

**SAGA 77<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**8:30 p.m., January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
**TCU Place**  
**Saskatoon, SK**

**Present:** D. Acton, I. Ahner, G. Annand, H. Beckie, C. Berg, R. Bellamy, T. Burwell, D. Clair, B. Dodds, D. Ewanus, F. Fulton, B. Harvey, G. Hass, K. Head, L. Henry, L. Horn, E. Lammerding, B. Larson, A. McDougald, B. McKercher, R. Merryweather, D. Mitchell, L. Peterson, V. Racz, K. Sawatzky, J. Schoenau, L. Schoenau, A. Scholz, G. Storey, E. Tollefson, T. Tollefson, J. Turner, K. Turner, M. Westby

1. **Call to Order:** 8:28 p.m. by T. Tollefson

A minute of silence is observed to remember the deceased 2011 SAGA members.

2. **Agenda:**

**Motion by:** T. Tollefson - To have the Agenda approved as presented.

**Seconded by:** B. Harvey

**Carried:** All

3. **Minutes of 2011 76<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting:**

**Motion by:** T. Tollefson - To have the 2011 Minutes approved as circulated.

**Seconded by:** V. Racz

**Carried:** All

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

**2010-2011 Financial Statement Highlights:**

- Chequing account balance as of October 31<sup>st</sup> was \$2887.32 (vs. \$1,963.77 the previous fiscal year).
- Investment fund as of October 31<sup>st</sup> was \$29,649 (vs. \$30,570 previous fiscal year) – down \$921 over the past year.
- Total Revenues were \$28,677.40; total Expenses were \$27,753.85, for an operating surplus of \$923.55 (vs. \$657.49 the previous fiscal year).
- Therefore, the operating surplus exceeded the downturn in the Investment fund by \$2.55 (surplus for the year).
- Revenue from membership fees was similar to last year; revenue from donations was up \$1,565 from the previous fiscal year (including a donation to pay for the SK Ag. Hall of Fame annual membership).
- The Reunion Weekend had a surplus of \$2,944.94 (vs. \$2,389.01 the previous fiscal year).
- We contributed a total of \$400.00 to ASA activities.
- The Professional Development workshop for students made a net profit of \$507.85.
- Expenses related to the two Newsletters totaled \$3,235.89 this fiscal year; newsletter subscription revenue was \$25.00. Website expenses were \$1,150.00, and website ad revenue was \$400.00.
- I acknowledge and sincerely thank Lorence Peterson for past audits, and auditing the 2010-2011 books at no charge.

Entity No. 205879

Name of Corporation SASKATCHEWAN AGRICULTURAL GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION INC.

Operating Statement for the Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2011

With Comparative Figures for 2009-2010

	<u>2010-2011</u> (Current Year)	<u>2009-10</u> (Prior Year)
<b>Revenue</b>		
(Include revenue for which payment has not yet been received)		
1. Membership Fees	\$ <u>1195.00</u>	\$ <u>1220.00</u>
2. Grants (specify)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
3. Donations	<u>1565.00</u>	<u>0</u>
4. Fundraising		
Bingos	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Social Functions	<u>24491.78</u>	<u>23684.00</u>
<u>Hockey 300.00 (net)</u>		
<u>Curling 398.00 (net)</u>		
<u>Banquet + Mixer 23793.78</u>		
5. Other receipts	<u>1425.00</u>	<u>8305.00</u>
Professional Development-students 1000.00		
Newsletter subscription 25.00		
Website ad 400.00		
6. Interest	<u>0.62</u>	<u>0.59</u>
Bank 0.62		
7. Total Revenue for the Year	\$ <u><u>28677.40</u></u>	\$ <u><u>33209.59</u></u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
(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>0</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>23.95</u>	<u>105.01</u>
15. Bank charges	<u>31.76</u>	<u>29.11</u>
16. Communication to members	<u>4385.89</u>	<u>7836.84</u>
<u>Newsletter (publication &amp; mailing) 3235.89</u>		
<u>Website 1150.00</u>		
17. Social Functions	<u>21546.84</u>	<u>21294.99</u>
Hockey (see above)		
Curling (see above)		
<u>Banquet + Mixer 21546.84</u>		
18. Misc.	<u>1765.41</u>	<u>3286.15</u>
<u>ASA 400.00</u>		
Professional Development-students 492.15		
Crop Production Week Membership 250.00		
SK Ag. Hall of Fame 75.00		
President Portrait 448.26		
Other 100.00 (gift card-Peterson)		
19. Total Expenses for the Year	\$ <u><u>27753.85</u></u>	\$ <u><u>32552.10</u></u>
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit) for the Year</b>		
(Line 7 Subtract Line 18)		
	\$ <u><u>923.55</u></u>	\$ <u><u>657.49</u></u>

