

SAGA 76th Annual General Meeting
Minutes
7:00 p.m., January 8, 2011
TCU Place
Saskatoon, SK

Present:

H. Beckie, R. Bellamy, L. Bossaer, J. Braidek, G. Burton, B. Cummins, M. Dubois, D. Ewanus, F. Fulton, B. Harvey, K. Head, L. Henry, L. Horn, E. Lammerding, I. MacMillan, J. MacMillan, L. McCongly, A. McDougald, B. McKercher, W. Nuttall, L. Peterson, V. Racz, B. Rugg, K. Sawatsky, J. Schoenau, L. Schoenau, B. Sonntag, S. Steckler, T. Tollefson, D. Wiebe, G. Wilson

1. **Call to Order:** 7:07 p.m. by J. Schoenau

A minute of silence is observed to remember the deceased 2010 SAGA members.

2. **Agenda:**

Motion by: Lorence Peterson- To have the Agenda approved as presented.

Seconded by: George Wilson

Carried: All

3. **Minutes of 2010 75th Annual General Meeting:**

Motion by: Hugh Beckie- To have the 2010 Minutes approved as circulated.

Seconded by: Kurt Sawatsky

Carried: All

4. **Treasurer's Report – H. Beckie C'86**

H. Beckie presented the 2010 Financial Report:

- Chequing account balance as of October 31st was \$1,963.77 (vs. \$1,306.28 previous fiscal year).
- Investment fund as of October 31st was \$30,570 (vs. \$32,560 previous fiscal year). However, \$5,000.00 was liquidated from the investment fund and transferred to the chequing account; the fund grew this fiscal year by \$3,010 (similar to last fiscal year: \$3,048).
- Not including the positive impact of Investment fund on Revenue (+3,010), total Revenues were \$28,209.59 (not including \$5,000 transferred in), and total operating Expenses were \$32,552.10, for an operating deficit of \$4,342.51 (vs. \$4,668.82 previous fiscal year).
- Revenue from membership fees and donations were down \$1,680 from previous fiscal year.
- The Reunion Weekend had a surplus of \$2,389.01 (vs. deficit of \$1,564.88 previous fiscal year).
- We contributed a total of \$550.00 to ASA activities, including \$400 for 'SK Challenge'.
- The Professional Development workshop for students made a net profit of \$83.85.
- Expenses related to the three Newsletters totalled \$5,372.84 this fiscal year; a total of \$840 was received for Newsletter subscriptions. The final instalment for setting up the website was \$2,464.00.
- I acknowledge and sincerely thank Lorence Peterson for past audits, and auditing the 2009-2010 books at no charge.

Entity No. 205879

Name of Corporation SASKATCHEWAN AGRICULTURAL GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION INC.

Operating Statement for the Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2010

With Comparative Figures for 2008-2009

	<u>2009-2010</u> (Current Year)	<u>2008-20</u> (Prior Year)
Revenue		
(Include revenue for which payment has not yet been received)		
1. Membership Fees	\$ <u>1220.00</u>	\$ <u>2900.00</u>
2. Grants (specify)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
3. Donations	<u>0</u>	<u>250.00</u>
4. Fundraising		
Bingos	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Social Functions	<u>23684.00</u>	<u>27151.94</u>
<u>Hockey 712.00 (net)</u>		
<u>Curling 1880.00</u>		
<u>Banquet 13272.00</u>		
<u>Mixer 7820.00</u>		
5. Other receipts	<u>8305.00</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Investment cashed-in 5000.00</u>		
<u>Mailbox rental-refund 5.00</u>		
<u>Professional Development-students 2460.00</u>		
<u>Newsletter subscription 840.00</u>		
6. Interest	<u>0.59</u>	<u>3050.63</u>
<u>Bank 0.59</u>		
7. Total Revenue for the Year	\$ <u><u>33209.59</u></u>	\$ <u><u>33352.57</u></u>
Expenses		
(Include expenses for which payment has not yet been made)		
8. Personnel costs (salaries, etc.)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
9. Taxes and Licenses	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
10. Lease or Rental Costs	<u>0</u>	<u>42.00</u>
11. Utilities	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
12. Insurance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
13. Repairs and Maintenance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
14. Office Supplies & Postage	<u>105.01</u>	<u>12.23</u>
15. Bank charges	<u>29.11</u>	<u>104.99</u>
16. Communication to members	<u>7836.84</u>	<u>4803.17</u>
<u>Newsletter (publication & mailing) 5372.84</u>		
<u>Website 2464.00</u>		
17. Social Functions	<u>21294.99</u>	<u>28716.82</u>
<u>Hockey (see above)</u>		
<u>Curling 1798.48</u>		
<u>Banquet 10170.12</u>		
<u>Mixer 9326.39</u>		
18. Misc.	<u>3286.15</u>	<u>1294.18</u>
<u>ASA 550.00</u>		
<u>Professional Development-students 2376.15</u>		
<u>Crop Production Week Membership 250.00</u>		
<u>Other 100.00 (gift card-Peterson)</u>		
<u>SK Justice 10.00</u>		
19. Total Expenses for the Year	\$ <u><u>32552.10</u></u>	\$ <u><u>34973.39</u></u>

