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BOARD MEMBER INFORMATION

AAAS Board Director Information

As per the bylaws, a Board of Directors, consisting of nine persons elected by regional members, and one person by Service Members, shall administer the affairs of the Association:

Region 1	Southern Region	1 Director
Region 2	South Central Region	1 Director
Region 3	North Central Region	2 Directors
Region 4	North East Region	2 Directors
Region 5	North West Region	2 Directors
Region 6	Northern Region	1 Director
Service Member	Provincial	1 Director

Executive Committee elections are held at the meeting directly after the annual meeting and convention to determine the following positions: President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice President and Treasurer. Each executive committee position serves a one year term.

Regional Director and Service Member Director Positions

The position of Regional Director (three year term), and Service Member Director (one year term) are unpaid volunteer positions.

A Regional Director must be a member of an agricultural society within the region they represent. A Service Member Director must be a Service Member in good standing.

Regional Director and Service Member Director Duties include:

- Attendance at all meetings of the Board of Directors, as called by the President. In the event a Director's position becomes vacant, the Executive Committee may appoint any eligible person to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term.
- Attendance at special meetings called by the President
- Attendance at the Regional Meeting and conduct elections as needed
- Attendance at the Annual Meeting and convention
- Representation of the association at meetings and events of other associations as required by the Board
- Representation of the association at member agricultural society events and fairs in your region.

Director Time Commitments

Board of Directors Meetings:

- Board meetings are usually held four times annually
- Board meetings normally begin on a Friday at 6:00pm and continue into Saturday from 9:00am – 4:00pm

Annual Meeting & Convention:

- Annual meeting and convention must take place prior to March 31st of each year
- A meeting of the Board to discuss the business and assign responsibilities for the weekend is scheduled prior to the annual meeting.

- Arrival is expected as designated by the President and Convention Chair (usually for a Thursday evening meeting); departure is either Sunday after the board meeting or Monday morning as you see fit.

Committees and Special Projects

- Special projects and committee responsibilities are unique and require various time commitments
- Participation is voluntary

Remuneration:

Expenses incurred while carrying out the business of the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies will be reimbursed. Eligible expenses and rates are reviewed and revised annually. In all cases, accommodations are booked and paid for by the Association. Incidentals are the responsibility of the individual. A meal allowance and mileage/airfare reimbursement is provided upon the submission of an expense sheet.

The AAAS Board of Directors is a diverse group, from different backgrounds, that continues to serve the needs of agricultural societies in Alberta. Every one of us is proud to be connected with this organization and have a strong loyalty and commitment to serving our members. If you feel that you want to be a part of the future of agricultural societies in Alberta, we welcome you.

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Director, Service Member Director or the AAAS office at 780-427-2174

Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies Board Self-Governance Policies

2.3.1 Roles, Responsibilities and Functions of Directors

Authority & Responsibility

The Board of Directors is the legal authority for the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies. As a member of the Board, a Director acts in a position of trust for the membership and is responsible for the effective governance of the society.

Requirements

A Director is required to be:

- Committed to the work of the society
- Knowledgeable and skillful in one or more areas of Board governance: policy, finance, programs, personnel and advocacy
- Willing to serve on Board committees
- Attend quarterly Board meeting, the annual general meeting, their regional meeting and other assigned meetings

Term

Regional and the Service Member Directors are elected for a three-year term

General Duties

A Director is to be fully informed on all societies matters, and participates in the Board's deliberations & decisions in matters of policy, finance, planning, personnel and advocacy

A Director must also

- Support all Board policies
- Monitor all Board policies
- Review the Bylaws, Policy Manual, and Board structure and identify any recommendations for changes
- Participate in the development of the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies organizational and strategic plans
- Participate in the approval process of the budget
- Participate in the hiring and release of the Executive Director, including the Executive Directors' employment contract
- Support and participate in evaluating the Executive Director
- Assist in developing and maintaining positive relations among the Board, Board committees, staff members and the membership to enhance the societies mission and vision

Director Expense Claim

Name:

Date:

Purpose of Claim: Drop-down List

Separate Claim forms must be completed for each of the following areas:

Regional Activities (including meetings)
 Board/Board Committee Meetings
 Special Events (including misc. conferences or events)
 Float Activities
 Convention Activities (includes convention meetings)

Per Diem Allowances are for Meal Expenses and are paid out by the rates listed below:

Half-Day Per Diem (4 hrs or less) \$45
 Full Day Per Diem (More than 4 hrs) \$90

Date	Description	Mileage (km)	Rate \$.505/km	Other Travel	Hotel Expense	Per Diem	Other (Explain)	Total
			\$0.00					\$0.00
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Claimant's Signature: _____

Approved By: _____

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Adjustments: _____

Allocations _____



REBECCA JOSEPH

REGION 4 - DIRECTOR / President

Lamont Agricultural Society



NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE INTERVIEW

What made you interested in being a member of the AAAS board?

I believe in the power of Ag societies at the local level, as well as the services that AAAS provides members to help reach their potential. I wanted to help push the strategic direction to ensure this remained a priority

Is there anything you want to share with those who are interested in being on the board?

This is a different experience than that of your local board. Rather than being a "do-er" you help set the strategic direction of the association and thus trickles down to our membership which allows you to be a part of something bigger.

What was your highlight of being on the board?

Making connections with different individuals and societies across the province, which have helped me grow in various different aspects as a person, volunteer, as well as in my career.

Why do you continue to serve on the board?

I continue to enjoy the work we do and my fellow board members provide value in discussions and make it an easy volunteer role.

What are you looking forward to the most this upcoming year with AAAS?

Life as we know it has been turned upside down, but our members are resilient, and I am looking forward to seeing how they adapt and forge ahead to provide important services and events to their communities.



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DEBBIE ROSS

Past President

Buffalo & District Agricultural Society



NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE INTERVIEW

What years did you serve on the board?

11 years ending in February 2020, so from 2009 to 2020

What made you interested in being a member of the AAAS board?

The only real dealings I had with AAAS prior to being on the board was through the Convention. I loved all the learning opportunities that were presented at Convention. I also kept hearing the same complaints over and over at convention during our round table with the Ministers, and thought that there were things through my job and volunteer work that I thought could bring value to some of these ongoing issues.

Is there anything you want to share with those who are interested in being on the board?

Never be afraid to take on a new challenge and a new opportunity to learn. The board is made up of a diverse group of people from across the Province, with varying backgrounds and opinions, but they all have one thing in common; the desire to see Ag Societies and rural communities prosper.

What was your highlight of being on the board?

The many people I worked with and the friendships created throughout those 11 years. During the bull pit round table discussions at regional meetings we would hear all about the troubles and triumphs of our communities. After hearing about some of the ongoing troubles some of the societies were having over a couple years, than to hear about how they overcame those troubles- Cochrane in particular stands out. Baby steps, - its all about building relationships . Thank you!! :)



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DOUG KRYZANOWSKI

RETIRED REGION 1 DIRECTOR / Past President



Exhibition Park - Lethbridge

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What made you interested in being a member of the AAAS board?

To serve and support the region, plus offer assistance to the smaller ag societies in their day to day or monthly or event operations

Is there anything you want to share with those who are interested in being on the board?

It is an opportunity to become involved with your regional membership, plus Interacting with other regional members and hearing their issues, solutions and successes.

What was your highlight of being on the board?

Interacting with other regional members and hearing their issues, solutions and successes.



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