

Amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws of the Peace Region Forage Seed Association

March 22, 2017

WHEREAS members of the Peace Region Forage Seed Association wish to comply with the new Societies Act in British Columbia effective November 28, 2016. The new Act requires the constitution to only state the corporations name and objectives. All other points must be moved into the Association's bylaws.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the current "3. The Association will not be involved in the marketing of seed. This is an unalterable provision." of the Peace Region Forage Seed Association Constitution be moved to Part 14, paragraph 62 of the Peace Region Forage Seed Association Bylaws and read "The Association will not be involved in the marketing of seed. This is an unalterable provision. "This provision was previously unalterable"".

WHEREAS the previously unalterable provision prohibiting the Peace Region Forage Seed Association from engaging in the marketing of seed is being moved out of the constitution into the Association's bylaws; and

WHEREAS members of the Peace Region Forage Seed Association wish to continue to prohibit the Association from engaging in the marketing of seed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Part 15, paragraph 63 be added to the Peace Region Forage Seed Association Bylaws stating "The Association will not be involved in the marketing of seed. The amendment of this provision requires unanimous approval among members present at a general meeting, called for the purpose of considering the same."

WHEREAS members of the Peace Region Forage Seed Association wish to update the definition of what an "Active Member" is to reflect growers becoming members once they have contributed to the levy; and

WHEREAS Part 2, paragraph 4, section a) defines active members as those who apply to the Secretary, pay the prescribed membership fee and are approved by the Board of Directors.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the current Part 2, paragraph 4, section a) of the Peace Region Forage Seed Association Bylaws be repealed and replaced with "Active Members: Any resident of the Peace River region of Alberta or British Columbia involved in growing forage seed and contributes to the levy as set out in the *Farming and Fishing Industries Development Act* in British Columbia and the *Marketing of Agricultural Products Act* in Alberta. This entitles the member to full membership privileges for the calendar year."

WHEREAS members of the Peace Region Forage Seed Association wish to update how a person ceases to be a member with the association; and

WHEREAS Part 2, paragraph 7, section d) only applies to persons who pay the prescribed Associate and Corporate membership fees.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the current Part 2, paragraph 7, section d) of the Peace Region Forage Seed Association Bylaws be repealed and replaced with "Corporate Members and Associate Members cease to be a member on failing to be a member in good standing for 12 consecutive months."

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WHEREAS members of the Peace Region Forage Seed Association wish to update how a person ceases to be a member with the Association if they are not actively contributing to the levy; and

WHEREAS Part 2, section 7 currently does not have any points addressing persons who cease to be levy contributors.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Part 2, paragraph 7, section e) be added to the Peace Region Forage Seed Association Bylaws and state "Active Members cease to be a member on failing to contribute to the levy referred to in paragraph 4(a) for four (4) consecutive fiscal years."

WHEREAS members of the Peace Region Forage Seed Association wish to update the definition of the Board of Directors to include the Seed Trade Representative; and

WHEREAS Part 5, paragraph 25, section 1 does not include the Seed Trade Representative in the Board of Directors.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the current Part 5, paragraph 25, section 1 of the Peace Region Forage Seed Association Bylaws be repealed and replaced with "The Board of Directors shall be comprised of 7 active members elected at the annual meeting plus the Seed Trade Representative as set out in paragraph 25(5). The seven Directors comprised from active members shall be elected as follows, for terms of three years:

No less than three of the seven Directors from the Alberta Peace River region,
No less than three of the seven Directors from the B.C. Peace River region."

WHEREAS members of the Peace Region Forage Seed Association wish to update the definition of the Board of Directors to include the Seed Trade Representative; and

WHEREAS Part 5, paragraph 25, does not include any details to how the Seed Trade Representative becomes a director.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Part 5, paragraph 25, section 5 be added to the Peace Region Forage Seed Association Bylaws and state "The Seed Trade Representative shall be elected for a term of three years by the seed processors which have a Registered Seed Establishment (RSE) in the Alberta and British Columbia Peace Region and a current Corporate Membership in good standing with the Association. The Seed Trade Representative holds voting privileges on the Board of Directors."

Signature: _____ Date: _____