Net Surplus (Deficit) for the Year

(Line 7 Subtract Line 18)

\$ 657.49 \$ (1620.82)**Entity No.** 205879**Name of Corporation** SASKATCHEWAN AGRICULTURAL GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION INC.**Statement of Assets and Liabilities at** October 31, 2010With Comparative Figures for 2008-2009

		<u>2009-2010</u> (Current Year)	<u>2008-2009</u> (Prior Year)
Assets			
1.	Cash		
	-cash on hand	\$ <u>0</u>	
	-cash in bank	1963.77	
	-Less outstanding cheques	(0)	
	Total Cash	\$ 1963.77	\$ <u>1306.28</u>
2.	Term Deposits	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
3.	Receivables (specify)		
	<u>None</u>		
4.	Other Current Assets (specify)		
	<u>Investments (Mutual Fund)</u>	<u>30570.00</u>	<u>32560.00</u>
5.	Fixed Assets		
	-land, buildings, equipment, other	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
6.	Other Assets <u>None</u>		
7.	Total Assets <u>Cash & Investments</u>	\$ <u>32533.77</u>	\$ <u>33866.28</u>
Liabilities			
8.	Accounts Payable	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
9.	Other Current Liabilities (specify)		
	<u>None</u>		
10.	Loans	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
11.	Other Long-term Liabilities (specify)		
	<u>None</u>		
Surplus (Deficit)			
12.	Balance forward	\$ 33866.28	
	Current Year Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (1332.51)	
	Balance end of Year	\$ 32533.77	
13.	Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$ <u>32533.77</u>	\$ <u>33866.28</u>

(Note: line 7 Must equal line 13)**Motion by:** Hugh Beckie - To move that the Treasurer's report be approved as presented.**Seconded by:** Bob McKercher**Carried:** All

5. Committee Reports:

a) ASA – A. Darker C'11

January:

- 1) The College of Agriculture and Bioresources graduation was held on January 22, 2010 at TCU Place. Appreciation was given to the President for presenting the Tommy Frazer Award.
- 2) AgBio Challenge was a success. Appreciation was given to E. Lammerding for his assistance.

March:

Mar. 6, 2010 Telemiracle Bed Push. A \$150 donation was approved at the last executive meeting and was provided to the ASA. The Telemiracle bed push was a great success as \$4000 was raised.

April:

- 1) The new ASA 2010-2011 executive was selected at the Apr. 8, 2010 meeting. Jessica Tessmer took over the position from Lynnell Olson of ASA Representative in the fall. Katie MacMillan is the ASA's new President and Senior Stick.
- 2) The Hawaiian Dance sold out and broke even.

September:

The ASA recruited students for ASA memberships.

