



2025 ANNUAL MEETING & CONVENTION

REGISTRATION PACKAGE

December 4 & 5, 2025

Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale
6750 Mississauga Road,
Mississauga, ON

OABA ANNUAL MEETING & CONVENTION

All OABA members are invited to attend the 2025 Annual Meeting & Convention being held Thursday December 4 and Friday December 5 at the Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale 6750 Mississauga Road, Mississauga, ON.

REGISTRATION

Save time and money by registering in advance using this [REGISTRATION FORM](#). Please note the savings for advanced registration. By registering in advance, your convention registration package will be waiting for you upon arrival at the Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale.

Full refunds will be made for cancellations received up until 4:00 p.m. on Friday November 21, 2025.

The OABA registration desk will be open from 11:45 a.m. on Thursday December 4, in the Graydon Hall Foyer.

SPOUSES/PARTNERS WELCOME

Partners/spouses of convention registrants are welcome to attend the event at a special rate which includes the Speaker Program, President's Reception, Banquet and Industry Reception on Thursday, and the Breakfast and Keynote Speaker presentation on Friday.

COMPANY SPONSORSHIPS

If your company is interested in convention sponsorship at a rate of **\$550**, please complete the [SPONSORSHIP FORM](#) and return it to the OABA office with your payment. A copy of the sponsorship form and details about sponsorship are linked above, and also available under Key Dates on the OABA website www.oaba.on.ca

To ensure inclusion of your company's name in the list of Convention Sponsors, that will appear in the Convention program, and also be featured in OABA's Convention Sponsorship printed/digital booklet, which will serve as an informal opportunity to make contact with existing and potential customers from within the OABA membership.

Please note the **deadline for sponsorship submissions is Nov. 12, 2025.**



OABA CONVENTION PROGRAM

DECEMBER 4, 2025

11:45 a.m. **Registration Desk Opens**
Graydon Hall Foyer

12:00 noon **Light lunch available for early arrivals**
Graydon Hall Foyer

1:00 p.m. **OABA's 26th Annual Meeting**
Graydon Hall
This is a great opportunity to hear from your association leadership on what OABA has been doing on behalf of the crop inputs, grain and feed industry over the past year. The Annual Meeting is open to all convention delegates.

1:30 p.m. **INVITED**
to 1:45 p.m. **Remarks from Hon. Trevor Jones, MPP**
Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food & Agribusiness
Graydon Hall



Hon. Trevor Jones

Hear from Ontario's Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Hon. Trevor Jones where he will highlight recent government focus on agribusiness noting investments into the sector and efforts underway to update various pieces of legislation impacting the agriculture sector.

Speaker Presentations *Graydon Hall*

2:00 p.m. **Embracing Change and Pushing**
to 3:00 p.m. **Boundaries**



Dr. Kimberley Amirault-Ryan

Dr. Kimberley Amirault-Ryan is driven by her philosophy of embracing challenges and pushing limits to reach peak performance. She broke barriers as the first female performance consultant for teams such as the New York Rangers, Knicks; Columbus Blue Jackets, and Edmonton Oilers. Her expertise has been sought by top organizations including VISA, Johnson & Johnson, the NHL, and NBA. She's worked with gold medal winning teams at five Olympic Games and served as Lead of Sport Psychology for Team Canada at the 2010, 2012, and 2014 Olympics. Recognized for her groundbreaking work, she has earned honors like the Globe and Mail's Top 50 Power List, WXN Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women, and Avenue's Top 40 Under 40. Through real-life stories, Dr. Amirault-Ryan shares the mindset and habits essential for success in high-pressure environments.

3:00 p.m. **Break**
to 3:20 p.m. *Graydon Hall Foyer*

3:20 p.m. **Integrating Technology into Your Business**
to 4:20 p.m. *Graydon Hall*



John Weigelt

John Weigelt is the Chief Technology Officer at Microsoft Canada, where he leads national strategies around technology and policy. He works with individuals, businesses, and governments to drive innovation through technology, while helping them navigate potential risks and unintended consequences. With a strong background in shaping foundational electronic services, John has played a key role in the evolution of digital technologies that are now part of everyday life. He continues to influence the development of technology standards and public policy to support responsible innovation. His diverse expertise across technology, business, and policy gives him a well-rounded perspective on Canada's digital economy and how organizations can thrive within it.

