



## **AGRICULTURE UNION STANDING COMMITTEES**

The National Council has the authority to establish standing committees to support and promote specific activities of our Union. National Vice-Presidents are assigned to chair the permanent Committees, which, despite their titles, can and do deal with other important issues.

At this point in time, there are four Agriculture Union Standing Committees in operation:

- Collective Bargaining and Health and Safety
- Finance and Communications
- By-laws and Education
- General

A brief description of the mandate of each Standing Committee, is as follows:

### **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The Collective Bargaining Standing Committee deals with all aspects of the negotiations process within the authority of the Agriculture Union. The Committee is also responsible for health and safety, another high-profile issue for our membership.

### **FINANCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The Standing Committee on Finance is the watch-guard over the expenditures of our Union. It ensures the budget is respected and that members' dues money is spent wisely. Internal and external communications are also within this Committee's mandate.

### **BY-LAWS AND EDUCATION**

The Standing Committee on By-laws is tasked with ensuring that our Union's By-laws – our operating principles and practices – are carried out and updated as required. Education and training within the Agriculture Union also fall within this Committee's jurisdiction.

## **GENERAL**

As its name would suggest, the General Standing Committees covers all matters not dealt with by the other three Committees. In addition, it is responsible for questions dealing with Equal Opportunities.

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