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Word from the Chairman



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Thank you to our Past Board of Directors for all the work you have done in 2006-2007.

Glen G. Blahey, Manitoba Labour and
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and Rural Initiatives*, Chairman

Bruce Johnson, Farm and Ranch Safety
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Lloyd Evans, Nova Scotia Farm Health and
Safety Committee, Secretary

Judy Guernsey, Dalhousie University*

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**Thank you to our Board Members whose term
will come to an end in November. We thank
you for your dedication to CASA and your
commitment to farm safety.*

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As we approach CASA's next Annual General Meeting and conference, I would like to look to the future as well as reflect upon the past.

The Board of Directors along with the CASA staff have been intently listening to our membership and Canada's agricultural community. We are forging a plan to carry agricultural safety and health forward to; work more closely with organizations sharing our vision and; develop capacities of the sector and those that serve it. I encourage you to attend the AGM and conference to be part of that voice that will guide agricultural safety and health in Canada.

The AGM will also be witness to change, as it is every year. This year I will be stepping down as the Chairman. I feel very honored to have been able to serve CASA and the Canadian agricultural safety and health network for the past three years. As my predecessors have made inroads in having safety and health become part of the agriculture, I believe we have made also gains.

I am confident that the CASA Board of Directors as well as CASA Council members will guide this organization with great judgment.

Thank you and safe practices to all.

Glen G. Blahey
Chairman

What is the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA)?

CASA was established in 1993 in response to an identified need for a national farm safety networking and coordinating agency to address problems of illness, injuries and accidental death in farmers, their families and agricultural workers. Since then, its mission has been to improve the health and safety conditions of those that live, and or, work on Canadian farms.

The Canadian Agricultural Safety Association is a national organization that is dedicated to a vision of health and safety in agriculture in Canada. We work with agricultural safety and health specialists and producers in all provinces and territories to promote health and safety on Canadian farms and ranches. We are coming to the end of signed a \$5.184 million four-year agreement (federal dollars) with in-kind and matching funds (to be provided by provincial partners) with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

Please welcome our 2007-2008 CASA Council Members:

Academia and Research

James Dosman, The Canadian Centre for Health and Safety in Agriculture
Ted Eastley, Assiniboine Community College
Judy Guernsey, Dalhousie University
Louise Hagel, The Canadian Centre for Health and Safety in Agriculture
Lauranne Sanderson, Nova Scotia Agricultural College

Agricultural Service and Supply Industries

Dean Anderson, Farm Safety Association
Pam Fuselli, Safe Kids Canada
Ron Gall, Farm Credit Canada
Bruce Johnson, FARSHA
Jim Wassermann, Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute

Non-Profit/Individual

Susan Klein-Swornink, Farm Line Support Service
Donna Langille, Canadian Farmers with Disabilities Registry
Liz Robertson, Canadian Association of Farm Advisors Inc.
Patty Williams, Saskatchewan Alliance for Agricultural Health and Safety
Billy Woods

Government

Laurel Aitken, Alberta Agriculture and Food
Stephen Keough, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (ex-officio)

Canadian Young Farmers Forum

Leona Dargis

Producer Organizations

Kieran Green, Canadian Federation of Agriculture
Anita DeCoste, Canadian Pork Council
Tom Hoogendorn, British Columbia Agriculture Council
Rod Scarlett, Wild Rose Agricultural Producers
Larry Toner, Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan
David Day, Keystone Agricultural Producers
Denis Bilodeau, Union des producteurs agricoles
Lloyd Evans, Nova Scotia Farm Health and Safety Committee
Larry Nason, Agricultural Alliance of New Brunswick
Ian Richardson, Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture
Marilyn Affleck, PEI Federation of Agriculture
Peter Boden, Territorial Farmers Association

CASA Current Successes:

- Credible central source of agricultural safety (e.g. Discovery Channel).
- Agricultural Injury/Fatality data collected and compiled with reports being produced.
- 2 research centres now have a rural/agricultural component as part of their mandate and producing reports and recommendations.
- Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute has developed guarding retrofits for augers. Funding for a pilot program to retrofit tractors without Roll Over Protective Structures (ROPS) is underway.
- Successful projects developed in one province modified for national reach. (eg: Confined spaces training by the Union des Producteurs Agricoles)
- US-farm foundation is considering the creation of a CASA- like organization in the US.
- Funding of Canadian Farmers with Disabilities Registry (CFWDR) has permitted networking for disabled framers.
- Partnership with the Progressive Agriculture Safety Days™ allows CASA to reach over 7,000 rural youth and volunteers annually.
- Producer organizations are actively involved in Canadian Agricultural Safety Week launches. The campaign was awarded an International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) Ottawa Excel Award in the Public Relations category.