Entity No. 205879

Name of Corporation SASKATCHEWAN AGRICULTURAL GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION INC.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at October 31, 2011

With Comparative Figures for 2009-2010

		<u>2010-2011</u> (Current Year)	<u>2009-2010</u> (Prior Year)
<b>Assets</b>			
1.	Cash		
	-cash on hand	\$ 0	
	-cash in bank	2887.32	
	-Less outstanding cheques	(0)	
	Total Cash	\$ 2887.32	\$ 1963.77
2.	Term Deposits	0	0
3.	Receivables (specify)		
	<u>None</u>		
4.	Other Current Assets (specify)		
	<u>Investments (Mutual Fund)</u>	29649.00	30570.00
5.	Fixed Assets		
	-land, buildings, equipment, other	0	0
6.	Other Assets <u>None</u>		
7.	<b>Total Assets</b> <u>Cash &amp; Investments</u>	\$ <u>32536.32</u>	\$ <u>32533.77</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
8.	Accounts Payable	\$ 0	\$ 0
9.	Other Current Liabilities (specify)		
	<u>None</u>		
10.	Loans	0	0
11.	Other Long-term Liabilities (specify)		
	<u>None</u>		
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>			
12.	Balance forward	\$ 32533.77	
	Current Year Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 2.55	
	Balance end of Year	\$ 32536.32	
13.	<b>Total Liabilities and Surplus</b>	\$ <u>32536.32</u>	\$ <u>32533.77</u>

(Note: line 7 Must equal line 13)

**Motion by:** H. Beckie - To move that the Treasurer's report be approved as presented.

**Seconded by:** B. Harvey

**Carried:** All

B. McKercher and T. Tollefson, on behalf of the executive, thanked H. Beckie for serving as Treasurer for the last four years.

## 5. Committee Reports:

### a) ASA – V. Kennedy

January:

- A challenge took place between the Agros and the Engineers to see who could donate the most blood during two blood donor clinics that were held at the PAC. The Engineers were reported to have won.
- The College of Agriculture and Bioresources graduation took place on January 28, 2011.

February:

- The ASA held an Executive auction; put on a bake sale and sold Helping Hands to raise proceeds for Telemiracle

March/April:

- Autumn Darker introduced Vicki Kennedy as the new incoming ASA PRO.
- Katy McMillan, ASA President, and A. Darker presented a cheque for \$2232.42 at Telemiracle.

September:

- The ASA held their month long food drive. Food drive bins lent from Farm Credit Canada (FCC) were distributed around campus.
- The AG Bag Drag kickoff barbeque was held on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- The Budget Pub was held on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

October:

- The ASA held a United Way Blitz on October 12<sup>th</sup> and raised \$326.79.
- The ASA held a promo blood drive on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The ASA reached their 2011 goal of 30 participants.
- AG Bag Drag took place on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. It was a huge success.

November:

- ASA provided a Remembrance Day wreath for the Remembrance Day service on November 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The ASA entered their Telemiracle bed in the Santa Tree Parade on November 20<sup>th</sup>. The participants were very happy that Dean Mary Buhr was able to join them in the event.

