



# 35th Annual Convention

# Momentum-



Advancing the Bison Legacy

November 18-20th, 2018 Regina SK



## Canadian Bison Association's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

### **Momentum – Advancing the Bison Legacy**

Delta Regina, Regina Saskatchewan

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#### **Saturday, November 17, 2018**

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9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting

9:00 PM **HOSPITALITY SUITE**

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#### **Sunday, November 18, 2018**

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**7:30 AM – 8:45 AM**

**BREAKFAST**

7:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Trade show

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM

Opening Remarks – Sharif Fahmy, CBA President

8:45 AM – 10:00 AM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER- Dr. Sylvain Charlebois, Dean, Faculty of Management, Dalhousie University

**10:00 AM – 10:30 AM**

**NETWORKING BREAK**

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Family Wealth and the Succession Plan- Chris Delaney, Professional Speaker & Author

11:30 AM – 12:00 AM

2018 Bison Census Update – Terry Kremeniuk, Canadian Bison Association

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

**LUNCH**

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Outlook on Canadian Agriculture - Craig Klemmer – Economist, Farm Credit Canada

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

National Bison Association Update – Dave Carter NBA Executive Director

**2:30 PM – 3:00 PM**

**NETWORKING BREAK**

3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

Genetic Testing – Our Journey – Stewart Staudinger MFL Bison Ranch

3:45 PM – 4:30 PM

Development of Genomic Tools for the Bison Industry - Michelle Miller, Delta Genomics

4:30 PM – 4:45 PM

Beyond the Farm Gate – Steven Lundy, Canadian Rangeland

4:45 PM – 5:30 PM

Bar hosted by Canadian Rangeland

**6:00 PM – 10:30 PM**

**BISON TASTING & FUN AUCTION**

**10:30 PM**

**HOSPITALITY SUITE**

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#### **Monday, November 19, 2018**

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**7:30 AM – 8:30 AM BREAKFAST**

7:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Tradeshow

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM

Biosecurity Managing the Risks – Dr. Alex McIsaac Canadian Food Inspection Agency

9:15 AM – 10:00 AM

Transportation Code of Practice Update - Jackie Wepruk, National Farm Animal Care Council

**10:00 AM – 10:20 AM**

**NETWORKING BREAK**

10:20 AM – 10:50 AM

Brooks and Jen White – Manitoba Outstanding Young Farmers - 2018

10:50 AM – 11:40 AM

Annual General Meeting – Sharif Fahmy, CBA President

11:40 AM – 12:10 PM

Consignors/Member Show & Sale Meeting – Les Kroeger, CNSS Committee Chair

12:15 PM – 5:00 PM

Agribition Grounds

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Junior Judging at Barns

**6:00 PM – 11:00 PM**

**BANQUET/AWARDS CEREMONIES followed by LIVE BAND/DANCE – THE ARMADILLOS**

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#### **Tuesday, November 20, 2018**

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**8:00 AM CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

9:30 AM Judges Comments at Pens

11:00 AM **CANADIAN NATIONAL BISON SALE**, John Deere Arena

Load-out Begins 1 hour after sale completion and must be completed prior to 9:00 AM November 21<sup>st</sup> 2018.



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#### **Dr. Sylvain Charlebois— Dalhousie University**

Dr. Sylvain Charlebois is a Professor in food distribution and policy in the Faculties of Management and Agriculture at Dalhousie University in Halifax. He is also the Interim Scientific Director of the Institute of Agri-food Analytics, also located in Halifax. He is as well the former Dean of the Faculty of Management at Dalhousie University. Before joining Dalhousie, he was affiliated with the University of Guelph's Arrell Food Institute, which he co-founded. While at the University of Guelph, he was also the Associate Dean of Research for the College of Business and Economics.

#### **Chris Delaney, B.A., LL.B., B.Ed., TEP, FEA**

Chris is the author of "The Naked Opus: Growing Your Family Wealth for the Long Term" (2018). He is a Family Enterprise Advisor, Lawyer, Finance Professor at Fanshawe College, Professional Speaker and Intergenerational Family Wealth Strategist. He works with enterprising business families, Family Offices and families of wealth and their advisors to help them develop goals-based, strategic intergenerational wealth continuity plans. He is the Chair of the London and Southwestern Ontario chapter of the Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners (STEP).



#### **Craig Klemmer - Senior Agricultural Economist, FCC**

Craig's experience in agricultural markets and risk. He specializes in monitoring and analyzing the macroeconomic environment, modelling industry health and providing industry risk analysis. In addition to his speaking engagements on agriculture and economics, Craig is a regular contributor to the FCC Ag Economist blog.

