

**REPORT ON THE AIC AGM HELD DECEMBER, 2008  
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Over the past few years, AIC reorganized which impacted financial status. In 2007, there was a large deficit due to the reorganization. There was a small surplus in 2008 and AIC feels they are now more secure financially with expectations that AIC will be able to invest in various initiatives in 2009. One initiative is the combining of the operations of the Ontario Institute of Agrologists (OIA) with AIC such that AIC will coordinate member services for OIA. Many of the provincial agrologist organizations are suffering due to declining memberships. This initiative is considered a win-win for both organizations. AIC feels that it needs to reconnect with various sectors of agriculture and this initiative with the Ontario agrologists will be a good way to jump start the process. In addition, this would increase membership in AIC. AIC would provide a national voice on policy and issues and would advise and lobby for OIA. This initiative would start with the OIA and could later expand to other provincial agrologist organizations. AIC also sees 2009 as a year to invest in the scientific journals under its mandate, be involved in extensive fund raising, and expand awareness of AIC and agriculture to Canadian interests.

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