

CAPI welcomes new chair and board members

OTTAWA, June 26, 2017 — The Board of Directors of the Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute (CAPI) is pleased to announce the appointment of John F.T. Scott to the position of Chair. Mr. Scott has been involved with CAPI since its inception and has served on the Board for the past three years. He is the former CEO of the Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers and the past chair of the acclaimed Vineland Research and Innovation Centre. He cites the work of CAPI as one of his great passions in life.



John F. T. Scott

Mr. Scott succeeds Ted Bilyea, who announced his resignation earlier this year. "Over the six years I have been Chair, CAPI has accomplished a great deal to the benefit of the sector, culminating in Canadian agri-food being acknowledged as a growth sector," said Mr. Bilyea. "I have every expectation even more will be achieved under John's leadership." Mr. Scott stated: "I am deeply honoured to receive the trust of the Board and I look forward to working with this strong group to build the CAPI of tomorrow. I join the Board in expressing our deep appreciation to Ted and with pleasure announce that he will remain with us as a Special Advisor."

At its Annual Meeting on June 20, 2017, CAPI elected two new members to its Board of Directors. Chantelle Donahue is the Vice President & Commercial Seed Manager for Global Edible Oil Solutions-Specialties (GEOS-S) at Cargill Limited. Deborah Stark is the former Deputy Minister of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. She retired from this position in 2016 following a rich career in the Ontario public service, during which she held several senior management positions.

"CAPI is extremely fortunate to have these two exceptional individuals join our Board," said Mr. Scott. "Their skill sets complement and enhance those held by our continuing Directors. We anticipate valuable participation from each of them." The Board of Directors expresses its sincere appreciation to retiring Board member Wayne Stark, who served on the Board for the past eight years. Through that time Mr. Stark made several significant contributions to the agri-food sector, and CAPI looks forward to continuing to work with him.

Biographies

Ms. Chantelle Donahue

Chantelle Donahue is the Vice President & Commercial Seed Manager for Cargill's Global Edible Oil Solutions-Specialties (GEOS-S). In this role she is a member of the senior leadership team responsible for the development of commercial/business strategies and tactics, and the execution of functional business plans, strategy, vision, and goals for GEOS-S Global Seed Production. This includes Crop Production, Seed Production and Product Line, Supply Chain, and Customer Service, as well as leadership and direction for a diversified portfolio of products

and services for customers conducting business in North America, Australia and Europe. Ms. Donahue's previous roles include Vice President of Corporate Affairs for Cargill Canada, supply chain and general management at Prairie Malt Limited, merchandizing for Cargill Canada's grain business and various roles focused on agriculture research. She is committed to being a strong leader and collaborator within the industry as evidenced by her participation with numerous agriculture and food-related boards. Along with her husband, Greg, and daughter Abigail, Ms. Donahue operates a grain farm in Biggar, Saskatchewan.

Ms. Deborah Stark

Deborah Stark is the former Deputy Minister of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA). During her public service career, she held various senior leadership roles within OMAFRA and the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC), including a term as Ontario's first chief veterinary officer. She has served as a Trustee and Chair of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union Pension Trust, Chair of Hospice Wellington, and on the boards of the Veterinary Infectious Diseases Organization and the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association. She is currently on the Board of the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame Association.

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