**Motion by:** T. Tollefson - To move that the report be adopted as presented.

**Seconded by:** R. Bellamy

**Carried:** All

### b) Membership – V. Racz C'68 & D. Ewanus C'70

The development of the SAGA website and obtaining up to date information from the Alumni office has helped to consolidate membership lists for purposes of communicating with and planning activities for U of S agriculture 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. The computerization of much of this work has in one respect made the job easier but in another has shifted emphasis, requiring a new approach by SAGA to respond to the challenges of membership and participation in SAGA. The proposal in the last paragraph addresses some of these concerns.

Activities this past year included helping hosting a hamburger lunch in cooperation with SIA in the first week of September for Agriculture and Bioresource students and trying to organize a professional development day in November. The intent of these activities is to establish contact with students and to maintain that contact throughout their future endeavors. These activities have been good in past years but the professional development day was not held this last year due to a lack of time and scheduling this activity into the students busy schedule. It has been decided that we would attempt to hold this event in early September soon after classes start. Feedback from ASA on this activity will be sought and will be cosponsored with SIA. These activities help to make contact; however there is a distinct lack of contact with graduates after graduation that continues for at least another 10 years. This lack of contact should be addressed if memberships are to be maintained or increased and is an area where extra effort is needed. To do this additional assistance is needed in the form of individuals that can take a lead hand role on an activity to give it the focus it needs. With volunteers that are busy individuals this is the most logical approach to share the workload.

With computerization membership lists can be maintained much easier and has reduced the function of the registrar in this capacity and with some new initiatives areas of overlap have developed. Consolidation of function and effort would appear to be a possibility in response to the need for more effort in membership and a reduction in activities for the registrar. It is proposed that consideration be given to merge the position of registrar with the membership committee on a trial basis to add manpower to membership initiatives and allow for development of new structure. To fully adopt new structural changes in SAGA resolutions must be prepared prior to the annual meeting and it must be clear that the new structure will work. Thus a trial merger is being proposed so that new initiatives can be addressed this coming year. This would mean that there would be at least 3 individuals to address membership and its maintenance forward.

**Motion by:** T. Tollefson - To move that the report be adopted as presented.

**Seconded by:** E. Tollefson

**Carried:** All

**c) Reunion - J. Turner C'80**

The role of the vice president is to coordinate the reunion years for the upcoming reunion weekend and 2011 was no exception. The reunion weekend will honour the graduates from both the school and college from 1942, 1952, 1962, 1972, 1982, 1992, 2002 & 2007. We are expecting a great turnout mainly due to the efforts of the reunion chairpersons from each of these classes.

2011 also been a year of firsts for SAGA:

- First time that the mixer and the banquet have been held on the same evening.
- First time that the purchase of banquet and mixer tickets have been handled by a registration office rather than the reunion chairpersons.
- First time that Facebook has been used as an avenue to contact graduates of the honour years.
- Finally the first time that SAGA has planned a centennial celebration to honour the first student from the College of Agriculture.

Many graduates from all years will be attending the reunion weekend to kick off this yearlong celebration of the College of Agriculture.

I want to thank all of the people that volunteered to act as reunion chairpersons for their respective graduating classes. I appreciate them their time and efforts on behalf of myself and SAGA. Of course this job could not have been done without the most able assistance of Trina Mortson, of the College of Agriculture Development Office. Thank you Trina.

The 2012 Reunion Chairpersons

	College	School
1952	Art Delahey	Vern Afseth
1962	Bernie Sonntag Elwood Fleming	Art Belanger
1972	Bill Laing	Lyle Findlay
1982	Eric Johnson Jim Ferrie	Lucie Baillargeon
1992	Jon Greuel	Chad Bruynooghe
2002	Michelle Sandercock	Geoff Bedard
2007		Facebook

**Motion by:** J. Turner - To move that the report be adopted as presented.

**Seconded by:** All

**Carried:** All

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

- 232 people attended the 2011 Mixer.
- Attendees included: 65 people from the Reunion groups, 12 from the Hockey/Curling participants, and 155 from the door.
- Unfortunately 4 bottles of alcohol were opened by the TCU staff late in the evening and therefore could not be returned for refund. L. Bossaer and E. Lammerding sold the remaining beer and heels of gin, rum, and vodka.
- A profit of \$216.81 was estimated.

