

SAGA 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting  
January 12, 2007  
Ballroom A, Saskatoon Inn

- 1) **Call to order:** 7:15 PM  
Empty Saddles, Jack Braidek – remembering those deceased SAGA members in 2006
- 2) **Adoption of agenda:**  
Colin Peterson/Fred Fulton                      Carried  
Move agenda be adopted as presented.
- 3) **Minutes of 71<sup>st</sup> AGM, 2006**  
Bev Magill/Richard Bellamy                      Carried  
Move minutes of January 13, 2006 be adopted as presented with change spelling of Hougham
- 4) **Appointment of Resolutions Committee**  
Lorence Peterson and Les Henry appointed as resolutions committee.
- 5) **Financial Report** – presented by Melissa  
Melissa Stuart/Bernie Sonntag                      Carried  
Move to adopt financial report as presented. Appoint Lorence Peterson as auditor for 2007. Report attached.
- 6) **Committee Reports**
  - a) ASA  
>absent, report attached
  - b) Membership  
>should consider canceling free membership to new grads, it is not doing what it was intended to do
  - c) Reunion  
>30, 40, 50 years had good response  
>some smaller groups meeting at Mixer  
>250 tickets sold for reunion groups alone
  - d) Mixer & Banquet  
>not presented, see attached report
  - e) Curling  
>problems at rink because of weather  
>might have to switch rinks

- f) Hockey
  - >8 teams, great new rink at Waldheim
  - >should net approx. \$800 profit this year
- g) Newsletter
  - >see discussion under New Business
- h) Alumni Association
  - >challenge attracting young grads to alumni organizations
  - >reflected in finances
  - >U of S launched Centennial activities today
- i) SK Agriculture Hall of Fame
  - >board has to increase induction fees, facing budget challenges as well
  - >WDM, does not charge to house Ag Hall of Fame
  - >nominees retained for 2 years before being dropped off
  - >5 successful nominees this year, a couple dropped off, therefore a couple will be carried over to next year
  - >not all nominees are successful
- j) Crop Production Week
  - >Fruit Growers, Herb & Spice & Oat Development Commission recent additions
  - >SK Seed Growers, longest member
  - >200 people at biofuels presentation
- k) President Report
  - >Colin Peterson was voted prof of the year by the students
  - >if anyone has any contributions to the newsletter, please forward to Bernie and Frank

Judy MacMillan/Blaine Princeton                      Carried  
 Move to adopt all committee reports as read or attached.

- 7) **Nominations – Honorary Life Members**  
 Lorence Peterson/Bob McKercher                      Carried  
 Moved to nominate Roger Kaeding and Murdock McKay as honorary life members.

**Incoming Executive – presented by Ken Sapsford**

Honorary President – Glen Hass  
 Past President – Judy MacMillan  
 President – Ken Sapsford  
 Vice Pres. – Jim Bessel  
 Secretary – Teri Ife  
 Treasurer – Melissa Stuart

Membership – Chelsea Bulani, Kathy Vancha  
Registrar – Richard Bellamy  
Banquet – Stephanie Huber, Lisa Horn  
Mixer – Sandy/Jim Russel, Dave Hryhor  
Curling – Virginia Peters, Mayson Maerz  
Hockey – Steve Cuddington, Mark Kuchuran  
Newsletter – Bernie Sonntag, Frank Dunlop  
Alumni – Fred Fulton  
Hall of Fame – Bob McKercher  
College Development Officer – Michelle Gallucci  
Crop Week – Les Henry  
MAL – NE – Larry White, NW – vacant, SW – Irene Ahner, SE – Juanita Polegi

8) **Other Business**

Lorence Peterson re: SAGA financial situation  
>6 or 7 years left in SAGA account  
>cost of \$3/year/member to send newsletter; 80% to 90% of cost in printing & mailing  
>email is difficult but would save money  
>spam filters remove large mailings, alumni association doesn't use email for its newsletter  
>could sell advertising, go after sponsorship by ag-business  
>life memberships, look at changing to a 20 to 25 years membership with renewal dates  
>problem for registrar keeping track of expiry dates  
>fund raising drive of older members  
>electronic, put on website and send letter to notify members  
>Ken Sapsford recommends setting up a committee to communicate with membership about the situation  
>Bob McKercher says lifetime memberships have been discontinued at university he graduated from, suggests grandfathering those with life memberships and hook new lifetime members  
>generally, event attendance has improved  
>Jack agrees that a committee is a good idea and willing to pay additional membership fees  
>Ken and the new SAGA executive will strike a committee to report to SAGA membership throughout the year on the finance issue

9) **Resolutions**

Courtesy resolution expressing thanks to Judy and the members of the 2006 SAGA executive for a job well done during the year.

