

SAGA Executive Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2014

Attendance: Grant Wood, Blair Cummins, Dennis Ewanus, Bryan Harvey, Keith Head, Alan McDougald, Ewald Lammerding, Robert McKercher, Whitney Cyca, Barb Larson, Lucas Ringdal, Vern Racz, Trina Mortson, John Spencer

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Grant Wood at **7:00 PM**.

MOTION – Adoption of the agenda as distributed – Moved by Harvey, Seconded by Lammerding.
Carried

MOTION – Adoption of the minutes as distributed – Moved by Lammerding, Seconded by Racz.
Carried

Business from the Minutes

1. Pins – thanks again to those who helped put the pins together. The final product was distributed for a look – they are beautiful. The various options for distribution were considered. Doing a call-up at the banquet on January 11th was decided upon. It was decided that the pins would be distributed just after the honorary life members were presented. Grant Wood will announce the pin presentation.
2. Morris Inter-active – there was a survey of SIA members to see what kinds of Professional Development the members favour. Grant was not surprised by the results of the survey. It has been decided that the SIA will update its offerings to membership. Regarding the resume workshop – an invoice was received from SIA and has been paid.
3. Reunion Supplies – the supplies have been found and are all accounted for.
4. Dean's Office – the Dean is away and cannot attend the reunion. Murray Drew will bring greetings from the College to the Reunion banquet.
5. Class of '44 picture board – only two responses were received by family members of the graduates. There will be a table top display showing the two photos that were received.
6. All other items of business will be covered in the committee reports to follow.

Business from the Minutes:

1. December 18th – a report came out from the Dean's office regarding the interim review on restructuring the Dean's office. A full review will be completed in May 2014. Question – do we want to see the full 30 page document? Yes. It is posted on the Dean's office website, but it may not be fully public.
2. Regarding a round table discussion with SAGA and the Dean's office – Grant Wood will check on the document first and then look at the Transform US document. That document is on the University of Saskatchewan website. The Agriculture College fared very well compared to others on campus.

3. Bryan Harvey – re: Alumni – there are a number of town hall meetings to be held. Alumni could attend these. There is one to be held January 8, 2014 at 1:00 PM in Convocation Hall

Reports:

Financial Report – Dennis Ewanus (see attached document). There were two expenditures (\$618.20 for pins and \$62.29 to Racz for cards) and one income item (\$100 from Spencer for membership). The annual report will need to have the new executive named. Blair Cummins will be the new president and Grant Wood will be the past president. **MOTION** – Secretary needs to send out a letter re: new signing officers. Moved – Larson, Seconded – Racz. **Carried.**

- Re: Float for the reunion – a \$400.00 float will be provided.
- Re: Logistics for signing in and collecting cash at the reunion events. All appears to be in place.
- Re: List of banquet registrants. Jill Turner will send this to Trina Mortson.

Correspondence:

1. An information sheet was received on David Ewart.

Committee Reports:

1. ASA – Cyca

- a. Bed Push – the ASA is looking for funding of this event.
- b. Ag Bio Challenge – January 21, 2014. Ewald Lammerding is judging at the event on behalf of SAGA. It will be at the Park Town Motor Inn.
- c. Question – membership sales. Platinum membership have been offered for \$20. These memberships offer significant rewards to student purchasers. 400 of these have been sold.

2. College of Agriculture – Mortson

- a. Nothing much new from the College. All the issues have already been discussed. Lists for registration at the reunion and membership lists are available.
- b. Question – Harvey – The Dean has been going through the 1st year review. What are the results of the review? Trina said noting is out yet.

3. Membership – Racz

- a. Four people will be needed to sit at the desk at the reunion. Ralph Larson, Jill Turner, Mitchell ?, Dennis Ewanus, Vern Racz and Trina Mortson are available.
- b. Cash boxes – do we have enough? We have four boxes, which should be plenty.
- c. Re: Sale of Memberships at the Curling and Hockey venues – contact information for all new members must be collected legibly. This allows us to balance the cash as well as to update membership lists. Records must be kept for which monies are for memberships and which are for the sports fees.
- d. Question – what are we going to do to keep up our membership in the long run and how do we reach out to the Grads for the last 15 years. Discussion followed. One

idea was to find the old executive lists for the ASA and to use them as champions in finding and enrolling these grads.

