

NFAHW Council update – April 2018

Teleconference April 12, 2018

The NFAHW Council met by teleconference on April 12, 2018. The primary agenda item was to receive and discuss the report of the Strategic Positioning working group which is studying issues topics related to the Council assuming additional responsibilities such as the coordination of the implementation of the animal portion of the Plant and Animal Health Strategy (PAHS) and the secretariat role for the Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System (CAHSS). The working group presented a report which included an assessment of the resource requirements, a draft budget and a discussion of potential funding opportunities through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) programs.

A transitional plan is being developed to facilitate the movement of some defined CAHSS activities prior to Council identifying funding to complete the transition.

Communication with stakeholders began in 2017 and the topic was on the agenda at Forum 2017. The Council is committed to ensuring stakeholders are kept abreast of changes through newsletters and other communication tools.

The Council accepted the working group's recommendation that an Executive Director for the Council be identified to assume the role currently being filled by Ed Empringham who wishes to retire. A position posting will be developed and posted.

Other business:

The Emerging Issues working group presented the report of the study completed by Dr. Graham Clarke which studied the issues for the processing industry in providing slaughter access in the event of an emerging disease. The study also addressed access to slaughter plants for humane destruction and disposal for the Livestock Market Interruption Strategy Steering Committee (LMISSC). Before final acceptance by Council and posting on the website, a disclaimer will be added to the document recognizing the support of AAFC through Growing Forward 2 funding and indicating that the opinions expressed are those of the author. The Council thanks the Canadian Animal Health Coalition which managed this project.

The One Welfare working group updated the Council on recent activities which are focused on establishing a leadership group to ensure effective delivery of mental health support services for those active in the animal agricultural industry. The Canadian Federation of Agriculture has a relationship with Do More Ag and has established an award and a research committee. CFA has joined the Council's One Welfare working group.

Upcoming meetings

- NFAHW Council teleconference May 10
- NFAHW Council meeting June 14 and 15, Toronto

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- The Council meeting schedule is posted under *meetings*.
- Public documents are posted under *documents*

Would your board like an update from the Council?

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