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SEED GROWERS APPROVE \$10,000 FOR 2015 IPM COOKBOOK

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The Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association will contribute \$10,000 to help produce the traditional cookbook for the 2015 International Plowing Match to be held near Finch.

The decision was made at the association's recent annual meeting following an appeal from Jennifer and Jeff Waldroff on behalf of the 2015 organizing committee. Jeff Waldroff is also a member of the OVSGA.

In thanking his colleagues for the investment, Waldroff noted the full cost to publish the cookbook of regional recipes is about \$25,000. Many IPM fans look forward to its release as a memento from each match.

Association members considered other ways of supporting the 2015 edition of the plowing match before determining that the cookbook with its back cover ad for the Seed Growers and their annual Ottawa Valley Farm Show provided the highest profile opportunity available.

"It's part of our mandate," said new OVSGA president John Roosendaal. "We use some of the proceeds from the farm show to support worthy agricultural causes in our region. We've contributed to several past IPMs."

Roosendaal, a Mountain farmer, was elected to a two-year term during the annual meeting. He replaces Kinburn's Bruce Hudson who shepherded the farm show through its move from Lansdowne Park to the Ernst & Young Centre. Roosendaal praised his predecessor for successfully completing "the toughest job for any president."

In filling vacancies, l'Original farmer Cecil Cass moved up the executive ladder to first vice-president, while David Blair of Pakenham was elected second vice-president. Roy Carver of Ottawa has been named a director at large. Mary Joynt of Smiths Falls and Tom Van Dusen of Russell were given new one-year contracts as association secretary-treasurer and farm show manager respectively.

In other business, a committee was formed to review OVSGA bylaws and to recommend on future vision; Hudson will serve as chairman and members will include Roosendaal, Lynda McCuaig, Roy Carver, Barb Keith, Robert Dessaint, and Shelley McPhail.

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