October:

- 1) Autumn Darker took over the position of ASA PRO from J. Tessmer.
- 2) Drag sold out! About 40 alumni attended this year. Due to the great turn out, the ASA turned a profit, which will be used to update their website. The bands, Wrenched, Quickshift, and Codie Prevost were great.
- 3) The 2010 Drag King & Queen competition was held between seven nominated couples during a beer night held at Sutherland Hotel. This year's King and Queen were Tyson Buyer and Laura Soucy. About 50 people turned out for the event. The ASA hopes to continue this new tradition in the years to come.
- 4) Cuts for Cancer raised \$200.

b) Membership – V. Racz C'68

The development of the SAGA website and a need for up to date information from the Alumni office has helped to consolidate membership lists for purposes of communicating and planning activities for our graduates. Both Lisa Horn and Richard Bellamy have and continue to work to update and improve these lists for which we owe them a sincere thank you.

Activities included helping hosting a hamburger lunch in cooperation with SIA in the first week of September for Agriculture and Bioresource students and organizing a professional development day at the end of October. The intent of these activities is to have contact with students and to maintain that contact throughout their future endeavors. These activities have been good but as always we are open to new aspects and ways of doing these things so we can

make this contact and retain their participation. If you have ideas please communicate them to us because the concept of a professional development day came about simply from past SAGA activities as is explained in the following paragraph about this year's Professional Development Day.

Our in residence historian on the executive, Les Henry, indicates that SAGA, beyond promoting alumni ties for the graduates of the College of Agriculture and Bio Resources, was formed in 1935, mainly to help students find employment in a less than abundant job market. While conditions have changed and employment is plentiful the process of finding a suitable position has become increasingly more complex. In response SAGA hosted a professional development day in October 2009 and 2010. The programs featured talks given by industry representatives on how to prepare for an interview and an interactive workshop on preparing a resume. Support from industry has been good and provided experts from their human resource departments to that of providing an evening meal after the sessions. Students attending the sessions had favorable comments and were appreciative as it gave a chance to network. Based on this success the SAGA executive and volunteers will continue to work to be of help and maintain contact with our graduates and show that we care. Our sincere appreciation goes to 2010 sponsors; Prince Albert Coop, JRI Pioneer, DuPont, Canola Council of Canada and Federated Cooperatives Limited.

Additional Discussion: V. Racz stated that Dennis Ewanus has most generously agreed to join him on the Membership Committee.

c) Reunion - T. Tollefson

Preparations for the 2011 SAGA reunion weekend are in full swing. I have had a number of communications with the reunion chairs as they muster their classmates for the event. Preliminary ticket requests indicate that our more senior members are opting for Sunday's banquet whereas the junior members will be more numerous at the Saturday night mixer. Perhaps our organization should consider in future having both events on the same day. This might enable more people to attend both the banquet and the mixer

I am indebted to my reunion chairs for their efforts. They are a great group to work with and their enthusiasm is what makes the College of Ag such a great institution. I have been privileged to visit with a numbers of our grads in recent months because of the reunion. The high regard they have for the College makes me very proud to be part of it. I am also hearing of grads traveling very long distances to attend our reunion, apparently living in Victoria BC or the sun belt of the USA does not prevent them from attending. That is definitely the Agro spirit!

Finally, I wish to formally recognize and sincerely thank our 2011 reunion chairs:

School

Bill Cooper 51, Bob Blakely 51
Marcel Dubois 61
Everett Sanderson 71

College

Jack Braidek 51, Art Bevan 51
Bob Baker 61, Gary Carlson 61
John Blacklock 71

Barry Cooper 81
Carolyn Siemens 91
Curtis Sambrook 01
Danny Petty 06

Adrian Johnston 81
Tim Hammond 91
Camille Baillargeon 01
Colleen Murphy 06

May the weather gods smile on us during our reunion weekend.

