

**Manitoba Association of Agricultural Societies
Conference Agenda
November 3, 2018
Portage la Prairie**

Theme: Agriculture in Your Ag Society

Friday – November 2, 2018 Canad Inn

- **8:00 p.m.** - There is a meet and mingle evening for those coming to the conference the night before in the lounge at Canad Inn. Come and meet others for an informal conversation with other ag society representatives.

Saturday – November 3, 2018 MNP Building Portage Ind Ex Grounds

8:15 – 9 a.m. Breakfast (courtesy of 4-H Clubs from Portage) **and Registration**

9:00 a.m. Opening and welcome

9:15 a.m. Rapid Fire Topics (1-5 minutes each with opportunity to expand time if discussion is relevant)

1. Fraud
2. Insurance – check your coverage every year
3. Risk/lawsuits – goes with insurance. Check your events for risk
4. Service agreement concept and update
5. Bill 228
6. Government – advocate, advocate, advocate
7. Open Farm Day update
8. Coggins Testing
9. Manitoba 150 celebrations – 2020
10. Grants – move to more project based granting system
11. Bylaws – where are yours?
12. Ag on the Moove trailer
13. Explain change from A, B, C classification system
14. Best of the Best New Ideas – any news idea to share
15. Harness Racing update
16. RREx ribbons and prize money for fairs
17. Manitoba Ag Hall of Fame – please nominate someone

11:00 a.m. Annual General Meeting

11:30 a.m. Honourary Life Member presentations and Lunch

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Real Dirt on Farming Workshop

This workshop is geared towards farmers, agri-food industry professionals, 4-H members and leaders, Agricultural Society members, farmers' market vendors and others interested in learning how to give effective presentations and speak to non-farmers about agriculture. Participants will leave with resources, including a USB key filled with the customizable Real Dirt on Farming PowerPoint presentations.

4:00 - 4:30 p.m. Wrap-up

- Including any unfinished business from morning discussions

4:30 p.m. Safe Drive Home