4:20 p.m. **Refreshment Break**
to 4:40 p.m. *Graydon Hall Foyer*

4:40 p.m. **Breaking the Mold: Lessons in Leadership**
to 5:30 p.m. **Through Uncertainty, Pressure & Change**



LCdr Paul Smith (retired)

Lieutenant Commander Paul Smith (Retired) is a trailblazing former officer of the Royal Canadian Navy with a career spanning over 35 years. Born in Jamaica and raised in Toronto, he made history as the first Black officer to command a Canadian warship, the HMCS Kingston and later HMCS Summerside, during key NATO and international missions. Throughout his career, he held diverse operational, training, and leadership roles, both at sea and ashore. His deployments across the Caribbean, West Africa, and Eastern Europe marked some of Canada's most significant military engagements in recent decades. Recognized with the Meritorious Service Medal and the Order of Military Merit, Lt. Cmdr. Smith is celebrated for his leadership and commitment to excellence. A passionate advocate for diversity and inclusion in the military, he now shares his experiences and insights on authentic, values-based leadership with audiences, inspiring the next generation of leaders in both public and private sectors.

6:00 p.m. **President's Reception**
to 7:15 p.m. *Hazel McCallion Ballroom and Foyer*

7:15 p.m. **President's Banquet** *Graydon Hall*

9:00 p.m. **Industry Reception**
to 11:00 p.m. *Hazel McCallion Ballroom and Foyer*

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7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. **Buffet Breakfast**
Graydon Hall B-C

8:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. **OABA Business Meeting**
Graydon Hall B-C
Remarks from OABA's President and Exec. Director on strategic priorities in the year ahead. Introduction of the 2025/26 OABA Board of Directors and recognition awards for OABA Section Committee Chairs.

Keynote Speaker Presentation

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. **2025 Financial Outlook**
Graydon Hall



Cynthia Leach

Cynthia Leach is the Assistant Chief Economist with RBC, where she leads cutting edge research and public insight on the most pressing financial forces shaping the Canadian and global economy. Areas of focus include labour markets, housing policy, climate transition, trade and productivity. Prior to joining RBC in 2020, Cynthia held senior executive positions at Finance Canada where she led the federal housing policy and macro economic growth strategy. She holds a Master's degree in Economic from the University of Toronto.

9:30 a.m. **Closing Remarks**

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Hilton Mississauga-Meadowvale reservations for overnight accommodations must be received by November 4, 2025, at which time the OABA room block will be released - so don't delay!



To make a reservation online [click here](#) or call Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale at **905-821-1981**. If calling, make sure you quote the group code "OABA" to ensure you receive the special convention rate of \$190 per night (single/double occupancy).

OABA delegates receive free parking at the Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale for the duration of the event.





ONTARIO AGRI BUSINESS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

ADVANCE REGISTRATION

Hilton Mississauga/Meadowvale, Mississauga, Ontario

DECEMBER 4 & 5, 2025

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ONTARIO AGRI BUSINESS ASSOCIATION -- HST Registration #R889706727

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ADVANCE REGISTRATION (REGISTERED BEFORE 12:00 P.M. NOVEMBER 21, 2025)

Employee of OABA Member Firm: \$547.79 + 71.21 HST = \$619.00/ea.

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Credit card payment form [click here](#). Or contact joanne@oaba.on.ca to setup other electronic payment methods. Phone (519) 822-3004



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SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

OABA is pleased to advise that, once again, the Association will be offering a single **OABA Convention Sponsorship**. With an *OABA Convention Sponsorship* in the amount of **\$550.00**, your company gets your logo and description featured in OABA's **Convention Sponsorship printed/digital booklet**, which will serve as an informal opportunity to make contact, with existing and potential customers from the OABA membership. **The booklet will be distributed to ALL OABA members.** Please complete the information below, including the brief description of your company's products and services, to be added to our Convention Sponsorship booklet and submit with your payment to the OABA office no later than **November 12, 2025**. [Click here](#) to view a sample of the 2024 sponsor booklet.

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