Additional Discussion: T. Tollefson made two suggestions: 1) to consider holding the Mixer and the Reunion on one evening instead of two in order to attract younger members and to reduce costs and 2) extra help will be required to put the 2012 SAGA All Years Reunion together.

d) Mixer – L. Bossaer C’95 & D. Clair C’07

The 2010 SAGA mixer was held at TCU place. Attendance for the 2010 Mixer was down compared to the 2009 Mixer. The selling of prepaid Mixer tickets reduced door congestion and resulted in only 110 cash walk-up attendees. Adjusting for Reunion Group prepaid Mixer tickets, the Mixer resulted in a net loss of \$1296.39. The loss is attributed to reduced bar sales and casino participation. It’s believed these were at least partially due to the World Junior Hockey tournament being held the week prior to SAGA. Part of this \$1269.39 loss was offset by people later buying up the left over “heels” resulting in \$350 coming in to work down some of that loss down.

For 2011 SAGA Mixer, the permit bar will open at 8:00 pm right after the Annual General Meeting with the bar closing at 12:30pm. There is a \$15 entry fee and you must have a current SAGA membership or be the guest of a member. Students may attend free with a valid student card. Each person entering will receive 2 tickets to be used to enter door prize draws.

The casino will run from 8:00pm to 10:30pm and will be run by the ASA volunteers. \$11,000 in fun casino money can be purchased inside for \$10 which can later be turned in for tickets for the draws (\$1000=1 ticket). The draw boxes will close at 11:00 pm where the prizes will be drawn periodically from then on.

Thanks and I hope to see you all at the Mixer!

Additional Discussion: L. Bossaer suggested that SAGA should continue to look for other venue options for the Mixer. Also, a descriptive document outlining the steps and processes involved with the committee should be prepared so that new committee members would have a valuable information source.

e) Banquet – S. Steckler C’03

The SAGA Banquet was held on Sunday January 9, 2010. We had 293 tickets spoken for and confirmed with TCU, and counted 288 in attendance. Reunion groups confirmed for approximately 200 banquet tickets, and we went with an initial estimate of 275, which was bumped up to 293 by Saturday night. The tradition estimate for banquet numbers is based on the confirmed reunion groups plus 100. As a result, the banquet had revenue of approximately \$3100. The success of the banquet was largely a result of the hard work of Jeff and Lynne Schoenau in confirming the reunion year numbers.

We decided on a conservative estimate of tickets over and above the confirmed reunion groups, as SAGA cannot afford to pay for meals that are confirmed with TCU, but not sold. There were some people disappointed that the banquet was sold out, but we were able to accommodate everyone who put their name on the waiting list. This was a good year to get the word out to the membership to pre-order their banquet tickets and not expect to be able to buy them at the mixer.

f) Curling – B. Cummins S’77& D. Mitchell S’89

The 2010 SAGA Bonspiel was held at the Granite Curling Club in downtown Saskatoon. 16 teams registered. Thanks to Ken Rosaasen for scrounging a 16th team for us. The teams were evenly divided between the Hutcheon and Open Events, though in actuality 2 more could have played the senior circuit. There were no student teams from the College of Ag-Bio.

Points per game were used again this year, though this may change in the future, as some curlers would like to go back to a draw system. But all realize it’s tough to do a draw with the number of teams we have playing.

BONSPIEL WINNERS

Hutcheon Event	“A” W.L. Hutcheon Trophy	“B” D.A. Rennie Trophy
	Phil England	Doug Campbell
	John Hemstead	Martin Ferguson
	Peter Kirychuk	Ed Kells
	Doug England	Ron Watson & Stu Brandt
Finalist	Ken Forden Team	Bernie Sonntag Team
Open Event	“A” J.A. Brown Trophy	“B” W.J. White Trophy
	Bryan Nybo	Don Mitchell
	Kim Busch	Brad Hovland
	Stacy Wilson	Jessica Mitchell
	Chris Baan	Andrew Mitchell
Finalist	Lyle Forden Team	Bryan Rayner Team

The curling was great and everyone had lots of fun. Each final was close with two decided by last rock. Brian Nybo successfully defended his title and Phil England walked away with his name etched on another trophy. For the second year in a row we had a family team win, when Don Mitchell, his two kids and Crazy Brad came all the way back from a disastrous 1st game.

