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### **Notice of Resolution to amend MPGA By-laws**

Dear MPGA Member,

The Manitoba Pulse Growers Association (MPGA) Board of Directors is recommending the attached amended by-laws be presented to the membership for consideration at the Annual General Meeting scheduled for February 8, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre.

The current constitution and bylaws were last amended in 2004. Since then, the association has grown and changed and amending the bylaws is deemed appropriate. The February 2004 approved Constitution and Bylaws are available on our website at:  
<http://www.manitobapulse.ca/the-association/association-history/by-laws/>.

The following amendments are being brought forward to the membership:

#### **Amendment #1 to By-law (3): OBJECT**

- The object of the association has been updated to incorporate what the association currently does for its members, but will not limit the association in its ability to accomplish its goals. Previous points d), e) and g) have been removed. Additional tasks completed by the association can be incorporated in e) which states: *“Using such other means as may, from time to time, seem desirable.”*

#### **Amendment #2 to By-law (4): MEMBERSHIP**

- Associate and Patron Memberships have been removed from the bylaws. The board feels these 2 memberships can be encompassed under Honorary Members as the board sees fit.
- In addition, the Membership Fees for Associate and Patron members have been removed.

#### **Amendment #3 to By-law (6): MEETINGS**

- The maximum days notice given to members regarding the annual general meeting or a special meeting has been increased to 75 days. This date now coincides with the publication schedule of our winter issue of *Pulse Beat* therefore no additional notice of meetings is required.

#### **Amendment #4 to By-law (8 & 13): BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- The following appointed directors have been changed to Advisory Directors with no voting abilities, due to possible conflict of interest relating to project funding: Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives representative, Faculty of Agriculture and Food

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Sciences, University of Manitoba representative and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada representative.

- The representative nominated from the Canadian Special Crops Association voting abilities will be at the instruction of his or her employer.
- A tie vote at the board table will be considered a defeated motion.

**Amendment #5 to By-law (29c): DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

- The references to Executive-Manager have been changed to Executive Director as this better reflects the current position in the association.
- The duties of the Executive Director have been streamlined to incorporate the additional employees of the association and function of the Executive Director. This will also allow for potential continued growth of the association without a need to update the by-laws.

The above amendments to the constitution and bylaws will enable the association to continue its work for MPGA members. If you have any questions regarding these changes please contact Monika Robertson, Policy and Communications Director at the MPGA office at 745-6488 or [monika@manitobapulse.ca](mailto:monika@manitobapulse.ca).

Sincerely,



Andrew Saramaga  
President  
Manitoba Pulse Growers Association

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**2012 Annual General Meeting:**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the members of Manitoba Pulse Growers Association (MPGA) Inc. will be held at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre, 1808 Wellington Avenue Winnipeg, MB during the Manitoba Special Crops Symposium at 8:30 am on February 8, 2012. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. To approve the minutes of the 2011 members meeting
  2. To receive the financial statements of MPGA for the current fiscal year
  3. To appoint the auditor of MPGA
  4. To receive the board and managers report
  5. To elect three directors to the MPGA board of directors.
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