**Motion by:** T. Tollefson - To move that the report be adopted as presented.

**Seconded by:** E. Lammerding

**Carried:** All

**e) Banquet – S. Steckler C’03**

The SAGA Banquet was held on Sunday January 9, 2011. We had 195 reunion grads confirmed (honour years), guaranteed for 275 at TCU place, and sold out plus as many as 10 over (total of 275 to 285 people).

Banquet expenses were \$10,208.85 for the meal/tax/service charge and \$270.22 for printing of program and tickets (U of S Printing Services). Revenue in ticket sales was approximately \$11,790 [262 tickets sold (275-13 complimentary) at \$45 per ticket]. The banquet therefore

made a small profit of about \$1310. Pre-booking of tickets was successful, although there were still people looking for tickets at the mixer.

Suggestions for the 2012 reunion weekend were to combine the mixer and banquet events in to one evening.

**Motion by:** T. Tollefson - To move that the report be adopted as presented.

**Seconded by:** B. McKercher

**Carried:** All

T. Tollefson, on behalf of the executive, thanked S. Steckler for serving on the Banquet committee for the last four years.

**f) Curling – D. Mitchell S’89**

SAGA Reunion Weekend Curling Report - Blair Cummins:

The 2011 SAGA curling bonspiel realized a profit of \$368. Ten teams participated in the event. This year over eleven businesses sponsored the event: Saskatoon Agri-Auto Parts, Cargill, BASF, Monsanto, Bayer, Sygenta, Richardson, Shamrock Seeds, FCC, Western Producer, Custom Awards & Service, Broncos, and John Deere Farm & Garden Centre.

Revenue:

10 teams @ \$100 per team curling fee	\$1000.00
Raffle	<u>160.20</u>
	\$1160.20

Expenses:

Ice Rental	\$718.20	
Engraving	<u>44.00</u>	
		<u>762.20</u>
		\$ 368.00

D. Cummins, along with T. Tollefson, suggested that the 2011 Fall Newsletter needs to encourage more team and individual curling entries. As it stands, future SAGA curling bonspiels are in danger of discontinuing. The ice has been booked for 2012.

**Motion by:** T. Tollefson - To move that the report be adopted as presented.

**Seconded by:** All

**Carried:** All

**g) Hockey – A. Bouchard C'02**

2011 SAGA Reunion Weekend Hockey Report – N. Booth

The 2011 SAGA hockey tournament was made up of three graduate teams and three undergraduate teams. Each graduate team was made up of actual SAGA graduate members. This is an important distinction as for many years this has not been the case. Although the undergrads are not SAGA members, they will be eligible in the upcoming years. The undergrad teams were comprised of one team of 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> year students, a vet med team, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> year student team. All three teams were very competitive taking the top three spots in the tournament. These teams show good promise for making sure the tournament is well attended next year.

This year's focus was not on making a profit, but on establishing Ag Grad teams and promoting the purchase of SAGA memberships. Membership sales at the tournament brought in \$400. Many grads were not aware that they needed a membership. Neil Booth's team, the Beaver Busters, and Steve Schmidt's team, 2000/2001 Grads, all bought memberships. Two Lifetime memberships were sold as well. N. Booth stated that he would like a list of current SAGA members at his disposal for next year.

A SAGA member's only raffle was established. N. Booth set it up to encourage membership sales. For \$10 a member could enter to win a putter, donated by N. Booth, and two \$50 gift certificates from Moxies and La Senza. Jean Lundquist, an existing SAGA Lifetime member was this year's winner.