We sold two annual memberships and one lifetime. We had 2 bottle draws, at \$2/square and for a 50 square board. We raised \$100 this way, and one winner, Don Mitchell, donated \$30 back to the Bonspiel.

Financially, it depends on how we juggle the numbers. Teams were to pay \$100 per team, or \$25 per player. But due to Mixer tickets being sold as a package with the Banquet tickets, some of the Reunion year’s attendees/Curlers paid only \$10 to play 3 games.

We have included Mixer tickets in the curling fee since 2006. This year the Mixer price was increased to \$15 from \$10 last year. When we began including Mixer tickets they were only \$5 and we made a profit. A profit was still realized last year, but this year is smaller yet.

<u>INCOME</u> Cash and Cheques		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
16 teams @ \$100 =	\$1600	Ice rental \$36/game X 28 games =	\$1058.40
2 Bottle draws	100	Trophy Engraving, repair and	
1 Life Membership	100	Pin Engraving	65.08
2 Annual Memberships	20	43 Mixer Tickets X \$15	645.00
2 Mixer tickets	30	1 Life – 2 Annual Memberships	<u>120.00</u>
Donation by D. M.	<u>30</u>		
TOTAL	1880.00	TOTAL	\$1,798.48
<u>PROFIT</u>	= \$101.52		

Because of how some of Mixer tickets were handled actual cash/cheques handed over to Hugh Beckie totalled \$1732. \$1450 deposit at TCU Jan. 9th \$282 Jan. 14th directly to Hugh.

Blair, myself and incoming Chair, Don Mitchell have discussed the situation. Next year we will charge a straight \$100 per team, \$25 per player to curl at least 3 games. This way we'd be in line to return to the Bonspiel being a high profit maker.

If the Mixer crew wants, we will sell tickets for them at the Granite. We do realize the pressure they face giving solid attendance numbers to TCU days in advance, so that may not be possible. We'll talk!

Kerry Lubchenko, Marketing Manager of the Western Producer, made a proposal. He would like to work with us in promoting SAGA as a whole, as well as our Bonspiel and Hockey tournament. I will meet with him at a later date but before our actual May 13th, 75th Birthday.

Prizes were drawn for and each player received one. Prizes were donated by: Moody's Farm Equip., Cam-Don Motors, Feudal Co-op all from Perdue; Rack Petroleum, Western Sales John Deere, Prairie Malt, Biggar Agencies, Biggar and District Credit Union, all from Biggar; Farm & Garden Centre, Saskatoon Agra-Auto Parts, Abby's Warehouse, Redhead Equip., Western Producer, Cargill, Shamrock Seeds, Custom Promotion & Awards and Bronco's, which we inadvertently got twice. Thank you to these sponsors to the 2010 SAGA Bonspiel. See you all next year.

The Granite Curling Club has been booked for January 8 – 9th, 2011.

Additional Discussion: Due to lack of participation, there are only 10 teams registered for the 2011 bonspiel. B. Cummins anticipates a profit of approximately \$300.

g) Hockey – N. Booth C'02 & G. Baan C'01

Six teams hit the ice in Aberdeen over the 2010 Reunion Weekend. Many of the teams were evenly matched so it was a tough row to hoe to come out on top. The players had a great time and lots of fun was had. The Busters, comprised of Gerrit Baan, Mark Kucheran and Neil Booth's '03 hockey team, managed to eke out a victory in the "A" Final, their second straight. The Grad

2000 team won the “B” Final. The one day tournament proved to be successful as it turned a profit of \$712.

Unfortunately, once again, the hockey organizers found it difficult to get teams signed up. Several teams signed up early, but others left it till the last moment. This makes it difficult to determine how much ice time to reserve. Ice Rental is the single biggest cost to the tournament. The fee at Aberdeen was \$130/hr for 12 hrs. Although this fee was more expensive than other rinks, the Aberdeen rink is a very nice facility.

h) Website – L. Horn C’94

SaskAgGrads.com



SAGA has been working on a website for almost 3 years. Our goal was for the members to have a place to find SAGA and facilitate the newsletter. The website will give SAGA the ability to reach the members in between the newsletters and hopefully attract new members. We are currently learning how the website can build the SAGA newsletter. The cost to maintain the website with the provider is \$400 per year.

