

Board Meeting – February 14th, 2007

Reorganization of MPGA Board – Lincoln Wolfe was acclaimed as President and Todd Stewart as Vice-President. The committees were structured based on knowledge of the Board of Directors and approved. Refer to committee listing on page 8.

Board Meeting – April 3rd, 2007

Northern Pulse Growers Association – MPGA approved applying for membership of the NPGA in order to receive their quarterly newsletter, to contribute to efforts to establish a strong feed and food market for the regions' pulse crops and to develop further communication opportunities.

Canada-Mexico Bean Congress – L. Wolfe, T. Stewart and J. Froese reported that the Canada-Mexico Bean Congress was very well attended by Mexican and Canadian representatives. The producer breakout session focused on agronomy issues and health and wellness issues in order to improve consumption of beans. Some opportunities to pursue collaborative efforts include the idea of having an agronomist from Mexico spend a summer in Canada and then go back to Mexico to work as a consultant in the winter. There is also an interest in

the used equipment from Canada being made available for Mexico producers potentially through co-op purchases of equipment. A very encouraging sign for future activities was a major funding announcement in Mexico for agronomic research and to enhance consumption. IICA continues to be very interested in helping with some of the program development between the countries.

AGM Review – The Special Crops Symposium was successful in attracting a good trade show, the catering was exceptional and there was good cooperation between the three organizations involved to share the workload. Concerns were voiced about the meeting being located in Winnipeg, versus a more rural location but few other venues have been identified. MPGA will work to provide some improvements in coordination and the Board agreed to try another year at the MacDon Training and Exhibition Centre.

MASC – MPGA met with MASC in February to formally appeal the prices set for pulse crops, as they were undervalued. As well, MPGA is looking to provide suggestions on improving the price determination process. MPGA will continue to work to improve the price determination process and provide data for expansion of the soybean insurable areas. 🌱

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