

## Media release

### **CASA Board now truly sea to sea – president from BC and new Board member from Newfoundland**

**Winnipeg, November 4, 2008:** John Gordon, executive director of the Canadian Centre for Health and Safety, Bruce Johnson, executive director of BC's Farm and Ranch Safety and Health Association, and Billy Woods, a farmer from Torbay, Newfoundland, have been elected for three-year terms to the seven-member Board of Directors for the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA).

CASA's 31 Council members annually elect members to the Board. The Council represents farm safety professionals and farmers across Canada.

CASA's new Board of Directors elected Bruce Johnson as president for a second one-year term. Vice-president for 2008-09 is Dean Anderson, president and CEO of the Farm Safety Association in Ontario.

Lauranne Sanderson, associate professor at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, was elected treasurer and Laurel Aitken, farm safety co-ordinator for the Alberta government, is now secretary for CASA's Board. Denis Bilodeau, second vice-president of L'Union des producteurs agricoles, continues as a member of the 2008-09 Board of Directors.

CASA's 14<sup>th</sup> annual meeting was held during the Farm Safety Summit in Saskatoon, October 23 – 24. Approximately 70 invited participants confirmed their support for CASA to develop national resources and training programs.

CASA executive director Marcel Hacault says his organization is poised to move on the recommendations from the Summit, including work to develop farm safety plans, modify the U.S. certified safe farmer program and expand farm safety days for youth.

"We are encouraged by the support Canada's farm safety professionals and farm groups show in CASA, he says, "and we're getting ready to deliver even more to help farmers recognize and manage risk in their workplaces."

For more information about CASA and to access the 2007-08 Annual Report, go to [www.casa-acsa.ca](http://www.casa-acsa.ca).

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