

## Ontario Federation of Agriculture

### Annual Meeting Dates - a discussion paper

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The OFA Board of Directors adopted a resolution filed in February by Russel county as follows:

***Royce/Kunkel ... THAT the Ontario Federation of Agriculture consult with its county affiliates and the Policy Advisory Council about the possibility of holding the OFA AGM in the last week of November or the first week of December and report back with recommendations at the next OFA AGM in 2018.***

The impetus for the resolution was that changing conditions have meant that field work remains in progress as late as the third week of November, when the AGM is now scheduled.

Although contracts have been signed for space booking through 2019, consideration can be given to changing beyond that date. Changes effective in 2019 may bring penalties.

The considerations involved in changing the date of the AGM include:

1. Availability of space
2. Convenience for delegates
3. Any restrictions on AGM timing in the Corporations Act

#### Discussion:

Space availability may be an issue in some locations as the holiday season approaches. Early December may, therefore, prove more challenging than late November. This does not seem to be an issue at present with our preferred locations.

There does not appear to be any restriction in the Corporations Act affecting the resolution. Section 293 currently states that an Annual General Meeting must be held "*not more than fifteen months after the holding of the last preceding annual meeting.*"

The fundamental issue is simply the preference of delegates.

**Should the date of AGM be moved by a week or two (subject to space availability) to accommodate the possibility of late field work?**