The entry fee for each team was \$400, which resulted in revenue of \$2400. Expenses included \$1700 in ice fees, \$310 for referees, \$40 for engraving, and \$50 for raffle gift certificates. A profit of approximately \$300 was realized, as well as revenue from the purchase of Annual and Lifetime memberships and four mixer tickets. Although this is a slim profit margin, N. Booth wished to keep the fee per player at \$30 instead of the standard \$40, thereby allowing the player to put \$10 towards a membership.

Unfortunately, one of the young players broke a piece of Plexiglas. Aberdeen Rink stated that they will need \$250 to repair it. N. Booth stated that SAGA would pay \$100 towards the repair and the player's team has indicated that they will pay for half of the damage. As of yet, nothing has been settled.

N. Booth suggested that it would be a good idea to have a SAGA banner at the hockey rink, along with some kind of information explaining what SAGA is and what it does. This would go a long way to promote SAGA.

**Motion by:** T. Tollefson - To move that the report be adopted as presented.

**Seconded by:** All

**Carried:** All

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

.In the spring of 2011, the Newsletter was mailed to all SAGA members. The purpose of the mass mailing was to encourage members to sign up for email Newsletters instead of receiving mail copies. The response was not as good as the Newsletter committee had hoped.

**Motion by:** T. Tollefson - To move that the report be adopted as presented.

**Seconded by:** All

**Carried:** All

**i) Alumni – B. Harvey C’60**

The new President of the Association is Jason Aebig. Jason took over from Bryan Harvey in June of 2011; he is a former development officer for the college so is very familiar with us. Also on this year’s board is Judy MacMillan a former SAGA President, and Bryan Harvey continues as Past President. On the staff side Pat Patterson has moved on to the VIDO and has been replaced by Dot Clemens-Brown. Wendy Bates is retiring this spring after many years of serving the alumni. We wish her well in her retirement.

The new Alumni Wall of Honor in the refurbished and expanded Place Riel was opened in August and contains a list of prominent alumni and past award winners. The building is very nicely done and worth a visit if you have not seen it. For the first time it contains all the student services in one location and is very tastefully designed and finished. The SRC Council chambers are particularly well done.

There were two award ceremonies this past year: one in February and one in October. These have been held in October-November for a number of years, but due to a glitch in booking the Auditorium it was not available in the fall of 2010 and thus the February date. It was decided however that the traditional timing was better so another was held in October 2011. Two major changes were made this fall:

1) The categories of awards were reduced to two, an achievement award and a young alumni award. The criteria for selection are broad enough to include all of the areas previously covered in multiple categories.

2) The format was changed from a sit down dinner to a reception presentation format. In addition the venue was changed to a hotel and it was held on a weekend. This proved to be highly successful with a large turnout and a net profit for the event. It will be repeated in the upcoming year.

Remember to nominate worthy candidates. Two winners of note this year Terry Veeman an agricultural economics and a Rhodes Scholar graduate from the U of S and Ed Hudek a former staff member in Agricultural Engineering.

The Association has hired a student to work on an alumni engagement project with the purpose of gathering information on ways to enhance alumni engagement in alumni and university affairs. We have worked cooperatively with the University of Saskatchewan Retirees Association on that file. The Association also hired a consultant to conduct a strategic review. The report has been filed and a workshop will be held in January of 2012 to begin to implement some of the proposed changes.

If any of you are interested in serving as a volunteer or in serving on the Alumni Board or committees, please get in touch with Dot or Melana at the Alumni office or contact me.

**Motion by:** B. Harvey - To move that the report be adopted as presented.

**Seconded by:** All

**Carried:** All

**j) Hall of Fame – B. McKercher C'54**

The Board of the SAHF dealt mainly with four issues at its 2011 meetings as follows:

1. Changes in the frame sizes will allow us to accommodate twice as many inductees. The portraits and citations will remain the same size. Our space at the Western Development Museum is not expandable.
2. A change to our constitution will be put before the Annual General Meeting on March 22, 2012. The amendment will empower the Board to require that inactive Directors be replaced.
3. The 2012 inductees were approved at the October meeting are:  
Maurice Delage, 69C, who was active in provincial and worldwide commercial agricultural chemical business and recently as an innovative farmer in the Indian Head district.  
Thelma Howard, long time Extension staff member at the University of Saskatchewan.  
Carol Teichrob, active in the poultry industry and politics.  
Graham Simpson, university professor and one of the key personnel in the establishment of the Crop Development Centre.
4. Induction fees remain unchanged at \$1,200 per person for 2013.

