



SEED PLANT NEWS

Association of ALBERTA Co-op Seed Cleaning PLANTS Ltd.

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Seed plant news is now published four times annually to member plants, the executives and the managers of the Association of Alberta Co-op Seed Cleaning Plants Ltd.

President's Message

Wayne Jackson

It seems the summer has just flown by and we are now facing harvest. I wish a bountiful harvest for everyone and hope that all those nasty hail storms somehow missed your farm. For seed plant managers and staff, I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer after the mad rush of last spring. Taking time to recover from a hard season is important. Your boards and clients want you refreshed and enthusiastic for the coming year.

In July we held our re-organizational meeting and conducted regular business. I

was elected president for the coming year and Steve Miller was elected as the new vice president. I look forward to working with Steve and the rest of the board for the next twelve months. There are some real challenges ahead.

Floyd Hihn, Director, Region III, did not seek re-election during the regional meetings and no one let their name stand for nomination so that position was vacant until the July board meeting. The provincial board used its authority to appoint Glen Miller to fill the vacancy for one year. Glen is from the Alliance area and has served on the Alliance board for many years. We welcome Glen and his spouse Dorothy to our provincial group. I wish to thank Floyd and Karen Hihn for their efforts over the past six years. It was much appreciated. We will be honoring Floyd and Karen further at our next convention.

In Region IV. Lloyd Lidberg was re-elected as Director for another three year term. We look forward to Lloyd and Arlene's participation during this term.

Ron Wirsta, manager of St. Paul, was re-elected as manager director for Region V and Keith Reynolds, manager of Strathmore, was re-elected as manager director for Region II. Congratulations to both and we look forward to continuing working together.

Plans are starting for the next convention and we are confirming speakers and topics. If you have something you would like to see presented, please contact Bill or myself as soon as you can and we will try to schedule it. Your input is valuable in making our organization successful.

At the regional meetings, I was asked if there is anyone who inspects man lifts. Mr. Ken Vinge, is



qualified and willing to do inspections so give him a call if you are interested. Contact:
Box 1342
Sundre, AB
TOM IXO
403-638-3021 (home)
403-850-4759 (cell)
He does not do repairs, just inspections. Travel costs can be shared in order to reduce costs if several plants get together. Please coordinate through your managing director.

Thanks to Art Speelman at Blackie for this tip. That's the news for now. Have a safe harvest!

Manager's Association Message

By: Ron Wirsta
President of Manager's Association
of Alberta Co-op Seed
Cleaning Plants

I hope all managers and staff were able to enjoy the warm summer with some well deserved holidays. With harvest in full swing and just about complete, all plants should be starting to process seed or separations.

Please note:

- 1) ***Olds College Seed Tech in November*** will be going ahead. If any plant managers are in need of any seed treating credits, there will be some offered there and I am

sure they will have an agenda that will suit all attending.

- 2) ***The Manager's Association Annual Meeting*** at convention in Edmonton. If you have anything that needs the Provincial Board's attention please bring it forward so that we can address it at our meeting.

Fueling the Future

Full of information, the Fall issue of seed.ab.ca will soon be making its way to Alberta farmers to help them with another year of seeding decisions. The Fall issue is the New Varieties edition and will also feature stories on value-added processing, as well as the future of biofuels in Alberta.

Along with this exciting editorial, the Fall issue will see some new additions to the seed guide that will make the grower directory an even more powerful tool. Added to each variety in the directory, readers will be able to reference the breeding institution and seed distributors.

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To visit the magazine on-line or learn more about the Alberta Seed Industry Partnership, log onto www.seed.ab.ca. With its two annual issues, seed.ab.ca is a powerful information tool to reach Alberta farmers.

For more information about seed.ab.ca and advertising opportunities in the Fall issue of seed.ab.ca contact Lindy Norris or Lindsay Ostash at (403) 256-6709, or e-mail issues@issuesink.com. The booking deadline for the Fall issue is September 29, 2006. Look for the magazine in your mailbox this November.

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