

Progress Report on 2019 Resolutions

2019 AGM Financial Resolutions

1. “Be it resolved that the 2018-2019 ABP audited financial statements and auditor’s report be accepted.”

Board

Carried: No further action required

2. “Be it resolved that the firm of Kingston Ross Pasnak chartered accountants be appointed as auditors for 2019 -2020 year-end audit.”

Board

Carried: No further action required

2019 AGM Regulatory Review Resolutions:

- B1. “Be it resolved that ABP move from the current nine zone structure to five zones with three zones in the northern part of the province (northwest, central, and northeast) and two zones in the southern part of the province (southwest and southeast) as shown on the map presented at the fall meetings.”

Board

Carried: Based on the recommendations of the Regulatory Review Working Group, the ABP Board of Directors developed 7 resolutions that were passed by the Directors and presented to the delegates at the AGM. These Board resolutions were identified with the letter, B, and this resolution was carried by the delegate body.

1. “Be it resolved that ABP leave the 9 zones as they are.”

Zone 8

Redundant: With resolution B1 carried, this resolution was redundant.

2. “Be it resolved that there are 9 zones and one director elected to the board from each zone.”

Zone 8

Redundant: With resolution B1 carried, this resolution was redundant.

3. “Be it resolved that there remain 9 zones, with 5 delegates elected per zone and one delegate from each zone be elected to the board.”

Zone 8

Redundant: With resolution B1 carried, this resolution was redundant.

- B2. “Be it resolved that producers in each zone will elect seven delegates to staggered, two-year terms for a total of 35 delegates.”

Board

Carried: This was the second Board resolution and it was carried by the delegate body.

4. “Be it resolved that there be 5 delegates per zone.”

Zone 9

Redundant: With resolution B2 carried, this resolution was redundant.

5. “Be it resolved that there are 4 delegates elected per zone.”

Zone 8

Redundant: With resolution B2 carried, this resolution was redundant.

- B3. “Be it resolved that ABP Board of Directors shall consist of 12 directors elected at large to staggered, two-year terms by the delegates at the Annual General Meeting.”

Board

Defeated: This was the third Board resolution and it was defeated by the delegate body.

- B4. “Be it resolved that the ABP Board of Directors shall consist of 12 directors elected at large to staggered, two-year terms by the delegates at the Annual General Meeting with the condition that there be at least one director from each zone.”

Board

Carried: This was the fourth Board resolution and it was carried by the delegate body.

- B5. “Be it resolved that the ABP Board of Directors shall consist of 12 directors elected to staggered, two-year terms with five directors elected by the zone delegates in each zone and seven directors elected at large by the delegates at the Annual General Meeting.”

Board

Redundant: This was the fifth Board resolution and with resolution B4 being carried, this resolution became redundant.

6. “Be it resolved that one director be elected from and by the delegates in zone with the balance of the board (7) being elected at the ABP Annual General Meeting.”

Zone 7

Redundant: With resolution B4 carried, this resolution became redundant.

7. “Be it resolved that in the plan review, the board of directors consist of one from each zone and seven at large.”

Zone 6

Redundant: With resolution B4 carried, this resolution became redundant.

8. “Be it resolved that there be 1 delegate from every zone to go to the Board of Directors.”

Zone 8

Redundant: With resolution B4 carried, this resolution became redundant.

9. “Be it resolved that the delegates for each zone elect two from their number as directors and that the remaining two directors be elected off the floor at the AGM.”

Zone 7

Redundant: With resolution B4 carried, this resolution became redundant.

10. “Be it resolved that there be 5 directors elected at large.”

Zone 8

Redundant: With resolution B4 carried this resolution became redundant.

11. “Be it resolved that under any new zone structure, there continues to be at least 2 directors from each zone.”

Zone 6

Redundant: With resolution B4 carried, this resolution became redundant.

12. “Be it resolved that the ABP regulatory review recommendations as presented at our fall producer meetings are not accepted but rather that:

- The number of zones remain at 9
- The number of delegates be reduced per zone to five or four
- That directors on the board be reduced to one zone director plus the chair
- That semi-annual in person meetings cease
- That directors on the board have one-year terms.”

Zone 9

Redundant: With resolutions B1, B2, and B4 carried, this resolution became redundant.