Newsletter/Website financial input – Update

We reached out to members through the newsletter for feedback on moving forward with mailing and emailing the newsletter. Thanks to all who responded and sent donations to help keep the newsletter going. SAGA received 80 emails of support and 271 emails to add and or update their contact information. We continue to welcome ideas to sustain the newsletter and our association. SAGA would like to remain 'sponsor free' as to keep members linked as grads and not through careers, competition, etc.

The proposed solution was to have a subscription to cover the cost of the newsletter. Further study of this option lead to the reality that a subscription would be complicated and time consuming for a volunteer organization like SAGA. Membership currently is not cost prohibitive and that remains a goal of SAGA.

In 2010, we collected as many email addresses as we could. We reduced the newsletters from 3 to 2 per year. The fall SAGA broke out like this: 1100 newsletters sent via mail and 734 sent via email - 16 rejected so then those were sent in the mail. We also started posting career ads on the website. By reducing mailing costs, creating a new but small revenue stream through the website and donations from the membership the newsletter and website were a lesser expense to SAGA in 2010.

The newsletter and the website are currently operating at very low cost. Historically, the newsletter committee has done an excellent job producing a newsletter at a minimal cost to SAGA. The email responses were very supportive of the newsletter and thanks to the people who put in all the work. Thank you to Bernie and Ewald on behalf of the SAGA membership. We have to all remember that SAGA is a volunteer organization, and we need to do our best to keep all things simple and easy to complete and repeat into the future.

Additional Discussion: There was some concern over not receiving the SAGA fall newsletter from a few of the members attending the meeting. It was suggested that 1) SPAM settings on personal computers should be checked and 2) send an email to the SAGA website indicating that a newsletter was not received. The Spring 2011 Newsletter will have more instructions on how to log on and off the website.

i) Newsletter – E. Lammerding S’88 & B. Sonntag C’62

Comments:

1 – Two editions of the newsletter were published in 2010 as per Executive’s decision last year.

2 – Some observations:

- Member input into the newsletter continues to decline – Thundering Herd, Pooped Deck, Empty Saddles, etc.

- Limited input from MAL’s

- A few members are pretty diligent about finding and forwarding newsletter items; most never send anything, esp. younger members.

3 – Financial:

– The cost of producing and distributing the newsletter has been reduced – two rather than three issues and more distribution via email/web. But, still about 1100 copies mailed. 734 were sent via email - 16 rejected and sent in the mail.

4 – The present co-editors are willing to continue.

j) Alumni – B. Harvey C’60

There are two Ag grads on the Alumni Board this year, Bryan Harvey is the president and Judy MacMillan a former SAGA president is chair of the student relations committee. The association was a key player in a very successful homecoming week, serving pancakes and sausages to well over a thousand students and staff and a number of other activities. Unfortunately the participation of the president in the kickoff of the homecoming football game did not stimulate a stellar performance on the part of the Huskies.

The association undertook several new initiatives this year. We struck an ad hoc committee to look at ways that we could more effectively assist the University in fund raising. The intent here is not to be directly involved in solicitation but rather to help make contacts and identify appropriate donor communities for particular projects. We also struck an ad hoc committee to assist with recruitment of students and staff. This recognizes that recruitment of students is much more competitive than in the past and since we have willing alumni spread around the world we can utilize their contacts and influence to recruit good students. The same situation applies to staff recruitment. Top quality staff and students are critical to maintaining the excellence of our University. We have had a number of discussions in both areas to look at ways of improving our interaction with the University in these important endeavours. Finally we have hired a consultant to review our governance in order to ensure that we have the best structures and procedures in place as we go forward. We expect this report to be ready before the Annual meeting in June.

