



2023 OSCIA *Resolutions*



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Resolution #1 – Elgin SCIA – Nitrogen Fertilizer Data for High Yields

WHEREAS Nitrogen Fertilizer costs and emissions are top of mind, and;

WHEREAS N response data does not include the high yields (220+bu/ac) that many growers now achieve.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OSCIA support N research in high yield corn environments and evaluate and examine N loss potential.

FOR 97%

OPPOSED 0%

ABSTAIN 3%

CARRIED

MOVED BY John Poel

SECONDED BY Terry Small

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Resolution #2 – Elgin SCIA – OSCIA Website

WHEREAS the OSCIA website has been recently updated, and;

WHEREAS it is more visually appealing but more frustrating to use (*however users are finding the organization of the events, workshops, and contact information harder to navigate*).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that current events and workshop information be moved to the top of the page, and;

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the local association contacts and field staff contact information revert back to a local/regional display.

FOR 81%

OPPOSED 2%

ABSTAIN 17%

CARRIED

MOVED BY John Poel

SECONDED BY Terry Small

Resolution #3 – Middlesex SCIA – Co-ordinating On-Farm Research Results

WHEREAS a great deal of on-farm research is conducted on Ontario farms, and;

WHEREAS this research would have exponentially greater value if the protocols and results were co-ordinated at the Provincial level, and;

WHEREAS other jurisdictions have developed excellent systems for co-ordinating, compiling, and reporting the results.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that OSCIA co-ordinate with Grain Farmers of Ontario to arrange a farm research network co-ordinator.

FOR 86%

OPPOSED 7%

ABSTAIN 7%

CARRIED

MOVED BY John Poel

SECONDED BY Chris Roelands

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Resolution #4 – RUSSELL SCIA – Disaster Assistance

WHEREAS the world is experiencing more severe weather events and Ontario suffered from one of these events (Derecho) this past summer in a swath across the province, some areas being hit more severely than others, and;

WHEREAS several members and other farmers and landowners that were affected have not been able to get assistance from their insurance companies, due to lack of coverage for many reasons, one being the lack of adjusters due to COVID, and a failure of Municipal and Provincial Governments to apply for or approve disaster assistance in the Ottawa area unlike Uxbridge, which was affected by the same event, and;

WHEREAS the press has reported that the city of Ottawa is getting assistance for Ottawa Hydro's increased costs, help for tree cleanup, due to the event.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that OSCIA work with other agricultural groups to ensure that the Provincial Government adequately compensates everyone affected by this storm for losses not covered by insurance, and;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that OSCIA work with other concerned groups to help the Provincial Government develop a clear and concise set of rules for eligibility to receive disaster assistance.

FOR 83%

OPPOSED 8%

ABSTAIN 9%

CARRIED

MOVED BY John Poel

SECONDED BY Robert Dessaint

Resolution #5 – Bruce SCIA – Member Value Proposition Document

WHEREAS Local Soil and Crop associations provide excellent opportunities for farmers to learn, participate in research, and socialize, and;

WHEREAS Local members help fund the operations of the OSCIA.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the OSCIA develop a member benefit information package that describes the value proposition of the Soil and Crop that will be posted to the OSCIA website, and be available as a stand-alone document, and;

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that such an information package be available for local associations to use free of cost.

FOR 89%

OPPOSED 2%

ABSTAIN 9%

CARRIED

MOVED BY John Poel

SECONDED BY Jonathan Zettler

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Resolution #6 – Bruce SCIA – Enhanced Membership Communication

WHEREAS communication methods between farmers have evolved in recent years with the advent of electronic platforms, and;

WHEREAS local associations need to tap into this new era of communication in order to contact their members in an efficient and effective manner.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OSCIA investigate options for a “Soil and Crop” two-way member communication platform, and;

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that such a platform be made available to local associations for enhanced communication with members.

FOR 84%

OPPOSED 6%

ABSTAIN 10%

CARRIED

MOVED BY John Poel

SECONDED BY Jonathan Zettler

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Resolution #7 – Golden Horseshoe SCIA – Compaction Day Results

WHEREAS many “compaction days” have been held in the past five years, including more recently in Hamilton and Brant, and;

WHEREAS turnout at such events has mostly been huge, showing a thirst for more knowledge, and;

WHEREAS this is a continuing and very complex segment of soil health.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that. OSCIA, along with the Ontario Compaction Team, including the soil department of OMAFRA, jointly create (potentially with the assistance of a student) tips and tricks resource to reduce compaction that can reside on the OSCIA website and potentially be part of a report for the many sponsors of these widely supported events, and;

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that if the report reveals that further study is needed, it acts as a springboard for that study.

FOR 96%

OPPOSED 2%

ABSTAIN 2%

CARRIED

MOVED BY John Poel

SECONDED BY Dan Court

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