provincial Government counterparts develop a comprehensive National Canadian Food Strategy, which includes increased government spending on crop research and breeding of canola.

*Moved By: Ian L. Robson*

*Seconded By: Larry Bohdanovich*



### 3. 2014 AGM resolutions:

**Resolution 1.** Be It resolved that; The MCGA invest annually in sufficient monetary amount(s), from their general reserve fund, in Public Canola Plant Breeding through various Accredited Prairie Based Universities and/or other Accredited Public Research Organizations, with the end goal of owning and controlling Canola varieties for Western Canadian Canola Producers, not only for the short term, but also for the long term benefit of Western Canadian canola producers.

*Moved by: Larry Bohdanovich*

*Seconded by: Dale Gryba*

The Research committee of Chuck Fossay, Hugh Drake, Jack Froese, Dale Gryba and director at large Larry Bohdanovich and staff member Bill Ross investigated the cost of operating a canola breeding program and their recommendation is that it would be too costly for MCGA to consider. However, it was confirmed that registered varieties already exist that could fill the need for the purposes of obtaining the objective of the resolution of lowering seed costs.

**Project:** Evaluation of OP lines and varieties suitable for commercial production in Manitoba.

The study consisted of evaluating 10 entries (8 OP varieties, plus 2 WCC/RRC checks) on seven locations in four replications per location. Eight varieties were sourced from different breeders with interest in OP development. The inclusion of the WCC/RRC checks allowed a relative comparison with the commercial hybrids currently sold on the market in Western Canada.

In conclusion, the varieties tested in the study showed good adaptation for the Manitoba growing conditions. The best yielding varieties are yielding up to 20% lower than the commercial hybrids. Oil content was one of the shortfalls of several varieties. This is not unusual as the varieties were not bred specifically for Western Canadian market. Still, several products are meeting the requirements for registration. Visit <http://canolagrowers.com/resource/evaluation-op-lines-varieties-manitoba/> to view one year of data (more years of data are needed to make a true statement).

**Resolution 2:** Be it resolved that; MCGA make a very strong effort to get the Canadian Canola Growers Association to invest a portion of their net revenue as well as a large part of their large reserve fund into public plant breeding for Canola with the goal of Western Canadian Farmers owning these varieties and collecting any royalties which may result from this development.

*Moved by: Wilfred Harder*

*Seconded by: John Dueck*

**Action:** This resolution was brought to CCGA but they will deal with it when a project is presented to them.

**Resolution 3:** Be It resolved that; MCGA communicate directly with the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC), to develop a co-ordinated sustainable Canola Crop Insurance program discount of canola crop coverage based on fields with rotations whereby canola is cropped outside the accepted and recognized one year in four year crop rotation.

*Moved by: Ian L. Robson*

*Seconded: Larry Bohdanovich*

**Action:** This resolution was defeated.