#### **Dave Carter— National Bison Association, Executive Director**

Dave specializes in developing market-based connections between agricultural producers and customers who value quality and integrity in food and farming. Dave serves part-time as Executive Director of the 1,000-member National Bison Association, where he works to strengthen the production and marketing systems for North American buffalo. Dave's leadership in the bison industry has been instrumental in expanding consumer demand for bison, which, in turn, is creating the incentive for ranchers to increase the herds of buffalo across the United States. Dave was a leader in the six-year campaign that resulted in bison being designated as the National Mammal of the United States, and he is now coordinating the effort to restore one million bison to North America. He has a long history in sustainable and regenerative agriculture, having served as the Chair of the USDA National Organic Standards Board from 2001-2003. In 2014, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack appointed Dave to the USDA Agricultural Trade Advisory Committee for Livestock and Livestock Products. He holds a Master's degree in non-profit management from Regis University in Denver, and a Bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Northern Colorado. Dave and his wife Sue are partners in a bison herd holistically managed on a 7,800-acre ranch owned by the Savory Institute in eastern Colorado.



#### **Stewart Staudinger, MFL Ranches**



Stewart Staudinger developed a love for Bison while visiting 'home' on leave, with Dad having sold all the Simmental cattle in 1998 and replaced them with Plains Bison. Stewart and his family moved back to Alberta in 2013 to join his dad and get into the industry. Stewart is currently flying part-time with the RCAF Air Reserves out of Edmonton and getting the family ranch involved in fatty acid science projects with the goal of developing a bison market focused on the medical and health food sector.



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#### Michelle Miller MSc, MBA, -Chief Executive Officer, Delta Genomics



Michelle completed her Bachelor of Science in Molecular Genetics from the University of Alberta and Masters of Science in Human Genetics from McGill University. During her studies, Michelle participated in a 16-month internship at the Alberta Research Council (currently, Alberta Innovates), a one-year student exchange program at the University of London, and studied in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for one summer. Previous work experience was in both Canada and the United States researching various genetic conditions. Michelle spent three years working at Delta Genomics and attending school part time to complete her Masters in Business Administration (MBA) in 2015. At Delta Genomics, Michelle was hired in a technical role in 2012. Once she began her MBA part-time, Michelle was promoted to Director of Operations in 2014 and was responsible for the laboratory's operations, specifically process improvement and optimization, financial management, customer service, and human resource activities. In her current role as CEO at Delta Genomics, Michelle is working towards expanding the use of genomic technologies in various industries through the promotion of research and development.



#### Dr. Alex McIsaac, CFIA Veterinarian

Dr. Alex McIsaac is one of the CFIA's Veterinary Program Specialists working out of its Disease Control unit in the Western Area. Dr. McIsaac graduated from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in 1980 and worked in a mixed animal practice in Turtleford Saskatchewan for a year prior to opening his own large animal/mixed practice in Wawota Sk. After 22 years in his own practice Alex joined the CFIA in 2003 and started his career at the CFIA working in animal health based out of the Saskatoon District Office. In 2009, Alex began working in the Animal Health program network reporting directly to the Western Area office in Calgary. Some of Dr. McIsaac's files in this role saw him working on BSE surveillance testing in Saskatchewan, disease response efforts and outbreaks of Anthrax / Influenza / Tuberculosis in Bison / Chronic Wasting Disease / Equine infectious Anemia and Infectious Salmon Anemia.

#### Jackie Wepruk, NFACC General Manager

Jackie Wepruk has been the General Manager of the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC) since its inception in 2005. In this capacity she facilitates a partnership on NFACC between governments, farmed animal industries, the veterinary community, the humane movement, food companies, and other allied groups. She assists NFACC's partners in achieving practical solutions to farm animal welfare concerns that address the interests of farmers, domestic and export markets, governments and the Canadian public. Jackie obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of Winnipeg, and a Master of Environmental Design from the University of Calgary.



#### Brooks & Jen White—Borderland Agriculture

Brooks and Jen took over the family grain and bison ranch in 2012. Their 7,500-acre farm spills into Saskatchewan with the southern edge leaning up against the U.S. border. For these reasons they call their farm "Borderland Agriculture." Brooks, as a fifth-generation producer, began full-time farming after he earned a diploma in agriculture from the University of Manitoba. While at university, Brooks developed a plan that incorporated livestock into a straight grain farm. Since 1999, Brooks and Jen have increasingly integrated their livestock operation with their cash crop one.

#### Steven Lundy— Canadian Rangeland

Canadian Rangeland Bison and Elk started in 1998, and to this day is a Canadian family owned and operated company. The Rangeland team is committed to supply customers worldwide who are looking for a healthy, tasty and exclusive choice in red meat. They are committed to supporting the local Canadian bison producers and their families by buying local bison and to be a fair partner in all marketing aspects.









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