



Hello PAC members,
I wish to serve on the PAC Steer Committee because I believe I have skills that would add value. I have worked as a corporate trainer and facilitator for over 20 years. What exactly do I do? I design and deliver training in areas such as customer service and leadership development (Managing Performance, Communication, Change management). However, training is only effective when it is part of a broader strategic approach—one that includes assessing needs, understanding the audience, and ensuring long-term implementation. Therefore, I developed facilitation skills while working alongside leaders to develop a united vision and strategic plan, that ultimately helped the training be more impactful.

I admire the work of the OFA, and what it does on behalf of its members across Ontario. I believe there is substantial knowledge of issues already held among OFA staff (Policy Analysts in particular) and the executive. The Policy Advisory Council can play an effective role in increasing the overall effectiveness of OFA's efforts.

Although I am relatively new to PAC (less than five years), I have greatly enjoyed the discussions and have witnessed some effective meetings. I would welcome the opportunity to collaborate with fellow steering committee members to elevate PAC's impact. I am confident that my strategic mindset would be an asset in addressing key questions such as: What is the topic? Why is it relevant? What is the potential impact? What do we (OFA staff and executives) already know, and what do we need to learn from grassroots members to ensure the success of OFA's initiatives? And the trainer in me would also be looking for ways to sprinkle a bit of learning, for PAC members to take back to their local federations.

On a personal note, my husband and I operate a cash crop farm in Brant County, and we have three grown children—how time flies! Throughout my career, I have worked in various sectors, both agricultural and non-agricultural, including building supply, optometry, telecommunications, municipal government, and non-profits. Outside of work, I enjoy meeting new people, going to the gym, cooking, and riding my motorcycle through the countryside.