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Lori-Ann Kaminski contracted to support Manitoba Wheat and Barley Growers Organization in Research Planning and Project Management

The board of the Manitoba Wheat and Barley Growers Association (MWBGA) is pleased to announce it has made contract arrangements with Lori-Ann Kaminski to provide research planning and project management support. Lori-Ann has worked in the field of research and research funding administration for much of her career and brings deep understanding, experience and leadership to the development and management of MWBGA Programs.

Lori-Ann will be working closely with Brent VanKoughnet of Agri Skills Inc. who has been on contract with MWBGA over the last 18 months to launch the new organization and provide strategic leadership as MWBGA builds capacity to serve Manitoba producers research and market development interests.

“The MWBGA board have chosen a strategy of contract arrangements that we believe provide the greatest flexibility and access to skills. This approach allows us to effectively scale up to meet the peak requirements of complex issues and scale down to minimize overhead and administrative costs in less active times of the year” says vice chair Fred Greig.

“These are extraordinary times in the cereal industry. Many new relationships and new systems are being established provincially, regionally and nationally as we create a new foundation for wheat and barley profitability. The work we do in the next two to three years will have significant long-term impact. We are pleased to have Lori-Ann and Brent providing professional support to our board as we build research and market development programs that strengthen Manitoba wheat and barley producers’ competitive position and long-term profitability” comments Don Dewar chair.

Manitoba Wheat and Barley Growers Association members are invited to meet Lori-Ann, Brent and the board at the first Annual General Meeting held February 18th 2015 in conjunction with the CropConnect conference. There will be a brief update on MWGBA activities and the election of three directors. More information will be released to members prior to the meeting. Check the mbwheatandbarley.ca website at anytime for further background and update information.

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