

Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers

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2007 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Rick De Brabandere	5427 Line 8 Perth South, R.R. #1	St. Mary's, N4X 1C4	(519) 229-6736
Francis Dobbelaar	5858 Bluewater Line, R.R. #3	Wallaceburg, N8A 4K9	(519) 627-2575
Dave Epp	1121 Essex Road 20, R.R. #4	Leamington, N8H 3V7	(519) 326-7579
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Dave Marshall	42440 Kirkton Rd., R.R. #1	Kirkton, N0K 1K0	(519) 229-6464
Jim Reith	11205 Ilderton Road, R.R. #2	Ilderton, N0M 2A0	(519) 666-1228
Phil Richards	29488 Robinson Road, R.R. #3	Dresden, N0P 1M0	(519) 683-4098
Marshall Schuyler	383 Conc. Road 14, R.R. #4	Simcoe, N3Y 4K3	(519) 426-5784
Bruce Shackleton	45469 Truman Line, R.R. #1	Belmont, N0L 1B0	(519) 644-1137

The board would like to take this opportunity to welcome Francis Dobbelaar and Phil Richards as newly elected directors from District 1. Francis is a graduate of Ridgetown College; has served several years on the District One committee and farms processing tomatoes, cucumbers and green peas. Phil has served over 20 years on the District One committee and farms processing tomatoes and green peas.

Phil and Francis replace Richard Penner and Mark Delanghe. Richard has been a provincial board director since 1993. The board extends it's appreciation to Richard for his many hard years of work and valuable support on behalf of the industry. Mark was appointed provincial director in January 2005 following the sudden loss of Jim Whitson. The board extends their appreciation to Mark for filling in under such difficult circumstances.

The board expresses their best wishes and every success to both Richard and Mark and their families in all future endeavours.

UPDATE ABOUT 2006 CAIS FEE - PAYMENTS DUE DECEMBER 31, 2006

- For the 2006 CAIS program, a fee has been introduced to replace the CAIS deposit requirement. The fee amount is calculated at 0.45 percent of your fee reference margin. For example, if your fee reference margin is \$100,000, your 2006 fee will be \$450. The fee is payable when you receive your fee invoice.

Agricorp is mailing the 2006 CAIS fee invoices the week of November 27, 2006. Fees may be paid by mail using the return envelope provided, by Internet or telephone banking, or at most financial institutions. Detailed payment options are clearly outlined on the fee invoice.

If you have any questions about your CAIS participation, coverage level, or CAIS fee for 2006, please call Agricorp at 1-877-838-5144, Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., to speak to a client service representative.

The Directors and Staff of the Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers Wish to Extend Their Sincere Best Wishes to the Entire Industry During the Holiday Season.

**ONTARIO PROCESSING VEGETABLE INDUSTRY CONFERENCE
HILTON HOTEL & LONDON CONVENTION CENTRE**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23rd, 2007

- 8:00 am REGISTRATION
- 9:00 am **WELCOME AND OPENING COMMENTS - Convention Centre**
- *Scott Makey*, President, Ontario Food Processors Association
- *Bruce Shackleton*, Chairman, Ontario Processing Vegetable Growers
- 9:30 am RESEARCH SESSIONS - Convention Centre
- 12:00 - 1:00 pm BUFFET LUNCHEON - Hilton Hotel
- 1:15 - 2:15 pm **Keynote Speaker:** **Carl Hiebert** is an entrepreneur of life, - Author, Photographer, Aviator & Motivational Speaker **Topic:** "Gift of Wings"
- 2:30 - 5:00 pm **INDUSTRY VEGETABLE SESSIONS - Convention Centre**

(i) TOMATOES

- > *Rodger Wasson, Wasson & Associates* **Topic:** "Tomato Products Wellness Council"
- > *Louis Chirnside, Chairman, WPTC* **Topic:** "2006 Tomato Season Worldwide & 2008 World Congress"
- > *Rich Ozminkowski, Manager - Agriculture Research, H.J. Heinz/ HeinzSeed*
Topic: "Making Tomato Varieties Better - New Trait Incorporation"
- > *Ian Nichols, Business Manager, WIN,* **Topic:** "Changes to Weather Reporting and Modelling Systems for 2007"

(ii) CAULIFLOWER, CUCUMBERS AND PEPPERS

- > *Chip Bahr, Technology Development, Large Seeds, Seminis Vegetable Seeds*
Topic: "Downy Mildew - Seminis Technology Developments"
- > *Dr. Jennifer Allen, Vegetable Crop Specialist, OMAFRA* **Topic:** "Black Rot in Cauliflower"
- > *Dr. Jeff Tolman, Applied Entomologist, AAFC* **Topic:** "Insect Problems"
- > *Mike Celetti, Pathologist, Horticultural Crops Program Lead, OMAFRA* **Topic:** "Biology of Downy Mildew"
- > *Dr. Gerald Holmes, Associate Professor, North Carolina State University,*
Topic: Downy Mildew "Forecasting & Fungicide Efficacy"
- > *Helmut Spieser, Engineer, Field Crop Conditioning & Environment, OMAFRA*
Topic: "Fungicide Coverage: Why and How"

(iii) PEAS, CORN AND BEANS

- > *Dr. Jerald Pataky, Professor, Crop Science, University of Illinois*
Topic: "A Genetic Basis for Herbicide Sensitivity in Sweet Corn"
- > *Dr. Tom Rabaey, IPM Specialist, Green Giant/General Mills Ag. Research*
Topic: "Processing Issues in 2006: A Minnesota and Wisconsin Perspective"
- > *Elaine Roddy, Vegetable Crop Specialist, OMAFRA* **Topic:** "Processing Issues in 2006: The Ontario Perspective"
- > *Darren Robinson, Assistant Professor, University of Guelph* **Topic:** "Why Herbicides Fail"

6:00 - 9:00 pm **GALA RECEPTION & INDUSTRY AUCTION - Ballroom, Hilton Hotel**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24th, 2007

7:30 - 8:45 am **INDUSTRY BREAKFAST - Ballroom, Hilton Hotel - Keynote Speaker: TBA**

9:00 am - Noon **GENERAL SESSION - Convention Centre**

- > *Dr. Gregory Curnew, MD., Cardiologist, McMaster University, Hamilton General Site*
Topic: "Partnerships Between the Food Industry & Health Care"
- > *Dr. Jayson Myers, Senior V.P. & Chief Economist, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters*
- > *Hans Schreier, Professor, University of British Columbia* **Topic:** "Innovative Ways of Managing Water"
- > *Steven Little, Regional Operations Manager - Eastern Canada, Omstead Foods Ltd.*
- > *Ted Hagen, Pesticide Management Regulatory Agency* **Topic:** "Pesticide Risk Reduction Program"

12:00 - 1:30 pm **BUFFET LUNCH - Hilton Hotel**

2:00 - 5:00 pm **Ontario Food Processors Association Annual Meeting - Hilton Hotel**

1:45 - 3:15 pm **Grower Sessions - Convention Centre**

3:30 - 4:30 pm **Grower Business Session**

4:30 - 5:00 pm **Grower Resolution Session**

CONFERENCE CONCLUDES AT 5 P.M.