



2024 PGDC Annual Meeting
Plenary Session – Saskatoon, SK
8:30 – 12:00 Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Plant Breeding Tools: *Where we were, where we are, where we are going...*

8:30 – Welcoming Remarks

Sheri Strydhorst, PGDC Executive Chair

First Call for nominations for PGDC Executive “Member-at-Large”

8:35 – Retiree Recognitions

Second Call for nominations for PGDC Executive “Member-at-Large”

8:55 – Plenary Presentations: Plant Breeding Tools

Integrating Traditional and Molecular Tools (40 mins)

Curtis Pozniak, Crop Development Centre, University of Saskatchewan

Gene Editing: New and optional tools to integrate into breeding programs (20 mins)

Jaswinder Singh, McGill University

Questions / Discussion (5 mins)

Third Call for nominations for PGDC Executive “Member-at-Large”

10:00 – 10:30 Health and Networking Break

10:30 – Plenary Presentations: Economics and Regulations of Gene Editing

The Future of Plant Breeding: High Throughput Gene Editing (20 mins)

Norm Sissons, Senior Vice President – Seed & Traits, Cibus

CFIA Gene Editing Updated Guidance: Clarification for Breeders (20 mins)

Heather Shearer, Policy & Programs Manager, Plant Biosafety Office, CFIA

Questions / Discussion (5 mins)

11:15 – Plenary Presentations: Economics and Regulations of Gene Editing

Seeding Success: How Seeds Canada ensures effective introduction and adoption of plant breeding tools and trials (15 mins)

Lauren Comin, Director of Policy, Seeds Canada

An Update from CFIA to the Variety Registration Recommending Committees in Canada (30 mins)

Heather Ryan, Program Specialist - Variety Registration, CFIA

Questions / Discussion

Vote on PGDC Executive “Member-at-Large”

12:00 NOON – Adjourn for Lunch (Adam Ballroom)

***** ALL ATTENDEES:** please promptly clear the Adam Ballroom *immediately after lunch* as the room must be set up for a meeting ***

PGDC Executive – Operating Procedures - Appendix 3.

Terms of Reference for the Member-at-Large, Prairie Grain Development Committee – Executive

October 2023

The Member-at-Large serves as a board member with voting privileges on the PGDC Executive Committee and is typically elected for a three (3)-year term. Typically, this individual will be the incoming Chair. The Member-at-Large's term may be renewed if the Executive Chair does not step down at the end of the three-year period. Term length, start and end dates, will coincide with that of the Executive Chair.

The Member-at-Large is a member from one of the four (4) recommending committees and is elected by a vote of members of these recommending committees. Voting can occur during the annual Recognition Luncheon.

During the tenure, it is recommended that this individual shadow, support, and interact one-on-one with the PGDC Executive Committee Chair.

The Member-at-Large participates in the scheduled virtual and in-person meetings of the PGDC Executive Committee. Usually four (4) meetings per year are held lasting approximately 1.5 hours each.

The Member-at-Large also participates in the in-person meeting held on the Monday evening of the PGDC annual meeting.

The Member-at-Large acts as a representative for the general membership (the four (4) recommending committees members) and accepts duties as assigned by PGDC Executive Committee Chair.

The Member-at-Large shares ideas, guidance and expertise from the PGDC membership's perspectives on issues of interest or concern with the PGDC Executive Committee.