

Paul Buckley

My name is Paul Buckley and I live and farm outside of Lindsay. I raise crops, beef cattle and have a custom silage cutting operation. I serve as President on our local federation board and have been a member of PAC for a number of years being elected to the PAC Steering Committee the last 2 years.

I feel PAC can be a valuable forum for local federations across the province. Being able to send engaged individuals to share local perspectives and learn from others about their approach to current issues is valuable not only to our location federations but also to the Board of Directors.

I am however concerned about how PAC is being utilized. I believe it could and should be used to capture grassroots input and perspectives while providing a conduit for timely and effective communication between the board, staff and grass roots members.

I'd like to participate in a steering committee that actively functions in growing, guiding and improving the PAC process rather than its current limited role of considering draft potential meeting topics.

I would like to continue advocating for the steering committee to address such things as:

- Growing grassroots and commodity representation,
- Develop engaging topics where all sides of the issues are discussed,
- Actively look to improve and refine the PAC process to better serve the OFA board and its grass roots members

PAC has had a bit of a rough history. I believe there is a lot of value in the committee, and I would like to see it and the steering committee move from being a formality to a core resource for the OFA.

Thank you for considering me for a position on the PAC Steering Committee. Please feel free to contact me via phone or email if you have any questions or concerns.

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