

Who Makes A GREAT Association Representative?

Association Representatives have specific roles and responsibilities.

- **Represents the local 4-H Association and is a direct communication link between the Ontario 4-H Council and the local 4-H Association.**
- **Attends provincial meetings as scheduled to participate in discussions and provide input into the Council's decision-making and policy development.**
- **Carries the voting privileges for their local 4-H Association.**

It is important to select a person who is willing and able to commit to the roles and responsibilities as outlined below:

- ◆ Have a working knowledge of the 4-H program and an interest in helping the program grow. Acknowledge that duties and responsibilities extend beyond the Conference and Annual Meeting (CAM) and voting on resolutions.
- ◆ Attend and participate 100% in all scheduled meetings.
- ◆ Prepare for meetings by reviewing all materials, agenda and reports etc. Necessary time commitment - 2.5 days at CAM and three one hour teleconferences (March, July and November). Review pre-meeting material (agendas and reports) - 1 day. Review and report meeting outcomes to local 4-H Association - 1 day.
- ◆ Act as a direct communication link to local 4-H Associations, including receiving, reviewing and communicating information from Council to the local 4-H Association between meetings (monthly mailings, direct communication).
- ◆ Participate in the voting process to elect the President of the Ontario 4-H Council and Directors to the Board from the 54 Association Representatives
- ◆ Participate in policy discussion and review (with Board of Directors being policy making body).
- ◆ Share Association concerns and opinions during discussion relating to resolutions and issues on the table. Vote as a result of information received and shared during discussion.
- ◆ Evaluate personal time, skill and interest in serving on the Board of Directors. Have an understanding of the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors and consider nomination for Board Director.
- ◆ Respect and acknowledge the views and experiences of other Association Representatives.
- ◆ Actively participate and enjoy fellowship and fun as a 4-H Association Representative.