

ORGANIC FEDERATION OF CANADA
Election 2010 – National Standards Interpretation Committee

The Standards Interpretation Committee (SIC) consists of seven members, who are drawn from the technical committee responsible for the Canadian National Organic Standard. Members shall be experts in different aspects of organic standards and regulations. Different sectors include:

- Crop producers;**
- Livestock Producers;**
- Processors (food manufacturers);**
- Importers, Distributors and Retailers;**
- Certification Bodies;**
- CB Inspectors;**
- Consumers.**

Current members of the Standards Interpretation Committee are:

Term ending December 2010: **Gérard Bouchard, Matthew Holmes, Rochelle Eisen**

Term ending in 2011: Ted Zettel, Jean Duval, Janine Gibson, Dag Falck

The terms of three committee members are ending in December 2010.

As per SIC Terms of Reference, OFC provincial and territorial members each have a vote in the election of SIC members.

Please note that the people currently filling these positions may run for re-election if they are nominated again. OFC has received 5 nominations, all nominees are members of the CGSB Committee on Organic Agriculture.

The nominees are:

Maureen Bostock

Gérard Bouchard

Rochelle Eisen

Wally Hamm

Jack Lowndes

(Short bios of the nominees are presented on separate sheets)

The Manitoba Organic Alliance will cast a vote at the next OFC Board Meeting scheduled for January 11th. Please advise your provincial representative to the OFC, Priscilla Reimer, how to vote, no later than Friday, January 7, 2011.

In other words, which 3 people from the above list do you want as your representatives on the National Standards Interpretation Committee.

If you need more information, please contact Priscilla Reimer at 204-427-2235 or by email at info@manitobaorganicalliance.com

or Nicole Boudreau at 514-488-6192

Maureen Bostock

Maureen Bostock farmed in northwest British Columbia for 10 years before moving in 2002 with her partner, Elizabeth, to Sweet Meadow Farm in Balderson, Ontario. There she grows certified organic vegetables on 6 ½ acres which are sold locally and works part time as an organic inspector in the eastern Ontario region. She is a member of the International Organic Inspectors Association. Maureen is a board member of the Ecological Farmers Association of Ontario and represents EFAO to the Canadian General Standards Board Organic Technical Committee. She volunteers on the Permitted Substances List workgroup. Maureen is a course facilitator for EFAO and COG, teaching various courses on organic agriculture. In 2008, she wrote Growing Potatoes Organically: From market garden to field crop.

G rard Bouchard

Mr. Bouchard has been a shareholder of Ferme des Chutes for about 30 years and an organic milk producer for over 15 years (organic milk, organic cull cattle, organic fodder and organic cereals). His farm has been certified organic since the very beginning (about 15 years) by the certification body Qu bec Vrai. In addition to livestock and crop production, Mr. Bouchard is also familiar with organic food processing, since they set up a cheese dairy on the farm in order to add value to their milk production.

Since 2004, Mr. Bouchard has been president of the F d ration d'agriculture biologique du Qu bec and is responsible for managing a board of directors made up of eight (8) producers from all production sectors (grains, syrup, meat, milk and horticulture). In this capacity, he has also worked with conventional producers, producers of other specialities and from different regions in order to reach consensus at the Union des producteurs agricoles (UPA). The FABQ has been affiliated with the UPA since 2001.

He was also president of the F d ration r gionale of the UPA in Saguenay Lac St-Jean for one year, which enabled him to get an overview of the regional and provincial agricultural issues.

Since 2008, he has been involved as Vice President of Coop Nord Bio in Lac Saint-Jean, a cooperative whose mission is to promote designations and improve the marketing of organic products in this region.

Mr. Bouchard is a member of the technical committee that has been responsible for revising standards since 2007. He has been closely following the Organic Products Regulations since he became president of the FABQ in 2004.

He is concerned about the credibility of organic foods and, as such, Mr. Bouchard would like to become a member of the Standards Interpretation Committee.

Rochelle Eisen

I would like to put my name, Rochelle Eisen, forward as an appropriate candidate for a position on the SIC. I am interested as the main thrust of my current position as the BC Organic Extension Agent, is to facilitate the move to the Canada Organic Regime for BC producers. At this time, most of the enquiries I am receiving are from people seeking standards interpretation, and it is clear to me, precedents are needed. My extension advisory committee agrees that sitting on this committee would be a benefit to the organic community. I hold a non-voting position on the Technical Committee. I am active on the Processing Working Group and Greenhouse Working Group as needed. I have worked as an organic inspector since 1986 in all three areas of production (crops, livestock and processing), and continue to complete inspections as time allows. I have worked as a Certification Review Officer & Certification Committee Coordinator for PACS (a COABC Accredited ISO 65 CB) for 2yrs (2005-07). All the above, I feel clearly establishes my panache for group decision making through consensus.

