**Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation (MASC)**

**Chair**
Jim Wilson, Darlingford

**Vice-Chair**
Charles Mayer, St. François Xavier

**Members**
Diane Rourke, Minto
Suszanne Jones, Warren
Laurent Ponsin, St. Eustache (bil.)
Betty Green, Fisher Branch

**Mandate:**
MASC is established under *The Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation Act*. Its legislated purposes are to:

(a) support and encourage the sustainability, development and diversification of agriculture and the rural economy of Manitoba by providing programs and services as set out in the Act; and

(b) carry out other programs, services and responsibilities assigned to the corporation by an Act, a regulation under an Act, the Lieutenant Governor in Council or the minister.

**Responsibilities:**
The board of MASC directs the business and affairs of the corporation. MASC provides risk management solutions for farmers (including production and hail insurance for crops), financing options for agriculture and rural businesses, and other programs and services that support the development and sustainability of rural Manitoba.

**Membership:**
The board is to consist of not fewer than five and not more than nine directors appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. This board should have a minimum of one French-speaking member.

**Length of Terms:**
Directors are to be appointed for the term set in the order appointing them, which must not exceed three years. After a director’s term expires, the director continues to hold office until reappointed or a successor is appointed, or until the appointment is revoked.
Desirable Expertise:
An understanding of agriculture, agricultural policy, commercial lending, production insurance and insurance in general is required. A business or management background with a firm understanding of legal and accounting principles is also desirable.

Board members must demonstrate a high level of commitment and an interest in delivering programs and services for agricultural producers. Directors must also be able to analyze complex written materials, have excellent communication skills and adhere to a high degree of confidentiality.

The board encourages newly appointed directors to attend orientation sessions offered by the Manitoba Government and ensures that members receive comprehensive orientation of MASC's business and affairs.

Time Commitment:
The board meets approximately eight to ten times per year for regular board business. In addition, three or four days per year are set aside for regular product review consultations with producer groups.

The overall time commitment for board members is approximately one day per month plus time preparing for meetings. The chair and/or the vice-chair will have additional meetings with the minister and chief executive officer, as required.

Meetings:
Location: Portage La Prairie (with occasional teleconferences)
Frequency: 8-10 Times per year or as need arises.

Remuneration:
Chair: Annual stipend of $10,000; $182.00 per meeting up to 3 ½ hours; $320.00 per meeting over 3 ½ hours.
Vice-Chair: Annual stipend of $5,000; $182.00 per meeting up to 3 ½ hours; $320.00 per meeting over 3 ½ hours.
Members: $182.00 per meeting up to 3 ½ hours; $320.00 per meeting over 3 ½ hours.