



# PAA INSIDER

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"MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE, ONE TUBER AT A TIME."

## LETTER FROM PAA PRESIDENT

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Greetings potato people,

The Annual Meeting time is fast approaching. Time to kick yourself and make the arrangements to attend. You might actually learn something and you might actually teach something and I'll miss seeing you. The Colorado folks have prepared their end, the abstracts were submitted and the agenda for the presentations complete. All this can be found at The PAA website: <http://potatoassociation.org/documents/2012DelegateProgram.pdf>. Please plan to attend.

The PAA Silent/Live Auctions have been successful with raising funds for The Association's Endowment Fund. The woman who has been accompanying Don Halseth, I think it's his spouse, has fabricated some beautiful quilts that have been the big prize. The proceeds have almost been as handsome as the quilts. Tremendous time donation to The PAA. Thank you, Carol. John Nordgaard was the lucky winner last year. What potatophillic items can you bring to amaze the masses?

The work that Leigh put into creating an online voting system was put into play recently. Lori sent out the vote by e-mail via Survey Monkey and you have until July 20 to vote for the new members of the Executive Committee. The Business Meeting will occur at the end of the Denver meeting where changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, and motions brought forward by the EC are to be voted on. Your consideration in these matters will be appreciated.

I will continue to consider how to celebrate the 100-year Anniversary of The PAA. Think of what has come about since the founding fathers created Our Association. The Annual Meeting will be held during its 100-year in Quebec City (2013). This historic town has seen The PAA once before. I was able to attend the meeting and was able to spend some time exploring. Truly a beautiful place for a celebration.

The National Potato Council will host The Potato Expo January 9-13, 2013 at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. John Keeling, Executive Vice President and CEO of the National Potato Council, has asked that we identify up to 18 posters to represent The PAA at the 2013 Expo. Growers have asked for this effort to continue with the possibility of expanding The PAA presence at the Expo. The NPC has provided incentives for PAA members to attend the Expo and present posters during the meeting. This activity provides a platform for interaction with growers as well as promotion of the science and research conducted by members of The PAA. A win/win for everyone. Typically the NPC is looking for applied work, but all submissions will be considered. I plan to solicit you at the Denver meeting.

Alaska has had a pretty good season so far. It has been cool and overcast with the intermittent sunshine, blue sky day that makes you glad that you aren't dead. Plantings are two weeks behind. Soil temperatures only up to 58f as of mid July. You folks out there where it has been above 100F have my sympathy. The King Salmon run is so poor that the sport fishing and subsistence catch of Kings has been suspended on the major rivers. I'll have to settle for some Copper River Reds. See you in Denver!

Bill Campbell, PAA  
President 2011-2012

### MEETINGS & EVENTS:

#### July 2012

**16-22: [PEI Potato Blossom Festival](#).**  
O'Leary Community Rink, PEI

**22-28: [Annual Potato Conference](#)**  
Ningxia, China

#### August 2012

**4-8: [Amer Phytopathological Soc Ann Mtg.](#)**  
Providence, RI

**22: [Potato Demo Day 2012](#)**  
Westmaas, Netherlands

#### September 2012

**12-13: [PotatoEurope](#)**  
Villers-Saint-Christophe (France).

**28-31: [Pack Expo Intl 2012](#)**  
Chicago, Illinois

#### November 2012

**13-15: [2012 Alberta Potato Conference & Trade Show](#).**  
Capri Convention Centre, Red Deer, AB Canada

**25-27: [Interpom / Primeurs](#)**  
Kortrijk - Belgium

**PAA 96th ANNUAL MEETING****August 12-16, 2012****Denver, Colorado USA**

**T**he PAA Annual Meeting is looking good for the week of August 12-16<sup>th</sup> in Denver, Colorado at the Crowne Plaza Denver International Airport. Registrations are excellent with 140 delegates currently registered and 18 accompanying persons. We have 112 papers and posters to present and are looking forward to an excellent time for discussions, etc. The SolCap workshop on Sunday afternoon has some 40 participants signed up and there is also the NCERA-211 meeting scheduled for the same time. All told, it looks to be a very productive meeting on many fronts. Tour numbers are lagging except for the Ag tour and the Bar-B-Que, but that is to be expected given the fairly tight meeting schedules. We still plan on conducting all of the tours and events even with fewer numbers so don't expect anything to be cancelled at this time. If you have any questions about various activities, make sure to stop by the registration area when

you arrive in Denver to get the most up to date information.

The corrected delegate program will be on the website, both PAA and the meeting website, within the next couple of days so take the time to check out when you are speaking and also the various activities during the week. Otherwise, the LAC committee hopes that you have safe travels and we do look forward to saying Hello the second week of August! Hope you are having a great summer.

**The 2012 LAC Committee**

**PAA 96th Annual Silent Auction**

100% of the proceeds will benefit the PAA Endowment Fund

**Location:** PAA2012 Conference, Denver, Colorado

**Bidding Starts:** Monday, Aug. 13, 9:00 AM

**Bidding Ends:** Tuesday, Aug. 14, 5:00 PM

**MUST be present to receive your winning Silent Auction bids.**

Donated items will be accepted at the Registration Table: Sunday (Aug 12, 9:00 AM) and continue through: Monday (Aug 14, 5:00 PM)

If you can't make it, donations may be sent in advance to: Rob Davidson,  
San Luis Valley Res. Ctr, CSU,  
0249 East Rd 9 North, Center, CO 81125

**Don't forget.....all donations are tax deductible!**

Please share this information with family, friends, and sponsors who would like to support the Auction and the Endowment Fund.