13. “Be it resolved that ABP needs to address the issue of a director facing election within their two-year term, loses or no longer sits as a Delegate within their zone.”

Zone 7

Carried: The ABP delegates and Board of Directors recognize that this issue could have significant ramifications and the Board will be ensuring that the regulation and by-law amendments address this situation.

14. “Be it resolved that ABP dissolve the Cow Calf Council and the Cattle Feeder Council.”

Zone 8

Carried: The ABP Board of Directors and the Executive Director have prepared amendments to the ABP Bylaws to remove these councils. The amendments will need to be approved by the Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council and then ratified by the delegate body at the ABP Semi-Annual meeting before they can come into effect.

15. “Be it resolved that the Semi-Annual be eliminated and that the Annual General Meeting be moved to coincide with the Alberta Beef Industry Conference in Red Deer.”

Zone 8

A motion was carried by the delegate body to create two separate motions.

- (a) **“Be it resolved that the semi-annual meeting be eliminated.”**

Defeated: the delegates agreed that it was beneficial to the organization for the delegates to meet and interact in person.

- (b) **“Be it resolved that the AGM be moved to coincide with the Alberta Beef Industry Conference in Red Deer.”**

Carried: The next AGM will take place during the Alberta Beef Industry Conference in 2021.

- B6. “Be it resolved that ABP change the fall meeting format to one, all-day meeting in each zone, held later in the year, with participation from the ABP Board and our national partner organizations and presentations on topics of interest and concern for producers.”
Board

Carried: This was the sixth Board resolution and it was carried by the delegate body.

16. “Be it resolved that the zones/regions stay as they are (keep 9 zones) with multiple fall producer meetings per zone.”
Zone 9

Redundant: With resolution B6 carried, this resolution became redundant.

- B7. “Be it resolved that there be a declaration regarding service charge refunds on all nomination forms for delegates and directors with answers disclosed to voters.”
Board

Carried: This was the seventh Board resolution and it was carried by the delegate body

17. “Be it resolved that the producers of the Zone 2 Fort Macleod meeting support the concept of the new ABP proposed structure.”
Zone 2

Redundant: With the Board Resolutions carried, this resolution became redundant.

18. “Be it resolved that Zone 2 Stavely meeting supports the concept of the planned structure changes.”
Zone 2

Redundant: With the Board Resolutions carried, this resolution became redundant.

19. “Be it resolved that the producers of the Cochrane meeting are generally supportive of the proposed ABP structural changes as presented. Recognizing that fine tuning may be required.”
Zone 3

Redundant: With the Board Resolutions carried, this resolution became redundant.

20. “Be it resolved that we support the proposed changes in principle as presented.”
Zone 3

Redundant: With the Board Resolutions carried, this resolution became redundant.

21. “Be it resolved that the Homestead Coulee Zone 4 meeting approve the ABP Regulatory Review recommendations in principle.”
Zone 4

Redundant: With the Board Resolutions carried, this resolution became redundant.

The Regulatory Review resolutions carried by the delegates were presented to the Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council in conceptual form and were approved by Marketing Council with two exceptions. Further discussion with Marketing Council is occurring on the two exceptions. The regulation and by-law amendments are being prepared and will be presented to the delegates for approval at the Semi-Annual General Meeting.

2019 Resolutions for Annual General Meeting:

1. “Be it resolved that ABP request Canadian Cattlemen’s Association to lobby the federal government to allow the maximum transport time for cattle remain at current regulations based on current science.”
Zone 8

Carried: The regulatory amendments to the Health of Animals Regulations Part XII: Transportation of Animals came into force on February 20, 2020. However, it was recently announced that there will be a two-year transition period regarding the feed,

water, and rest intervals during which CFIA's enforcement activities will focus on education and awareness, rather than enforcement actions. This graduated enforcement approach only applies to the portions of the regulations concerned with feed, water and rest intervals, and also assumes that no serious welfare issues are experienced during transport.

ABP is currently supporting a research project examining how the rest stop duration and quality affects animal welfare during transport. Once complete, these results will be shared with CFIA, who have indicated that they are open to considering changes to the regulations based upon these research results. However, any substantive changes to the regulations that may be considered as a result of this research would require further amendments to the regulations.