Members of the Board who are Ag Grads include Kevin Hursh 80C, Bob McKercher, 54C, Arnold Petracek, 65C, Bob Rugg, 71C and Dale Winder 67S. Two wives of Ag Grads, Liz Delahey (Art, 52C) and Alma Copeland (Bill, 60C), are also members.

The SAHF depends on nominations and we ask you to consider nominating a worthy candidate. The candidates may be male or female and nomination forms must be submitted by September 1st for an inductee to be considered for the next calendar year induction ceremony. Information and application forms are available at [www.sahf.ca](http://www.sahf.ca).

**Motion by:** B. McKercher - To move that the report be adopted as presented.

**Seconded by:** All

**Carried:** All

**k) Crop Production Week – K. Head C'67**

The 2011 Crop Production Week was very successful. The member groups meeting during the Week included:

Canadian Wheat Board  
Canary Seed Development Commission of Saskatchewan  
Saskatchewan Agriculture Graduates Association  
Saskatchewan Canola Growers Association  
Saskatchewan Flax Development Association  
Saskatchewan Fruit Growers Association  
Saskatchewan Mustard Development Commission  
Saskatchewan Oat Development Commission  
Saskatchewan Pulse Growers  
Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association  
Saskatchewan Soil Conservation Association  
Saskatchewan Winter Cereals Development Commission  
SaskCanola

The Special Session on Wednesday evening featured Drew Lerner of World Weather Inc. The Session was very well received, attracting an audience of over 500, the largest turnout in the last 5 years.

A mixer/networking session attended by the executives of the Crop Production Week members was held on Wednesday evening prior to the Special Session. It was a good opportunity to get to know the other members and learn about the organizations.

The Crop Production Show (Prairie Land Park) was also successful. It attracted a record attendance of over 17,000.

**Motion by:** K. Head - To move that the report be adopted as presented.

**Seconded by:** All

**Carried:** All

**I) Past President's Report – J. Schoenau C'84**

The 2012 Honorary Life Member selection committee included myself, along with Terry Tollefson, Al McDougald, Bob McKercher, and Les Henry. Based on a list of names brought forward from the 2011 committee as a starting point, two individuals: Darald Marin 63S and Bill Copeland 60C were put forth and approved by the executive. We hope that membership can continue to provide names of worthy individuals to add to the list for consideration in future years.

As a SAGA representative on the College of Agriculture 100th Anniversary planning committee, efforts were made to ensure that the 2012 SAGA reunion weekend serves as a premier event in the celebrations. I was fortunate to work with a great committee both for general planning and special events, and thank all who helped me out in my tasks in this past year.

**Motion by:** T. Tollefson - To move that the report be adopted as presented.

**Seconded by:** All

**Carried:** All

### **m) President's Report – T. Tollefson**

As is the case with all SAGA presidents, my job began with a rush of activity at our Jan. SAGA reunion weekend. The 2011 event was generally well attended with 121 grads registered for weekend events despite sketchy weather. Saturday night's mixer drew about 250 attendees, many old acquaintances were renewed and many a tall tales of past College exploits swapped in the process. Sunday's banquet was an excellent affair, with approximately 300 in attendance. The classes of 51, 61, 71 81, 91, 2001 and 2005 were recognized. The 71S class won the distinction of drawing the largest number of classmates to the event. During the banquet, it was gratifying to be able to recognize two very worthy recipients of the SAGA Honorary Life membership in Irene Ahner and Barry Rugg. They are excellent examples of the people of rural Saskatchewan that make this province so great. It was also an opportunity to recognize the contribution of another Ag grad, Bruce Smith 36S, who was a mere 70 years from his graduation.

