



❖ President's Message

Dear Members, I would like to wish each and every one of you a prosperous New Year. Since the pork market appears to be more promising this year, we should see improvements in the demand for breeding stock as well as in export pricing.

For some weeks now, we have been making preparations for the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Swine Breeders Association, which is to be held in Quebec this year. Once again, several important issues will be addressed and we hope you will all be able to attend and participate in making the important decisions, for the CSBA and all of its members.

Your ideas and comments are important to us. If it is impossible for you to attend in person but you do have points or ideas that you would like to submit, please do not hesitate to forward them to us as soon as possible. Rest assured that we will present them on your behalf at the Board meeting and at the Annual General Meeting.

To better serve you,
Madeleine Hayeur

Pre-Registration for CSBA AGM March 23, 2005

To help us in planning, please contact Francine Roy to pre-register. Tel: (613) 731-5531 Ext. 21, Email: francine@canswine.ca.

Or fax this form to (613) 233-8903

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

If others will accompany you, please specify the total number of people including yourself: _____

Notice of Canadian Swine Breeders Association Annual General Meeting

Date: March 23, 2005, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Location: Hotel Clarendon
Salle Dufour 1
57, rue Ste-Anne, Québec City
Tel: (418) 692-2480
Fax: (418) 692-4652
Internet: www.dufour.ca

Standard Room Rate: \$89 / night plus tax

This year's meeting will include seminars on the following topics:

- ✓ Molecular genetics: what does it mean for the swine breeder?
- ✓ National study of the impact of heavier carcass weights on pork quality
- ✓ Influence of French genetics from the commercial producer's perspective
- ✓ New developments on the CSBA web site

❖ Proposed Constitutional Amendments

There are two proposed changes:

1. A change to the quorum requirements for general meetings to 10% of membership.
2. A change to require a minimum of 6 well placed teats per side for all breeds.

Please see the attached details for specific changes.

Canadian Swine Breeders Association

**By-law amendments as presented to
The general membership at the Annual General Meeting
Quebec City, Quebec, March 23, 2005**

1. Be it resolved that Section VIII, paragraph 6 which reads:

6. For the transaction of the business of the Association at an annual or other general meeting a quorum shall be fifteen; and at a meeting of the Board of Directors shall be more than 50 percent of the Directors; and at a meeting of the Executive Committee a quorum shall be three.

be amended to read:

6. For the transaction of the business of the Association at an annual or other general meeting a quorum shall be ***the lesser of fifteen or 10% of the members in good standing on the date of the meeting***; and at a meeting of the Board of Directors shall be more than 50 percent of the Directors; and at a meeting of the Executive Committee a quorum shall be three. ***Each Director may carry a maximum of 1 proxy vote to an annual or other general meeting.***

Reasoning:

The number of members has declined substantially over the years, making it less and less practical to achieve quorum at a general meeting. Using a percentage of the membership will ensure that it is practical for the Association to carry out essential business in future years. Allowing limited proxy voting will give more opportunity for members to have their opinions represented in important decisions taken at general meetings.

2. Be it resolved that Section XXIII be amended to include the following clause as a new subsection for Berkshire, British Saddleback, Chester White, Hampshire, Large Black, Pietrain, Poland China, Spotted, Tamworth, Welsh and Yorkshire breeds:

To be registered, any animal has to have no fewer than six well placed teats on each side.

Reasoning:

Currently the constitution has specified minimum numbers of teats of at least six per side for Duroc, Lacombe, Landrace and Red Wattle. This change refines the Canadian breed standards and makes it consistent with standards already in place for some of the breeds.
