

**ASB Program Review and ASB Act Review  
Conference call with ASB Provincial Committee  
May 28, 2012 – 9:00 am**

**Present on call:**

Pat Gordeyko, Chair and Northeast Representative, ASB Provincial Committee  
Lloyd Giebelhaus, Vice-Chair and Northwest Representative, ASB Provincial Committee  
Geoff Thompson, Secretary, ASB Provincial Committee and AAAF 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Jim Duncan, Central Representative, ASB Provincial Committee  
Don Dumont, Peace Representative, ASB Provincial Committee  
Soren Odegard, AAMD&C Representative  
Jo-Ann Hall, Director, Rural Extension and Industry Development Division, ARD  
Murray Greer, Branch Head, Agriculture Grants Program Branch, ARD  
Maureen Vadnais, ASB Program Manager, ARD  
Dale Chrapko, Manager, Agri-Environmental Program Section, ARD  
Pam Retzloff, ASB Co-ordinator, ARD

**ASB Program review**

Maureen advised the Committee that we wanted to engage the ASB Provincial Committee in the process of doing the program review and have them communicate the information out to their regions and asked if they were happy with the timelines set out for the review or if they feel they need to be changed. She said the focus of the review would be how the environmental stream funds should be allocated and reporting requirements. She advised that we were planning on holding three workshops in different parts of the Province and asked if the Committee thought we should hold more than three.

She said that the rationale for holding three workshops rather than five was in order to be able to have a mix of people from the different regions. All were in agreement that having a mix of people was a good idea and that three workshops should be enough.

Maureen advised the Committee that the Agricultural Fieldman and two ASB members would be invited from each ASB. She suggested that the three locations be Edmonton, Peace River and Calgary and the Committee were in agreement with this.

A discussion took place on when the workshops should take place and it was agreed that they would be held between August 20<sup>th</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Murray asked the Committee if they had any other issues to discuss and the Committee agreed that things seem to be working fine. Pat mentioned that there has been two resolutions put forth regarding the review over the last two years and that we have to make sure they are addressed.

Pat asked about the status of new funding and Jo-Ann advised that she wasn't sure if there was any new funding available but we should still have a discussion about needs.

Maureen advised that a conference call will be held with all of the ASBs to outline the process and discuss priorities of the review and Pat thought it might be too large to have all ASBs on one conference call so Maureen suggested it be done on a regional basis. It was agreed that there would be one conference call per region.

Maureen asked if everyone was okay with the process we have laid out and the Committee agreed that they were.

### **ASB Act Review**

Maureen advised the Committee that we are not hearing any real issues regarding this review and that we would like to work with the AAAF Legislation Committee and the ASB Provincial Committee to review the comments and changes suggested.

She advised that the information collected as of January was sent out to the ASBs for comment and a Webinar will be held with all of the ASBs in June. She said that the findings will be presented at the Regional conferences.

Pat said he is good with the timelines and process of this review and we are good to proceed.

**The conference call ended at 9:50 am.**