SAGA must maintain a strong presence in the College of AgBio, indeed our long-term existence hinges on attracting these young grads to the fold. To that end SAGA sponsored a professional development day for college students and contributed funds to various College events. As president I attended the College of AgBio graduation banquet and presented the Tommy Frazer award. This provided me an opportunity to showcase our organization and to invite the grads to become members.

It is my hope that our membership recognizes and appreciates the commitment of the SAGA executive. Operating a non-profit organization with a membership of 1800 requires dedicated volunteers. Our need to stay connected with the College, our source of membership, means that our pool of executive volunteers logically live in and around Saskatoon. Many people have contributed to SAGA over the years and I would like to recognize several individuals from the current executive who truly have served the organization in an exemplary manner. Les Henry, SAGA pres. 79, and Bob McKercher pres. 81, are still at the executive table some 30 years later, Les as Honorary President and Bob with Honorary life memberships. I would also like to recognize three other SAGA presidents, Al McDougald 90, Ewald Lammerding 99 and Blair Cummins 00, these individuals are still regularly contributing at executive meetings. I would be remiss if I did not also mention Richard Bellamy who has held the position of registrar for more than 35 years (even Richard isn't sure exactly) and still seldom misses a meeting.

As I look to the future, I realize that this organization must continue to attract new members however our current pool of agricultural graduates is much more diverse than it was 20 years ago. Potential SAGA members will not only come from the traditional disciplines of agronomy, animal science, agricultural economics etc., but now from new programs like renewable resource management and environmental science. Our organization will have to be prepared to make changes, to maintain relevance with this new breed of grad. One possible approach is to make greater use of social media. The use of Email, Facebook, Tweets, blogs, all have potential to allow our geographically diverse organization to meet routinely in cyberspace in addition of our traditional reunion celebrations.

I have enjoyed my term as SAGA President; it has given me the opportunity to meet a lot of great Agros. I have come to understand that our SAGA alumni organization has no equal in any other College at the U of S. However, significant change may be required to ensure that we maintain that enviable position.

**Motion by:** T. Tollefson - To move that the report be adopted as presented.

**Seconded by:** All

**Carried:** All

**Nominations:**

**a) Honorary Life Members**

- Any suggestions for future Honorary Life nominees should be brought forward to the executive.
- Irene Ahner would like to see Honorary Life Members presented with a "SAGA Honorary Life" lapel pin.

**Motion by:** I. Ahner - To strike a committee to look into Honorary Life Membership pins.

**Seconded by:** G. Storey

**Carried:** All

**b) 2012 SAGA Executive**

J. Turner made the following recommendations:

President:	Jill Turner C'80
Honorary President:	Gary Storey
Past President:	Terry Tollefson
Vice President:	
Secretary:	Lynne Schoenau S'01
College Development Officer:	Trina Mortson
Treasurer:	Dennis Ewanus C'70
Registrar:	R. 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/Registrar	Vern Racz C'68
Crop Production Week:	Keith Head C'67
Mixer:	
Banquet:	
Curling:	Ewald Lammerding S'88 & B. Cummins S'77
Hockey:	Aaron Bouchard C'02
Agriculture Student's Association:	Vicki Kennedy
Members at Large:	I. Ahner C'65, Allan McDougald C'65, Ken Sapsford C'79, & Jeff Schoenau C'84

**Motion by:** J. Turner – To move that the 2011 executive be approved.

**Seconded by:** All

**Carried:** All

**Other Business:**

**Adjournment:**

**Motion by:** E. Lammerding – To move the meeting for adjournment.

**Seconded by:** All

**Carried:** All

**Adjourn:** 8:55 pm

**Attachments:**

ACTION TAKEN BY	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTION COMPLETED
SAGA Executive	Strike a committee to look into Honorary Life Member lapel pins.	YES OR NO
SAGA Executive	Discuss the purchase of the Executive photograph at the Jan. 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2012 meeting. Plan is to place it in the spring newsletter.	YES OR NO