

2024 President's Message

Some members may or may not know, this will be my last meeting on the Board of the Canadian Sheep Breeders. I choose not to seek re-election in my province as I am a firm believer that there needs to be frequent change on volunteer Boards as to not become complacent and the need for new ideas. Change is good. Saying that, my passion for the pursuit of excellence for the Purebred Sheep Industry in Canada has never been higher, we have a lot of quality breeders from coast to coast. I certainly wish the Board and organization much success with some of the Project Goals we have set for the coming year.

I would like to welcome Craig Emke as the new Ontario Provincial Director taking my place on the Board. Craig has a wealth of knowledge and is dedicated to the sheep industry and will be a great asset for CSBA. I would like to say thank you to our parting Junior Director Delaney Hopkins. Delaney certainly was not afraid to voice her opinions and I hope she learned as much from us as we did from her. Welcome to Iain Anderson to replace Delaney as Junior Director.

At last year's AGM the Board agreed to lower the fee for registrations when using an online service. The Board made this difficult decision at a time when costs of most inputs continue to go up. With this decision, the hope was to drive more online registrations to increase efficiencies at CLRC, and to encourage producers to continue registering when profit margins in our sector have been squeezed. It has certainly put financial pressure on the Association thus being the reason for the virtual only AGM meetings this year. The good news is that producers are seeing faster turnaround time of pedigrees & transfers with the increase efficiencies at CLRC.

Over the last few years I have spent countless hours on Zoom meetings and phone calls representing CSBA in hopes to continue to build a stronger industry. I have made many friends and acquaintances along the way. One thing is certain; we all have a passion for this industry.

Thanks to all the Board members for your trust in me and I wish everyone great success.

Keith Todd

CSBA President