2. "Be it resolved that ABP and the Livestock Identification Services work on a proposal to modernize the current livestock manifest process."
Zone 4

Carried: Delegates agreed that electronic manifests would make the process faster and easier. Livestock Identification Services (LIS) is working on an electronic manifest project but has not yet completed the research.

3. "Be it resolved that ABP lobby both the federal and provincial government for a per acre payment on native prairie and grasslands in regard to carbon capture."
Zone 4

Defeated: The delegates believe we need to look internationally on how prairie and grasslands are viewed in regard to carbon capture. There is also concern that payment to producers for prairie and grasslands could be considered a subsidy and open us to countervail suits from other countries.

4. "Be it resolved that ABP and the Canadian Cattlemen's Association find some high-profile social media influencers' to work with and help promote beef in all aspects (e.g. food, environment)."
Zone 5

Carried: Brad Dubeau, the ABP Marketing & Education Manager, has already engaged five

influencers to work with ABP. The 2020 summer campaign is still being developed but will focus more on social media using paid influencers that have tens of thousands of viewers on several platforms.

5. "Be it resolved that ABP do more on promoting the beef industry and keep communications more available in public eye."
Zone 6

Carried: The Marketing & Education department is developing a number of consumer campaigns that will see Alberta beef promoted through the use of traditional methods, as well new technology. The 2020 summer campaign will focus on TV ads and social media using paid influencers that have tens of thousands of viewers on several platforms. This is an extension of paid social media that has been running since November. Target audiences are working women and families from 35 to 55 years as well as millennials. Both audiences are large social media followers. We have a revamped Beef in the Classroom which includes All For the Beef Teacher Resources and Basic Meat Cookery for students in Grades 10 to 12 which can be found on our website. The K to 5 program is still being revamped but will be available this semester.

6. "Be it resolved that ABP broaden beef education to include and target schools, to bring awareness to the next generation. About the health benefits of including beef in their diets."
Zone 9

Carried: The Marketing & Education department is revamping Beef in the Classroom which includes All For the Beef Teacher Resources-Basic Meat Cookery FDS 2100. Applies to students in Grades 10 to 12 and the K to 5 programs are still being revamped but will be available this semester. The information for these programs can be found on the ABP website.

7. "Be it resolved that ABP actively seek out and confront the untruths regarding the beef industry and the environment."
Zone 6

Defeated: ABP needs to be more vocal in stating the environmental and health benefits of beef, but the delegates agreed that trying to fight specific negative messages is not a solution.

8. “Be it resolved that ABP lobby retailers to remove nonmeat protein alternatives from the meat section.”

Zone 8

Defeated: Some grocers are already doing this, and the Food Policy Committee of the Canadian Cattlemen’s Association is also working on this issue with other major food chains. CCA is also talking with the Canadian Food Identification Agency about placement of non-meat products. The delegates also felt that we would be infringing on a retailers’ right to place products in their stores where they wanted.

9. “Be it resolved that ABP lobby the Alberta Financial Services Corporation to have regional splits to determine settlement prices for Alberta price insurance on calves and feeders.”

Zone 7

Defeated: While the delegates recognize that there can be regional differences in cattle prices, it is not feasible or practical for AFSC to use regional splits to determine settlement prices. Establishing settlement prices is extremely challenging and asking AFSC to use regional splits in setting these prices would place an unreasonable burden on the Western Livestock Price Insurance Program.

10. “Be it resolved that ABP investigate and lobby for year-round options to purchase Western Livestock Price Insurance Program calf coverage with the target period remaining as it does currently.”

Zone 2

Carried: Currently the ABP Safety-Net Subcommittee is investigating the possibility of expanding the dates.

11. “Be it resolved that ABP work on developing more access to grass land for cattle, either by expanding and developing current community pastures, or by creating and developing new pastureland access in the form of new private grazing leases or more community pastures.”

Zone 9

Carried: Since fires destroyed so much of the forest, the delegates agreed that this would be a good opportunity to speak with government officials and staff at Alberta Environment & Parks about turning some of the land into grazing land for producers in the area.

12. “Be it resolved that ABP should approach provincial government that the provincial government has its own Agriculture Ministry.”

Zone 2

Defeated: The delegates felt that separating the Agriculture department from the Forestry department would not reduce the bureaucracy involved during a crisis. Each division does have a Deputy Minister that deals with the separate areas and they did not feel that separating the two departments was necessary. The delegates also believe that it is not the role of ABP to tell the government how it should allocate its resources.