Questions? Please contact Carol Halseth at [carolhalseth@yahoo.com](mailto:carolhalseth@yahoo.com)

## ***Constitution and Bylaw Changes Proposed for the 96th Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America***

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS: **ADDITIONS AND/OR CHANGES** WILL BE IN **BLUE/UNDERLINED**. **BLACK** WILL SHOW WHAT IS STAYING FROM "ORIGINAL" COPY. **[RED]** WILL BE **REMOVED**.

### **CONSTITUTION**

**1. Article III., Membership, Section 2.: Voting privileges shall be limited to members in good standing with each member having one vote. A member must be in good standing to participate on any Association committee or board. If the member is not in good standing within 30 days from the renewal date, the officer or board member will be replaced through appointment by the President or by an election process.**

**2. Article VI., Elections, Appointments and Term[s] of Officers, [and] Directors and Chair of Finance Committee**

**3. Art VI, Elections, Sec 1: Election Procedures:** The Vice-President shall be elected for a one-year term more or less, no later than two weeks prior to the Annual Business Meeting of the Association. The Vice-President shall succeed for subsequent one-year terms, more or less, to the offices of President-Elect, then President. There shall be five (5) Directors who shall serve three-year terms. One Director shall be first elected in an even year (1980) and every third year thereafter. Two directors each shall be elected in each of the two intervening years. Nominations for officers and directors shall be made by the Nominating Committee. Voting for the officers shall be by electronic or paper ballot and a plurality shall elect.

**4. Art VI, Elections, Sec 2: Appointment Procedures:** The Secretary, [and the] Treasurer, and Chair of the Finance Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for terms of two years [years which shall not expire concurrently]. The Secretary [and the], Treasurer, and Chair of the Finance Committee shall [will] commence their term at the beginning of the [next] fiscal year (calendar year) after their appointment except in the case of an unexpected emergency. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall receive an annual stipend.

### **BYLAWS**

#### **1. III. Duties of Executive Committee**

**(2) President-Elect:** The President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President in the absence or incapacity of the President and shall coordinate the activities and functions of all committees. The President-Elect shall assist the President and Secretary in developing agenda items for the Executive Committee and Annual Business Meetings, and shall prepare and present the Host recognition at the Annual Business Meeting. The President-Elect shall also serve as chair of the Local Arrangements Advisory Committee.

**(8) Chair of the Finance Committee:** The Chair of the Finance Committee monitors and projects the financial status of the PAA. Working with the Finance Committee, the Chair evaluates and recommends on The PAA's monetary matters as to their effects on the financial health of The Association. The Chair also oversees the financial health of the [Speakers and] Contingency Fund[s]. At the request of the President, the Chair with the Finance Committee independently reviews periodic audits.

#### **VII. Standing Committees:**

##### **7. Site Selection Committee**

The Site Selection Committee shall be composed of a chair, four (4) most recent chairs of the Local Arrangements Committee, current Local Arrangements Committee chair, and two (2) future Local Arrangements Committee chairs. The chair of the committee will be appointed from the Directors of The Association by the President and will have a set term of three (3) years. The Director may be appointed Chair of the committee in their first, second or third year of their term as serve as the committee Chair for the full three (3) years. The committee shall develop and maintain guidelines, procedures and process for

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## PAA Information

2011-2012

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**President:** Bill Campbell

**Pres-Elect:** Leigh Morrow

**Vice-President:** Nora Olsen

**Secretary:** Loretta Mikitzel

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**Utilization & Marketing:**

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**96TH ANNUAL MEETING:**

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## Members in the News, Job Announcements, News from Administrator, etc.

From the Administrator: Not much news for this newsletter except that I hope to see a lot of you in Denver. One thing I did want to remind you of is that anybody who HAS NOT voted yet, (A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE ALREADY) whether ONLINE or by MAIL, you only have until the 20th (NEXT FRIDAY) to get that into me if you want your vote to count towards electing the next VP and 2 new Directors. If you did not receive the e-mail from Survey Monkey (it's from umpotato@maine.edu via surveymonkey.com), then you should have let me know. That's why I mailed out an e-mail from Nominations Chair, Don Halseth, to give you a heads-up it was on the way. I (SM) will be sending out the final reminder on Monday, the 16th to those who still have not responded. It will have the same subject heading: "VP & 2 DIRECTORS POSITION FOR 2012—IMPORTANT—DO NOT DISCARD!! Thanks for participating & Hope to see you Soon!

~ Lori Wing ~

PAA Administrator / Editor, PAA Insider

Constitution & ByLaw Changes, cont.

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### 7. Site Selection Committee, cont.

**determining future sites of Annual Meetings of The Association. Recommended sites shall be submitted for a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) years ahead of the Annual Business Meeting for approval by the Executive Committee and acceptance at the Annual Business Meeting. This committee shall review and offer recommendations to the Executive Committee on issues pertaining to Annual Meeting Site selections.**

[The Site Selection Committee, appointed by the President, shall develop guidelines, procedures, and the process for determining future sites of Annual Meetings of The Association. Recommended sites shall be submitted for a minimum of three and a maximum of five years ahead of the Annual Meetings for approval by the Executive Committee and acceptance at the Annual Business Meeting. This committee shall review and offer recommendations to the Executive Committee on issues pertaining to Annual Meeting site selections.]

### 13. Symposium Committee

**This committee, appointed by the President, shall be chaired by the Secretary of The Association. This committee shall consist of one representative from each PAA Section, one representative from the current Local Arrangements Committee, Chair of the Finance Committee, Treasurer, and the past, present and future Section Symposium Committee Representatives. The committee shall coordinate the symposium schedule and work with Sections in developing symposium proposals. This committee shall also work with symposium-sponsoring Sections to comply with the current symposium guidelines and symposium planning timeline.**

Nora Olsen

Chair, Constitution & Bylaws Committee