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## **Manitoba Wheat and Barley Growers Organization Hold first Annual General Meeting**

The board of the Manitoba Wheat and Barley Growers Association (MWBGA) recently held its first Annual General Meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:50 pm at the CropConnect Conference in Winnipeg. Approximately 150 people attended with 121 registered producer members. The AGM provided updates on the founding and current activities of the new organization and elected three new directors to take over from three of the interim board. The three new directors, Robert Misko – Roblin, Dean Harder – Lowe Farm, and Drew Baker – Beausejour now join Fred Greig – Reston, Ray Askin – Portage, and Grant Dyck – Niverville as the organizations directors for the next year. Fred Greig the past vice chair, will serve in the capacity of acting chair up to the first board meeting early in March, when officers will be officially determined by the board.

The three retiring directors, Doug Martin – Selkirk, David Rourke – Minto and interim board chair Don Dewar – Dauphin were acknowledged for their leadership and valuable contribution to the development, start-up and early operations of the new organization. “The interim board has worked hard to build an organizational foundation that will serve Manitoba wheat and barley producers now and into the future” said retiring chair Don Dewar. “It has been an interesting and busy couple of years to get through all the issues of launching a new organization in a mature and complex cereals market. I have confidence in the organizational foundation that we have built and in the ability of new board to continue this important work”

For those who were unable to attend the AGM the 2014 annual report along with other organization information is available on the [mbwheatandbarley.ca](http://mbwheatandbarley.ca) website.

“This was our first AGM and we appreciate the level of interest and participation by producers.” says acting chair Fred Greig. “Based on this experience we are already thinking of ways to make adjustments to future AGM’s and other services. At the AGM and at anytime throughout the year the MWBGA staff and directors look forward to hearing from members regarding any issues, concerns or ideas to improve the long term profitability of growing wheat and barley in Manitoba. You can contact us through the website, by email or by telephone.”

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