Wallace Hamm

Information of interest include Wallace being the owner and operator of Alluvium Organics Ltd, which is an fully organic grain farming enterprise currently operating on more than 2,000 ac certified organic.

Wallace has also been a member of the CGSB Committee on Organic Agriculture stretching back to the development and publication of the first addition, and remains a member today. Finally, as with most who work with organic food Wallace is also an avid organic consumer.

EXPERTISE AND CAPABILITY

- Forensic Agrology
- Environmental Site Assessment
- Applied agricultural/environment research
- Soil chemistry and fertility
- Soil microbiology and biochemistry
- Contaminated/disturbed soil reclamation
- Agronomy and cultural practices
- Technology transfer
- Organic producer and processor certification

Principal and Management Director of darWall Consultants

Agricultural and Environmental Consulting and Research,
Forensic Agrology.

Principal and President of OCPP/Pro-Cert Canada Inc. (OC/PRO).

ISO 65 accredited Organic Food and Fibre Certification Body with North American Scope

Founder and President of Pro-Cert Organic Systems.

Independent Professional Organic Producer and Processor Inspection & Certification

President of Professional Vegetation Management Inc. (Inactive) 1987-1990

Industrial Vegetation Management Policy and Specifications.

Director, Saskatchewan Soil Testing Laboratory 1970-1982

University of Saskatchewan

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

2005 to present Member of Organic Trade Association (OTA)

2003 to 2006 Founding Member (Canadian) Organic Regulatory Committee (ORC)

1996 to present Member, Standards Committee on Organic Agriculture, Canadian General Standards Board

1983 to 1987 Chairman, Saskatchewan Chapter of Canadian Consulting Agrologists' Association (CCAA)

1982 to 1988 Member, Saskatoon District Planning Commission

1971 to 1980 Chairman, Fertility Committee, Saskatoon Advisory Council on Soils and Agronomy

EDUCATION

- **Bachelor of Science in Agriculture** (Honours)
 - University of Manitoba
 - **Soil Science** Major
- **Master of Science**
 - University of Manitoba
 - **Soil Chemistry** and **Fertility** Major
- **Doctorate of Philosophy** (Course Work only)
 - University of Saskatchewan
 - **Soil Biochemistry** and **Microbiology** Major

Jack Lowndes

2008 Organic Farm Inspector for SouthWest Saskatchewan OCIA Chapter #8 Inc. (22 inspections)

1972 to present Self-employed farmer in partnership with my wife, using organic farming practices

1973 – 81 - Raising grain and cattle

1981-92 - Built a dairy operation, milking 35 to 40 cows

1992 to present – Operate certified organic grain & beef farm

1994-1995	East Central Co-op Lumber Yard – clerk and delivery – part-time
1992 to present	Self-employed, part-time music teacher & music clinician
1963 to present	Self-employed, part-time musician & leader of “Highway 49” band
1963-1972	Farm work as a high school student and university student

Education

COG/IOIA Inspector Training on the Canadian Organic Regime (2 days)

OCIA Inspector Training comparing Organic Standards (1 day)

IOIA Organic Livestock Inspection Training, Assiniboine Community College, Brandon Man.

IOIA Organic Farm Inspection Training, Assiniboine Community College, Brandon Man.

Saskatchewan Trucking Assoc., Class 1A driver’s training course, Parkland Regional College

Various courses relating to farming, including veterinary acupuncture, livestock nutrition, organic weed competitiveness, farm composting, welding, and a week-long artificial insemination course

1987-88	French 100 and French 110, University of Regina, Parkland Regional College
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1969-71	College of Arts & Sciences, University of Saskatchewan, 2 years, majoring in History and English
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1967-68	College of Agriculture, University of Saskatchewan, one year
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1967	Graduated from Kelvington High School; including Vocational Agriculture grades 10, 11 and 12
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Skills & Abilities

Punctual, reliable & conscientious

Class 1A drivers license

Works well with people of all ages

Ability to organize to achieve collective objectives

Basic computer skills: Word, Excel, Quick Books Pro, PrintMusic

Volunteer and Organizational Work

OCIA Chapter #5 – current member of Certification Committee

Canadian Organic Livestock Association – past member of Board of Directors & rep on the Canadian General Standards Board Committee for organic agriculture

Kelvington Feeder Breeder Co-op – current Board member

Saskatchewan Organic Directorate – past member of Board of Directors

National Farmers Union – past Local president

Dairy Producers Co-op – past delegate

Various community musical and theatrical events - volunteer