- e. Concern was expressed over the direction of the College – there is no input from outside. This must be addressed.

4. Reunion – Larson

- a. There are 322 registrations for the event. As a result, there will be no need to pay rent for the building on top of the meal cost.
- b. Trina and Hamish Mortson will each have a table to generate funds for the College.
- c. The event will be in the black.
- d. Helpers from the executive should be at TCU place around 3:00 PM Saturday with cocktails starting at 4:30 PM.
- e. Better wines were requested compared to past banquets.

5. Curling – Cummins

- a. The curling clinic is being held tomorrow, January 8th. ASA posters are up everywhere advertising the event.
- b. It appears that there will be 50 people there – this is the food booking estimate.
- c. There are still some facilities issues. The event is now being fully run by the ASA. The entire rink is booked, so people can drop in and become part of the spiel.
- d. The Nutana Curling Club has donated the use of curling sticks at no cost to SAGA.
- e. Comment – McDougald – there is no direct link to curling or hockey on the event site. Some people have been having trouble registering for these parts of the reunion.
- f. **ACTION – Trina Mortson** will send an email to everyone reminding them about curling and hockey.
- g. **ACTION – Ewald Lammerding** will contact Mason and Lisa regarding getting the site changed.
- h. Hours of the bar – We can only have the bar operating for four hours. It will run from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM.

6. Hockey – Ringdal

- a. There will be five teams at the venue. There is no 2013 grad year team. One more team could be accommodated.
- b. Question – Mortson – Do we let people know that they could join another team?
Answer – Yes. Thursday response date is preferred. It would be even better if they came as a whole team.
- c. Hockey will start at 8:00 AM with the last game at 5:20 PM.
- d. A local rec team is running the bar. There will be food all day and refs will be on site all day for all games.

7. Newsletter – Lammerding

- a. Question – Ewanus – Should Dennis Ewanus send Lammerding the financial statement for use in the newsletter?
- b. Discussion on the newsletter collection. Some issues are missing. How do we complete the collection?

- c. **ACTION – Mortson** – Trina will check to see which newsletters are missing from our archives so that we can check with members or at the University to complete the collection.
 - d. Further on this item, it is apparent that some copies of the newsletter have not been sent to the University Archives for the overall collection. We are also supposed to send over our AGM minutes and those for all executive meetings.
 - e. Comment – McKercher – we also need to send over the lists of Honourary Life Members and related materials.
8. **Alumni – Harvey** – No report.
9. **Hall of Fame – McKercher**
- a. Bob can't announce the appointees to the Hall of Fame, as three of them won't be made public until later in the month of January.
 - b. Question – will Charlie Meyer attend? Not sure.
10. **Crop Production Week – Head**
- a. All is ready to go. We still need to know who will be attending the networking session.
11. **MLA – McDougald** – No report.
12. **Past President – Turner** – Jill Turner was not at the meeting due to illness. Her report was presented by Grant Wood.
- a. All is ready to go for the overall reunion.
 - b. Is there going to be a photographer on site to take pictures of the presentations and awards? **ACTION – Trina Mortson** will ask Hamish Mortson to do this. Ewald Lammerding will also bring his camera set so we have a backup.
 - c. Question – Spencer – Will everyone provide their reports for distribution at the AGM? Yes.
13. **President's Report – Wood**
- a. The Alumni Association asked Grant Wood to go to the ASA grad to do a draw. He already has to be at the meeting to help present the Tommy Fraser Award. That award is presented after review by a committee made up of the SAGA president, the Dean, ASA President, Grad Co-ordinator and one more faculty member.
 - b. The president of the Alumni Association has been asked to extend greetings at the banquet. Since the president will be away, someone else from the association will perform this service.
 - c. The banquet agenda will be reviewed by Grant Wood and Jill Turner for completeness and accuracy.

New Business – None

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 5, 2014

Meeting was adjourned.