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Canadian Sheep Federation Expands Membership Opportunities

Ottawa, ON (November 24, 2017) – The Canadian Sheep Federation (CSF) held its Annual General Meeting November 9th, 2017, where current CSF members ratified changes to the organization's structure that will strengthen and expand its membership base.

These changes will allow for Affiliate and Associate memberships in the organization, in addition to the Regular membership class for provincial organizations. The decision followed considerable input from the Sustainability Committee and elements from recent national industry meetings where participants attempted to find common ground on a path forward for a unified industry.

Affiliate membership will be available to organizations, incorporated companies or departments of provincial and federal government agencies. An Affiliate Member will be able to appoint a Director to the CSF Board, attend and vote at all the organization's meetings, and provide input on current issues.

Associate membership will be available to individuals, organizations, incorporated companies or departments of provincial and federal government agencies. An Associate may not appoint a Director, but they will be able to attend all the organization's meetings and provide input on current issues.

Expanding membership opportunities allows a wider range of stakeholders to become involved with the CSF more directly, and provides an opportunity for producers who may not currently feel represented at the national level to join the organization. Fees for both Affiliate and Associate memberships will be determined at the December 5th CSF Board of Directors meeting. These organizational changes are an interim step towards the goal of moving to regional representation and a sustainable funding model.

This year's AGM saw the re-affirmation of Phil Kolodychuk as Canadian Sheep Federation Chairman. The organization's Executive includes Vice-Chair Arlette Seib (Saskatchewan), Secretary Joseph Leck (Nova Scotia) and Treasurer Barbara Johnstone-Grimmer (British Columbia). Additional Board members include Kate Basford (Manitoba), Chantal Larouche (New Brunswick), Harry Elsinga (Prince Edward) and Wilson Reid (Newfoundland/Labrador).

For more information about the Canadian Sheep Federation including information about Affiliate and Associate membership opportunities, give the office a call at 888.684.7739 or email us at info@cansheep.ca.