Manitoba Agriculture & Resource Development



Farm Management Canada (FMC)
(Previously Canada Farm Business Management Council (CFBMC) as of 2012)

Members:

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- + Civil Servant
- (1) Class A member
- (2) Class B member

Mandate:

The Farm Management Canada (FMC) is involved with the development of improved management practices in farm and other business in Canada.

Authority:

FMC's by-laws

Responsibilities:

The FMC organizes conferences and workshops across Canada to continue to improve management practices. The FMC seeks input from across the country through its membership and voting structure.

Membership:

The FMC's by-laws allow the agricultural ministry of each province and territory to nominate a representative to each of two categories of voting members of FMC:

Class A: FMC by-laws define Class A members as individuals who are active farm managers in their province or territory. Details of the appointment, including length of term, are left to the discretion of the province or territory.

Class B: Class B members are defined in the FMC by-laws as employees of the agricultural ministry (or equivalent department concerned with agriculture in that province or territory). The term and other conditions of this appointment are left to the discretion of the province or territory.

Length of Terms:

At ministerial discretion. There is no set term. To date, appointees have remained members until they step down.

Desirable Experience:

FMC has expressed that a Class A member is usually someone who has demonstrated leadership in areas related to the business side of farming.

Class B members must be employees of the agricultural (or equivalent) ministry.

Time Commitment:

The time commitment for a Class A member is one and a half-day meeting per year (not including travel time), usually held in June at the annual general meeting. AGM locations vary yearly (Montreal in 2009 and Ottawa, August, 2010).

FMC attempts to coincide its AGM with other events to increase the benefits of attending such an event. Members elected to the FMC board of directors are required to attend four one- or two-day meetings per year (location varies across Canada for each meeting), supplemented by four conference calls (2-3 hours in duration, generally held mid-day to accommodate the various time zones).

Class B members are expected to attend two one-day meetings per year, typically in February and June.

Meetings:

Frequency: Class A member: one and a half-day meeting per year

Class B member: two one-day meetings per year

Board: four one or two day meetings per year, supplemented

by four conference calls (2-3 hours in duration)

Location: Meetings are held throughout the country.

Remuneration:

Class A director expenses and member expenses to attend the AGM are borne by FMC.

Class B member expenses to attend the annual meeting are paid for by FMC.