APG DIRECTOR ELECTED PULSE CANADA VICE-CHAIR

Rodney Volk , APG Director, Zone 1

Alberta Pulse Growers' Director Rodney Volk was recently named as Vice-Chair of Pulse Canada, which will continue to give Alberta farmers a strong voice in the leadership of the national organization.

"I hope to have a nice quiet term, with no MRL issues, weed seed problems, transportation woes, blockages or strikes," Volk said. "Pulse Canada is where both foreign and domestic governments, as well as pulse traders, processors, and users the world over come for information. Continuing this work is my primary goal as a Director and Vice-Chair."

Volk operates a mixed farm south of Highway 3 in the Burdett area of Alberta. The farm consists of irrigated land, dryland, and some native pasture. He grows pinto beans, yellow peas, hard red spring wheat, durum, and has a small herd of cattle.

The Pulse Canada Executive Committee will also include Saskatchewan Pulse Growers' Corey Loessin, who was acclaimed as Chair at the Pulse Canada Annual General Meeting in July, and Treasurer Scott Cottenden from The Andersons, an Ontario Dry Bean Dealer and Canadian Special Crops Association member.

APG's Allison Ammeter served as Chair of Pulse Canada for the last two years. Her enthusiasm for pulses was recognized by APG Executive Director Leanne Fischbuch.

"Thank you, Allison, for your commitment at the national level," Fischbuch said. "We know you are a dedicated pulse champion. Congratulations are extended to Rodney Volk on his election as Vice-Chair of Pulse Canada. This continues APG's commitment to the Pulse Canada leadership. Thank you, Rodney, for stepping into an executive role."

APG has four Director positions on the Pulse Canada board. In addition to Volk and Ammeter, Caroline Sekulic and Greg Stamp serve on the board of the national organization.

"This gives Alberta producers a voice on issues that will affect the marketability of Alberta pulses," said Volk, who will chair the Governance Committee as part of his responsibilities as Vice-Chair. "This includes the development of new or novel uses for pulses, 25 by 2025. The trade side has also been a challenge lately, and some of these issues can be handled by providing up-to-date, accurate data on sample testing, and cleaning and shipping information. Pulse Canada has built a team that is constantly working to ensure there is a place for the pulses we produce. As a Director, our role is to help guide the Pulse Canada staff to areas that Alberta producers need work done in to continue to make pulses a profitable and desirable part of their crop rotation."

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Volk is looking forward to gaining more experience as a committee chair and in other areas through his new role.

"Like most things, the more you are involved the more you get out of it," he said. "In the past, Pulse Canada has done a lot to improve the pulse industry, and a lot of this work is done behind the scenes. Having a national organization to represent growers on the national and international stage is a benefit that I believe most growers are unaware of. Being a part of this group continues to be a great learning opportunity."