10) **Adjournment**

Virginia Peters:  
Motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM.

**SAGA AGM Attendance Sheet**

Friday January 12, 2007

Richard Bellamy

Bernie Saporito

Lawrence Peterson

Fred Zuelten

Alex Hass

Frank Dunby

COLIN PETERSON

Rachelle PETERSON

DON REACHIE

Bob Brack

Steve Cuddington.

Art Sawatzky

Janette Ehman

Bob McKeen

Carman Berg

Liz Henry 64C

Pat Holden

John H. Myster

Dean McQuay

Fred Sawatzky

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Jack Braich

George Wida

Bill Cooper

LORNE JACKSON

Jim Bessel

MELISSA STUART

KEN SAPSFORD

Ken TURNER

**SASKATCHEWAN AGRICULTURAL GRADUATES ASSOCIATION**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FISCAL 2005-2006**

**NOVEMBER 1, 2005 to OCTOBER 31, 2006**

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENSE</u>	
MEMBERSHIPS	1040.00	NEWSLETTER	8067.79
HOCKEY	353.92	HOCKEY	188.92
CURLING	2664.29	CURLING	1465.53
BANQUET	9777.00	BANQUET	9809.05
MIXER	1450.00	MIXER	2319.49
INVESTMENT	7000.00	MISC EXPENSES	1571.19
BANK INTEREST	2.34		
INVST. INTEREST	1081.22		
HISTORY BOOK	165.00		
DONATIONS, Etc.	380.00		
MISC INCOME	8.00		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$23,921.77</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$23,421.97</b>

<u>TREND ANALYSIS</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
BANK BALANCE	\$ 7,107.63	\$ 4,041.58	\$ 6,130.09	\$ 2,570.96
INVESTMENTS	\$40,690.54	\$42,779.80	\$37,158.74	\$34,610.26
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$47,798.17</b>	<b>\$46,821.38</b>	<b>\$43,288.83</b>	<b>\$37,181.22</b>

**GIC's: COMPANY**

TEMPLETON GROUP \$7,000.00 Cashed

**MUTUAL FUNDS:**

TEMPLETON GROUP  
 MACKENZIE  
 DYNAMIC  
 CLARINGTON  
**TOTAL**

**CURRENT VALUE**

\$ 4,781.22  
 \$ 10,946.66  
 \$ 13,160.02  
 \$ 5,722.36  
**\$ 34,610.26**

Prepared by: Melissa Stuart  
 Melissa Stuart (Treasurer)

Audited by: L.P. Peterson  
 Lorence I. Peterson P.Ag.

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Richard Bellamy (Registrar)

## ASA Report 2006- 2007

The 2006-2007 academic year started off with the announcement that the College of Agriculture was to be renamed the College of Agriculture and Bioresources. There was mixed feelings from the students and the faculty but ultimately the decision was made, in an attempt to better represent all that the College has to offer. The Agricultural Students' Association, however will remain unchanged.

The Ag Bag Drag (GOOSE) was held on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and we saw increased numbers after several years of poor attendance. The ASA also held the annual United Way campaign on campus, raising over \$2000.00 for community organizations. During Christmas, toys were collected for underprivileged children through HOT 93's Secret Santa toys. Other successful ASA events held in 2006 were, Christmas Party, Big Brother/Sister - Little Brother/Sister, a bowling Calcutta, and much more.

Upcoming in 2007 is;

ASA Graduation - January 20<sup>th</sup>, Travelodge Hotel, Saskatoon

Sask. Challenge - January 24-26

Monte Carlo Night (Tele Miracle Fundraiser) - February ??

Pancake breakfast (Tele Miracle) - February 28, 8-10:30 am, Agriculture Atrium

Steak night and Executive auction (Tele Miracle) - March 1<sup>st</sup> (tentative), Rodeo's Bar and Dance Hall

Tele Miracle 31 - March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

Cumoniwannalaya - March 9, Prairieland exhibition ground

It would be a pleasure to see support from SAGA members at these events. For a regularly updated calendar as well as updates, contacts and photos of events held by the ASA visit; [www.uofsagros.com](http://www.uofsagros.com).

Angela M McKague, C'07. ASA Public Relations Officer

Membership Report - Pat Flaten Dip'82, C'86, Kathy Vancha S'05, Chelsea Bulani C'05

During the past year, the membership committee invested most of its efforts in raising student awareness of the benefits of joining SAGA. Free one-year memberships were offered to recent grads, students were encouraged to come to the mixer and be involved in curling and hockey activities during the reunion. Refreshments and snacks were offered to students in the College atrium on several nights during final exams in April and December. The snack nights, in particular, gave us an opportunity to encourage the students in their studies as well as invite them to join SAGA. More events such as this are planned for the coming year. Currently, our Registrar, Richard Bellamy S'66, reports that there are about 1950 members (31 Annual, 47 Honorary, the rest Life Members).



