

# 2022 OSCIA *Resolution Package*



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**Resolution #1 – Oxford SCIA – Credit Card Payments**

**WHEREAS** Many OSCIA members and most industry supporters are wishing to pay membership and sponsorship fees via credit card, and;

**WHEREAS** Currently, the only method OSCIA members have to renew memberships by credit card is online through by logging into the membership platform, and;

**WHEREAS** There is no simple way to invoice and accept credit card payments from industry supporters for sponsorship of local and regional events to enable them to pay via credit card through the membership platform, and;

**WHEREAS** It would be very time consuming and logistically impeding during an in-person event to have members and industry supporters log in to the membership platform to complete a credit card payment.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the OSCIA investigate acquiring 11 point-of-sale card readers, one for each region, in order to accept and accommodate in-person, over-the phone and more easily accessible online credit card payments.

FOR 81% OPPOSED 3% ABSTAIN 16%

MOVED BY Warren Schneckenburger SECONDED BY Greg Wilson

**ACTION:** Send resolution to IT manager, Gabriella Perry, to investigate options, security issues and how best these could be utilized/maintained. Have her follow up with Executive.

**Resolution #2 – Oxford SCIA – Multi-County Memberships**

**WHEREAS** Many extension and industry people hold memberships in several local OSCIA Associations, often spanning across more than one region, and;

**WHEREAS** Each local association is expected to submit a per-member fee for each member on the county member lists, even if a member appears on multiple county lists, and;

**WHEREAS** Extension and industry people across the province have repeatedly requested for a “group” membership option in order to streamline their renewals while ensuring they remain on local association email lists, and;

**WHEREAS** The proposed membership fee increases will be cost-prohibitive for extension and industry people to maintain the level of support local associations have relied on for many years.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the OSCIA develop a multi-association membership price,

**FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the county per-member fee to be submitted to OSCIA be reduced in some logical manner for any member in good standing holding multiple OSCIA memberships.

FOR 84% OPPOSED 3% ABSTAIN 13%

MOVED BY Warren Schneckenburger SECONDED BY Greg Wilson

**ACTION:** Send resolution to internal membership committee to investigate this request further to determine next steps. Membership committee to work with IT manager, Gabriella Perry, to determine any necessary adjustments to the online membership platform.

**Resolution #4 – Renfrew SCIA – EFP standardization**

**WHEREAS** The Environmental Farm Plan is recognized as a world-class voluntary education and awareness program & is often the starting point for on-farm stewardship initiatives by allowing farmers to highlight their farm’s environmental strengths, identify areas of environmental concern, and set realistic action plans with timetables to improve environmental conditions, and;

**WHEREAS** Following best management practices isn't as simple as it sounds and increasing access to tools that help farmers and their crop advisors weigh options to balance trade-offs and find sustainable solutions in their cropping systems that are backed by science and supported by articles and videos can be incredibly beneficial, and;

**WHEREAS** Farmers have financial and time limitations by the nature of their businesses and find value in simple, effective, and streamlined programs, and;

**WHEREAS** Resilient Fields ([www.resilientfields.ca](http://www.resilientfields.ca)) is a new, free app designed to help Ontario farmers work through field-specific challenges using sustainable solutions, that was originally funded by the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario, and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture but will require additional resources to maintain the app and increase awareness of the tool, and;

**WHEREAS** Duplicative projects & initiatives can be competitors for resources such as time and funding,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association evaluate the potential for the Resilient Fields application to be adapted or integrated into the Environmental Farm Plan to better serve farmers in their evaluation process and action plans moving the Environmental Farm Plan from a 'one and done' item to a more systems approach, perpetuity tool that helps farmers continue to improve environmental conditions in their operations.

FOR 69% OPPOSED 7% ABSTAIN 24%

MOVED BY Warren Schneckenburger SECONDED BY Jennifer Doelman

**ACTION:** Send resolution to Program staff to consult with Environmental Management Branch, OMAFRA, to consider inclusion of Resilient Fields App in future editions of EFP.

**Resolution #5 – Norfolk-Renfrew SCIA – OSCIA Membership fee increase**

**WHEREAS** OSCIA has operated financially independent of the local associations for much of its existence collecting a minimal membership fee from the local associations accounting for less than 3% of total budget in 2020, and;

**WHEREAS** The OSCIA Board of Directors have decided to raise the annual membership fee from \$7.50 to \$25 (233% increase) beginning in 2023, and;

**WHEREAS** In the last two years most associations have operated virtually and remotely.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the OSCIA provide the local associations with a breakdown of the additional value the OSCIA will be providing to the local associations with the increased provincial organization fee that the OSCIA will collect.

**FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that OSCIA provides a detailed report to the members on how the association is "working on additional cost saving measures and other ways of generating income" that can be used to justify this increase to members with the end result of retaining as many current members as possible.

FOR 68% OPPOSED 13% ABSTAIN 19%

MOVED BY Warren Schneckenburger SECONDED BY James Kingsbury

**ACTION:** Send resolution to Financial & Strategic Visioning Committee to continue the discussion and make recommendations to present to Executive Committee. Staff to create a summary video of Chad Anderson's OSCIA agm presentation, along with Phil Oegema's presentation at the Thames Valley agm and an introduction from Warren Schneckenburger, current president, to share on social media and OSCIA website. Re-circulate documentation that was shared in 2021 to the local and regional SCIA's with direct request to send out to the membership.