I am also pleased to inform you that there will be an Alumni Wall of Honor in the newly renovated Place Riel. It will be an interactive display located on the main floor on the east wall of the new north south wing. We are planning an official opening later in the spring. On behalf of the Alumni Association we wish SAGA a successful reunion and a prosperous 2011.

Additional Discussion: B. Harvey stated that the Alumni Association has a series of awards in a broad number of categories. It is possible that a number of our membership would be suitable candidates.

k) Hall of Fame – B. McKercher C'54

The 2010 activities were three meetings, the annual induction ceremonies held in early August, and a couple of discussions on the future of SAHF location or layout when the Western Development Museum space is exhausted in some four to six years.

The October board meeting named five new inductees to the SAHF for the 2011 induction ceremony. Two of these are Ag Grads – Dave Christensen '58C and Gordon Stephenson '67C. Christensen is a retired U of S professor of Animal Science who made major contributions to the Western Agribition and a livestock industry promoter. The other inductees are Jim Dosman who pioneered the development of Agriculture medicine at the University; Alanna Koch, a Deputy Minister of Agriculture in Saskatchewan; and Evelyn Potter of the National Farmer's Union.

The Hall of Fame continues to seek nominations for induction. These people should have made major contributions to some aspect of the agricultural scene within the province. Female nominations have been relatively scarce and the board of the SAHF would like to see the number of female nominations increased. See www.sahf.ca

The banquet and induction functions will be held on July 30 and 31, 2011 at the Western Development Museum in Saskatoon. The 2010 banquet and induction ceremony held last July 31 and August 31, were well attended with over 300 people at each event.

Additional Discussion: The Planning Committee for the future Hall of Fame has ground to a halt with no activity in the last year and a half. The Western Development Museum will run out of space in the next five years. As a result, either the nature of the display will have to be changed or the Hall of Fame will have to be moved to a different location.

l) Crop Production Week – L. Henry C'64

Crop week 2010 was again a success. The meeting schedules are below:

CROP PRODUCTION WEEK - Saskatoon Inn unless stated otherwise

Canadian Wheat Board- Friday, January 15

Canary seed, Monday, January 11

Canola, Wednesday, Thursday, January 13 & 14

Flax, Monday, January 11

Fruit Growers, Friday and Saturday, January 15 & 16

Mustard, Wednesday, January 13

Oats, Tuesday, January 12

Pulse, Monday January 11 (Prairieland Park) & Tuesday, January 12 w/ live feed to Prairieland Park

Sask. Ag Grads Assoc., Saturday and Sunday, January 9 and 10, TCU Place
Seed Growers, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 12 & 13
Winter Cereals, Monday, January 11

**SPECIAL SESSION: WEDNESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 13
PRAIRIELAND PARK**

Topic: “The Politics and Policy Affecting Grain Prices”

Speaker: John Phipps

U.S. Ag Journalist and Farmer

5: 30 pm Beef on a Bun supper \$ 10.00 -tickets available at the door

7:00 pm Everyone welcome at no cost

m) President’s Report – J. Schoenau C’84

2010 got off to a great start with the SAGA Reunion Weekend activities. 2010 was a special year for SAGA as it marked the 75th anniversary. The Mixer was held on Saturday January 9 with about 275 attendees and the Banquet on Sunday January 10 with over 300 folks. The reunion years 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 00, and 05 were all in attendance. Curling and hockey were much enjoyed by participants and spectators alike. At the banquet, U of S President Peter MacKinnon warmly welcomed the participants and Dean Mary Buhr gave an insightful overview of the vision and future directions of the College of Agriculture and Bioresources. In the program, we were all moved and inspired by the Class of ’50 Song, and the accomplishments of the two Honorary Life Member inductees. This is a great example of the dedication that Ag grads have to staying connected and providing service to all. A big thank you to all the reunion chairs, volunteer students from Agriculture Students Association, the SAGA executive, and the attendees who helped make the 2010 reunion weekend a success.

SAGA continued to be active in support of student events in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources such as contributing towards and also judging at Ag and Bio Student Challenge competitions, support of Agriculture Students Association Telemiracle Bed Push, and holding professional development days geared towards career development. Strong linkages between students and the SAGA organization are important, as these students are the future for SAGA. We are encouraged to make this linkage between past and present students even stronger in the future.

