



**2011AGM Resolutions  
December 7-9. 2011**

**Economic, Trade, and Strategic Growth**

**ETSG1.** BE IT RESOLVED that APAS strongly recommend disaster programs such as the Excess Moisture Program (EMP) be clearly defined in future program design as disaster-related and be de-coupled from regular income-related programs so that disaster payments are not clawed back under another program.

**ETSG2.** WHEREAS Crown Corporations have matured beyond developing basic infrastructure for the province to become service providers with private sector models;

WHEREAS the impact of Crown Corporation activity on farm land can be similar to that from resource development;

WHEREAS Saskatchewan land owners are experiencing difficulties in getting fair treatment and adequate customer service when dealing with Crown Corporations on surface rights;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government place Crown Corporations under the jurisdiction of the Saskatchewan Surface Rights Arbitration Board.

**ETSG3.** WHEREAS the need for daycare spaces in rural Saskatchewan is growing;

WHEREAS the daycare program conducted by the Ministry of Education is providing an effective program and assistance to rural communities to provide daycare services;

WHEREAS the daycare program is limited in capacity and relies on predictable annual resource allocations to continue to meet the demand for additional daycare spaces;

BE IT RESOLVED that the funding for 2,000 new daycare spaces announced during the 2011 election campaign be extended into predictable, multi-year funding into the future for new daycare spaces.

**ETSG4.** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an adequate number of the 2,000 new daycare spaces be allocated to meet the need in rural Saskatchewan.

**ETSG5.** BE IT RESOLVED that APAS use available resources to promote awareness in rural Saskatchewan of the Ministry of Education daycare program.

**ETSG6.** WHEREAS Canadian ownership of agricultural land is imperative to preserve food sovereignty in Canada;

WHEREAS there is a need to allow young farmers to enter the farming industry;



BE IT RESOLVED that APAS lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to retain the current farmland ownership legislation that restricts non-Canadian ownership of Saskatchewan farmland.

**ETSG7.** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that APAS be involved in any future consultations regarding changes to farm land ownership legislation in the province.

**ETSG8.** WHEREAS farm land is a strategic resource for agriculture and for Canadians;

WHEREAS the Prairie Provinces currently have legislation in place to limit foreign ownership of farm land;

WHEREAS food sovereignty is imperative for the long term sustainability of our country;

BE IT RESOLVED that, in future international trade negotiations and agreements, Canada must maintain the right to limit foreign ownership of farm land.

### **Environment and Food Safety**

**EFS1.** BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan government extend the plastics recycling pilot project until a permanent program is established.

**EFS2.** WHEREAS the right of farmers to engage in agricultural production can be jeopardized by unfounded public perceptions about the impact of their farming practices;

BE IT RESOLVED that APAS examine the issues related to “Right to Farm”, including what has been done in other jurisdictions, to determine if APAS should lobby for legislation in Saskatchewan to protect the rights of farmers.

### **Grains and Oilseeds**

**GO1.** WHEREAS wheat falling number is likely to become a more important criterion for wheat grading in the new marketing environment;

WHEREAS awareness should be promoted among producers about the use of falling number for grading wheat;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Grain Commission fast track development of reliable machines for testing falling number in wheat that are adaptable to commercial elevators and farms.

**GO2.** BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Grain Commission remove comprehensive shrinkage allowances on all grains.

**GO3.** WHEREAS excess moisture has had a severe impact on many Saskatchewan farmers;



WHEREAS the Canada-Saskatchewan Excess Moisture Program payments are considered income for calculating the AgriStability program year production margin;

BE IT RESOLVED that the rules for AgriInvest be changed for the 2010 and 2011 program years so that Excess Moisture Program payments (i.e. \$30 per acre) qualify as allowable net sales for AgriInvest contributions.

**GO4.** BE IT RESOLVED that APAS urge the municipal, provincial and federal governments to undertake a coordinated effort to stop the spread of the club root canola disease in consultation with APAS and other stakeholders.

**GO5.** WHEREAS APAS has written the federal Minister of Agriculture to ensure that revenue streams for the Western Grain Research Foundation are maintained;

BE IT RESOLVED that APAS urge the federal government to consult with farm organizations and industry to implement a replacement of the current check off system for wheat and barley by August 1, 2012.

**GO6.** WHEREAS the fuel shortages this fall have raised concerns about future supply, especially at seeding and harvest;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government take steps to ensure that adequate supplies of fuel are available to the agriculture sector.

**GO6a.** WHEREAS the window for agricultural production is small and Rural Municipalities provide emergency services to rural Saskatchewan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in the event of diesel fuel shortages, agriculture and Rural Municipalities get priority.

**GO7.** BE IT RESOLVED that APAS write a letter of support to the Western Grains Research Foundation for the continued study of microtoxins in stored grain, particularly in grain bags.

**GO8.** WHEREAS concerns have been expressed about the representativeness of the CWB vote announced in September;

BE IT RESOLVED that, if a producer plebiscite is held to decide the future of the CWB single desk, APAS be involved in the plebiscite design to ensure the vote is representative of wheat and barley producers.

**GO9.** WHEREAS there are a number of unresolved issues related to the implementation of Bill C18;

BE IT RESOLVED that APAS ask the federal government to take the time to develop a comprehensive plan for the way forward in order to lower costs of adjustment and reduce uncertainty before implementing Bill C18.



**GO10.** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that APAS participate in developing the recommended comprehensive plan related to Bill C18.

**Livestock**

**L1.** BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government develop a provincial meat strategy in consultation with industry stakeholders and livestock producers that will assist the development of meat processing in Saskatchewan and support the interprovincial movement of Saskatchewan meat products.

**L2.** WHEREAS the current recommendations for developing a new meat hygiene standard to promote interprovincial movement of meat products have fallen short of expectations for a reduction in regulatory barriers for Saskatchewan meat processors;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal Government revisit the pilot project to establish a new meat hygiene standard based on a more outcome based regulatory framework.