



A G E N D A

national farmers union 41st annual convention — 41^e convention annuelle de l'union nationale des fermiers
Hilton Garden Inn Downtown—December 2nd to 4th, 2010



Economics of Alternatives - Économie des alternatives

Agenda is subject to change.

Wednesday, December 1st :

6:00 PM: Registration & Social (Estevan Room)
Book Launch (Estevan Room)
Food Sovereignty: Reconnecting Food, Nature and Community
—Annette Desmarais, Nettie Wiebe and Hannah Wittman

3:00 PM: *Coffee Break*
3:30 PM: —NFU Board of Directors' Report
Dave Lewington
—NFU Women's President's Report
Joan Brady
—NFU Youth President's Report
Kalissa Regier
Questions of the Board of Directors

10:30 AM: *Coffee Break*
11:00 AM: **Nominations:** *NFU Presidential Officers*
11:15 AM: Resolutions
11:35 AM: **Caucuses:** (*working over lunch break period*)
—Youth Caucus (*PA East & West*)
—Women's Caucus (*Commonwealth Ballroom*)
—NFU Consortium (*Regina Room*)

9:30 AM: Constitutional Amendments/Resolutions

10:00 AM: **Nominations:**
NFU Vice-Presidential Officers

10:15 AM: *Coffee Break*

10:45 AM: **International Panel:**
Alternatives Around the World
—Renwick Rose,
Coordinator, WINFA (Windward Islands Farmers Association)
—Hannah Whittman,
Assistant Professor of Sociology and Latin American Studies,
Simon Fraser University

Thursday, December 2nd :

8:00 AM: Registration (*Commonwealth Ballroom Lobby*)
9:00 AM: **Educational/Organizational Workshops**
CETA Campaign
(*Prince Albert East & West*)
Raw Milk: Issues & Challenges
(*Commonwealth Ballroom*)
12:30 PM: Call to Order (*Centennial Ballroom*)
O Canada (*Nettie Wiebe*)
Welcome from the Region (*Glenn Tait*)
Steering Committee Report (*Dave Lewington*)
Ratification of Report
Adoption of Agenda
Notice of Constitutional Amendments

4:20 PM: National Farmers Foundation Report
4:30 PM: Resolutions
4:45 PM: Presentation of Financial Report
(*In Camera*)
Appointment of Auditor / Budget Review
5:30 PM: *Supper Break*
IPC Working Supper (*PA East & West*)
7:30 PM: **Public Event:** (*Commonwealth Ballroom*)
Plowing Through Books: Farming & Reading
—Yann Martel, Author — *Life of Pi*,
Beatrice and Virgil, *What is Stephen Harper Reading? project*

1:30 PM: **Young Farmers in Canada Panel:**
Exploring Alternatives
—The Green Ranch: Growing Naturally
—Tourne-Sol Co-operative Farm
2:30 PM: Question and Answer period
3:00 PM: **Beingessner Award Presentation**
Stewart Wells, former NFU President
3:10 PM: *Coffee Break*
3:30 PM: **Elections:** *NFU Presidential Officers*
3:45 PM: Constitutional Amendments/Resolutions
4:30 PM: *Adjournment*
6:00 PM: —Banquet and Dance
—Grassroots Awards
—Film Screening, Don Kossick:
In Union is Strength – The NFU Story

11:45 AM: Question and Answer period

12:15 PM: *Lunch Break*

1:30 PM: **Elections:**
NFU Vice-Presidential Officers

1:45 AM: Resolutions

2:30 PM: **Address:**
The Power of Food: An Alternative Approach
—Wayne Roberts,
Toronto Food Policy Council

1:00 PM: Welcome from the City of Saskatoon

1:10 PM: **Opening Address:**
NFU President Terry Boehm

1:30 PM **Supply Management Panel:**
Emerging Issues and Challenges
—Barron Blois, Dairy Farmers of Canada
—Ian Cumming, Ontario farmer
—Carroll Wade, National Farmers Org.
—Christie Young, Farm Start Ontario

Friday, December 3rd :

8:30 AM: Resolutions
9:00 AM: **CETA Panel:**
The Looming Threat to Farmers and All Canadians
—Terry Boehm, NFU President
—Michael McBane, Canadian Health Coalition
—Steven Shrybman, Sack, Goldblatt, Mitchell, LLP

Saturday, December 4th :

8:30 AM: Resolutions
9:00 AM: **Reports from:**
—Women's Caucus
—Youth Caucus
—International Program Committee

3:15 PM: Question and Answer period

3:30 PM: Report of Credentials Committee
Installation of Officers

3:45 PM: **Closing Address:**
National President

4:00 PM: Convention Adjournment

2:30 PM: Question and Answer period

10:00 AM: Question and Answer period