In 2010, as SAGA faced challenges with increasing costs of preparation and mailing of the newsletter, we have streamlined the process of SAGA newsletter delivery, with a move to two larger newsletters a year (spring and fall) and electronic delivery to those who are willing to receive the newsletter in this manner. This, along with a successful reunion weekend and generous donations from SAGA members, has greatly helped our financial position.

Our website continued to develop in 2010 as a great place to go for updated information on SAGA events and happenings. We also have started to post agriculture employment opportunities on the site. This provides some extra revenue to SAGA to cover the costs of

building and maintaining the site and helps connect employers and potential employees in the ag industry.

In 2012 the College of Agriculture and Bioresources will be celebrating 100 years since the first student entered the program. A committee for events and activities to recognize, honor and celebrate this important anniversary in 2012 has been struck in the College with representatives from the different departments and SAGA. This committee is already busy planning activities. It is planned that the 2012 SAGA Reunion Weekend will be an extra special event: a "SUPER REUNION" with emphasis on attendance from all past years along with additional events and activities geared towards the 100th year anniversary. I look forward to seeing you all at the 2012 reunion weekend and a big thanks to all who have helped me in my role as SAGA president in 2010!

Motion by: Blair Cummins- To move that the committee reports be accepted as presented.

Seconded by: Ewald Lammerding

Carried: All

6. Nominations:

a) Honorary Life Members

Allan McDougald proposed on behalf of SAGA Executive that the Honorary Life Member nominations be approved for Irene Ahner C'65 and Barry Rugg S'48.

Motion by: Ewald Lammerding- To nominate Irene Ahner C'65 and Barry Rugg S'48 as SAGA's 2011 Honorary Life Members.

Seconded by: Marcel Dubois

Carried: All

b) 2011 SAGA Executive

T. Tollefson made the following recommendations:

President:	Terry Tollefson
Honorary President:	Les Henry C'64
Past President:	Jeff Schoenau C'84
Vice President:	
Secretary:	Lynne Schoenau S'01
College Development Officer:	Mark Wartman
Treasurer:	Hugh Beckie C'86
Registrar:	Richard Bellamy S'66
Website:	Lisa Horn C'94
Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame:	Bob McKercher C'54
University Alumni Association:	Bryan Harvey C'60
Newsletter:	Ewald Lammerding S'88 & Bernie Sonntag C'62
Membership:	Vern Racz C'68 & Dennis Ewanus C'70
Crop Production Week:	Keith Head C'67
Mixer:	Louis Bossaer C'95 & Denise Clair C'07
Banquet:	Shelagh Steckler C'03

Curling:
 Hockey:
 Agriculture Student's Association:
 Members at Large:

Don Mitchell S'89 & Ewald Lammerding S'88
 Neil Booth C'02, Gerrit BaanC'01, & Aaron Bouchard
 Autumn Darker
 Allan McDougald C'65 & Ken Sapsford C'79

Motion by: T. Tollefson – To move that the 2011 executive be approved.

Seconded by: Lorence Peterson **Carried:** All

Motion by: Ian MacMillan - To move that the executive be empowered to approve any unfilled positions from the AGM.

Seconded by: Bob McKercher **Carried:** All

7. Other Business:

J. Schoenau stated that preparations are already under way for the 2012 SAGA Reunion Weekend.

8. Adjournment:

Motion: by Jeff Schoenau– **To move the meeting for adjournment.**

Seconded by: L. Schoenau **Carried:** All

Adjourn: 8:06 p.m.

Attachments:

ACTION TAKEN BY	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTION COMPLETED
J. Schoenau, C. Lynn, T. Tollefson	Arrange to have photo taken for President's display	YES OR NO
All Executives/Committees with the exception of Past President, President, Vice President, and Honorary President.	Prepare a document outlining duties/responsibilities/activities /procedures for each executive position. To be passed onto new executives.	YES OR NO