

## **DISTRICT GRAIN COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

### **Election Process**

A Grain Farmers of Ontario staff member will serve as the election chair for all District Grain Committees. A motion is required from the floor to appoint the election chair.

The election chair will call for the appointment of scrutineers to oversee the counting of all ballots cast during the election.

### **ELECTION AGENDA**

According to Farm Products Marketing Act Regulations, elections must meet the following criteria:

1. In order to vote at GFO meetings, hold the position of Director, Delegate or Alternate, a person must be a producer who resides in the district and produces grain. At a District Grain Committee meeting the producers present will elect Delegates and Alternates. Elected delegates will elect a Director for that district every two years.

Any person nominating a person NOT present must be prepared to provide WRITTEN proof that person will stand. An email or text message will suffice as written proof.

2. Call for open nominations for the position of Delegate (#\_\_\_\_). Record the names in a word doc shown to the room on projector. Call three times for nominations and, hearing no further nominations, declare nominations closed.

3. Read the names of the nominees.

4. Beginning with the last nominee (reverse order), ask each one to declare whether he/she will be a candidate for election.

5. Read the list of candidates. If more than #\_\_ of candidates needed are nominated, an election will proceed. Allow a 1 to 2 minute speech for each candidate.

6. Call for the election of Delegates. (According to the By-Laws this must be a secret ballot.) Distribute, collect, and count ballots.
7. Announce the names of the candidates with the highest number of votes duly elected as Delegate.
8. Call for nominations for Alternates.
9. Follow the same election process noted above for delegates.
10. Announce the names of the candidates with the highest number of votes duly elected as Alternate.
11. Call for a motion to destroy all the ballots.
12. Extend appreciation for cooperation and return the meeting to the Chairman.

**Election of District Director will be conducted by secret nomination and secret ballot by the delegates. Gather delegates for a meeting as per agenda.**