

### OLPC Membership Meetings

- October 10, 2014
- December 12, 2014

### OLPC Chair: Gordon Coukell

### OLPC Vice Chair

Susan Collier was elected by the Board to a third term as Vice Chair.

### Board Representation

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### Growing Forward 2 Biosecurity Workshops

The biosecurity workshop material for generic livestock, beef, sheep, goat and poultry has been developed and is available in English and French. Train-the-trainer sessions have been held with the veterinarians who will be leading these workshops in conjunction with Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA). Workshop resources for mink, bees, and the poultry service sector have been completed. Train-the-trainer sessions for mink and bees will be held in October. OSCIA has begun scheduling and advertising commodity specific workshops for the fall and winter months.

The OLPC office continues to receive requests for OLPC Livestock Biosecurity Manuals and biosecurity signage from individual farmers. If commodity groups are interested in replenishing their supply of signs, we have both the stop sign and visitor sign available.

### Emergency Management Training

Mohawk College Emergency Operations Centre Management is offering an Emergency Site Management Course from October 20 to 23, 2014 at Mohawk College in Hamilton. The cost is \$799 with discounts if more than three people attend from the same organization. The website link is <http://www.mohawkcollegeenterprise.ca/en/courseindex.aspx#> and then click to expand the "Specialized Skills Training" button to access additional course details.

### Norm Willis Receives the Order of Canada

Dr. Norm Willis was among the 86 new appointments to the Order of Canada on June 30, 2014. A Doctor of Veterinary Medicine with a PhD in Virology, Dr. Willis was recognized "for his leadership in veterinary science and for his contributions to the development of national research centres that study disease vectors between animals and humans. The Order of Canada was established in 1967, during Canada's centennial year, to recognize outstanding achievement, dedication to the community and service to the nation. Over the last 45 years, more than 6 000 people from all sectors of society have been invested into the Order.

### Beef FAD Workshop

The OLPC will be assisting Beef Farmers of Ontario, OMAFRA and the Animal Health Lab to organize a beef FAD workshop for November 19<sup>th</sup>. Funding is being provided by the Animal Health Laboratory.

### Request to CFIA to Develop Templates for Movement Biosecurity SOPs

There was interest from the OLPC members at the August meeting in working with CFIA on biosecurity protocols for movement permits. As a result, a letter has been sent to CFIA asking for CFIA Ontario's cooperation. OLPC offered to provide administration and coordination for the project. If CFIA agrees to participate, the project would start in the 2015 fiscal.

### Ontario Animal Health Network

The Animal Health Laboratory has been awarded funding for a Disease Surveillance Plan (DSP) by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, within the OMAFRA – University of Guelph Agreement for 2013-2018. As part of the disease surveillance plan and stakeholder feedback, the Ontario Animal Health Network (OAHN) has been developed. Species specific networks will be formed for: bovine; swine; poultry; equine; bees; fish; small ruminants; wildlife/zoo; and, companion animal/public health. The networks will facilitate the sharing of animal health expertise and information.

### Our Mission

*Provide a forum to facilitate the development and coordination of an Ontario strategy to deal with foreign animal disease and other transmissible livestock and poultry diseases.*