13. “Be it resolved that ABP lobby government to address the negative consequences to producers due to altered man-made water sources (e.g. power grid dams) that change the natural migration processes of waterfowl.”

Floor

Defeated: The delegates thought that lobbying the government about the impacts of man-made water sources on bird migration could have serious adverse effects on the management of all dugouts, reservoirs, and dams in the province. It could hinder the ability of producers and producer organizations to develop these water sources for the benefit of crops and livestock.

14. “Be it resolved that ABP advise federal and provincial governments to ensure procedures that will reduce the prevalence of chronic wasting disease and other animal health threats.”

Floor

Carried: Delegates agreed that the rise of chronic wasting disease in wildlife could lead to health issues in livestock and could create issues in export markets for beef, hay, and straw. Governments need to develop a plan to address the matter of Chronic Wasting Disease.

15. “Be it resolved that ABP communicate the importance of reporting wildlife that appear to be

diseased (e.g. chronic wasting disease in cervids) and invasive species (e.g. wild boar) in a timely fashion to the appropriate regulatory authorities.”
Floor

Carried: Delegates agreed that all producers need to be more vigilant in reporting any cases of suspicious wildlife in a timely manner. The government cannot develop plans without accurate information.

2019 Resolutions for ABP Board of Directors:

1. “Be it resolved that with the lifting of the 30-month regulation with Japan that supplying birthdate information is no longer necessary. The program was never fully complied with and causes more problems than it solves.”
Zone 4

Defeated: There are programs such as VBP+ and BIXs that require age verification for producers to participate.

2. “Be it resolved that ABP lobby the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency to explore more effective and efficient alternatives to the current tags.”
Zone 6

Carried: The Canadian Cattle Identification Agency is currently working on making RFID tags more resilient and easier to read electronically.

3. “Be it resolved that ABP take out an ad to inform Alberta consumers that A&W is not selling Alberta beef.”
Zone 6

Defeated: There are Alberta beef producers whose beef is sold to A&W.

4. “Be it resolved that ABP lobby to establish the principle that any extra cattle handling requested by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency be compensated for to the producers affected.”

Carried: ABP will explore various compensation options for producers who are placed in situations with extraordinary costs during the course of a disease investigation.

5. “Be it resolved that ABP lobby the provincial government to be more progressive with eliminating more bureaucracy in regards with grazing leases, fish and wildlife, eliminate one-third of staff.”
Zone 9

Defeated: It is not the role of ABP to determine how government officials staff their offices. ABP can and does work with government to eliminate bureaucracy when it can but can only suggest changes to policies that affect producers.

6. “Be it resolved that ABP will provide a short semi-annual document stating its progress in achieving its goals and objectives to better inform the cattle producers of Alberta.”
Zone 1

Carried: ABP creates a Semi-Annual and AGM booklet that contains information on the progress of the ABP Strategic Goals for the previous year as well as what has been done to address the current years goals. The Executive Director also speaks to these objectives during the Semi-Annual and AGM meetings. Going forward we will look at putting the information on our website; adding it to our weekly updates; and, putting the information in the Grass Routes newsletters that go out twice a year.

7. “Be it resolved that all ABP functions have all attendees pay for their own liquor refreshments.”
Zone 9

Carried: The Directors agreed, going forward, that everyone attending an ABP annual meeting would pay for their own alcohol and that ABP would no longer provide a ‘host’ bar.

8. “Be it resolved that the annual report be made available to those producers that request it in paper copy.”
Zone 9

Carried: Any producer who is interested can contact our offices to receive a hard copy of the Annual Report. Any producer who attends a Fall Meeting can also get a copy of the Annual Report there. A copy of the Annual Report can also be printed from our website. A printable version of

the online report can be found under 'Producers' and then under 'About Us'.

9. "Be it resolved that ABP sends to all livestock producers in Alberta a 'hard copy' of the Annual Report in the post office, less expensive format."
Zone 9

Defeated: Whichever format is used to print the Annual Report there is also the cost of postage (\$22,000 spent in 2018) that we are saving by supplying copies at the fall meetings to producers who want one. ABP will mail out a hard copy of the Annual Report to any producer who asks for one. Producers can also print a hard copy of the Annual Report directly from the ABP website.