Reunion Chairman annual report for the SAGA AGM Jan 12, 2007

The reunion year contacts for the 2007 reunion weekend have all been working hard. An excellent job was done by all. A very good turnout is expected by a number of the upper reunion years however the 5 and 10 yr reunion chairs have had some difficulty getting the grads enthused about coming back to a reunion.

I would especially like to welcome the 5 degree and 12 diploma grads from the class of 1947 that are planning to attend the reunion this year.

Thanks to all the contacts who worked on this years reunion activities.

Submitted by Ken Sapsford (79C)

## **SAGA Annual General Meeting**

January 12, 2007

Saskatoon Inn

### **Mixer Report**

The 2006 mixer was held January 13, 2006 in the Ballroom at the Saskatoon Inn. It ran from 8:00 pm to 1:00 am. There were approximately 145 people in attendance. The 2006 SAGA mixer recorded a loss of \$869.49.

The Saskatoon Inn provided the lunch and supplied bartenders and ticket sellers for the bar. The door workers were supplied by SAGA executive members.

The 2007 mixer will be held at the Saskatoon Inn on January 12, 2007. The bar will open at 8:00 pm. Admission for the mixer is \$10 for members. In addition, all Ag Grads must purchase a membership in order to attend the mixer. Students get in free with a valid student card.

Submitted by Sandy & Jim Russell

# SAGA 2006

## Banquet Final Report

We confirmed 325 people to attend the banquet with the Saskatoon Inn on Wednesday and we had a total of 315 seated for the banquet. This is up from 283 people in 2005 and our 10 year average is right around 350 people. The meal was good and the reunion years did a great job of giving us an idea of the number of people attending.

The coat check wasn't opened on time on Saturday, people had to check their own coats and off the start they we not attended.

### Revenue

Ticket Sales	\$9733.00
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### Expenses

Saskatoon Inn	\$ 9310.01
Printing Services	
Tickets	\$ 126.54
Programs	\$ 199.04
Party & Sound DJ	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$ 9935.59</u>

### Net Loss

(\$202.59)

## 2006 CURLING REPORT

The 2006 Bonspiel was successful financially and entertaining as well. We had 16 teams in the regular draw and 4 in the Hutcheon event.

The Graham trophy has been retired and will be replaced by the Rennie trophy in honor of former Dean, Don Rennie 1984-1989. This trophy has been donated by Les Henry-thank you, Les.

In 2006, there were no student teams. There were no objections to raising the curling fees to 100 dollars per team and including a mixer ticket for the price.

The cost per draw was \$34 so:

Revenue	Team fees \$100 per team x 20	\$2000
Expenses	Ice Rental \$34 x 39 (plus taxes)	\$1418.84
	Engraving (+ updating Hutcheon)	88.92
	Prizes (6 spots bags x \$6 + taxes)	41.04
	Camera (pics for SAGA news)	5.67
		<u>1554.45</u>
Profit for 2006		\$445.55

Prizes were donated by Cargill, the ASA, Kinsmen, Bayer Cropscience, Farm n' Garden and Agricore. Thanks again to those mentioned.

Winning rinks were **HUTCHEON**

	Gord Thomsen
	Bill Hunt
	John Hoffort
	Jack Drew
"A"	Rory Cranston
	Jordan Mueller
	Mark Ferguson
	Lee Kalcsits
"B"	Don Mitchell
	Kathy Hay
	Michelle Greschuk
	Brad Hovland
"C"	Lorence Peterson
	George Wilson
	Kurt Sawatzky
	Blair Cummins

## Hockey Report SAGA Annual Meeting

As of January 8th, 2007 we have 8 teams confirmed for the SAGA Hockey Tournament.

We are moving the site to a new rink in Waldheim which is booked and confirmed. All teams will play a minimum of 2 games with the whole tournament played on Saturday Jan 13<sup>th</sup>.

Each team will be contacted by phone or e-mail as to when there first game will be.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeremy German, 2007 Hockey coordinator  
Steve Cuddington, 2008 Hockey coordinator

SAGA Annual Meeting  
Report from SAGA Newsletter Editors

- 1 – Three newsletters were produced and distributed in 2006.
- 2 – Average cost per newsletter is about \$2500.
- 3 – Newsletters are now all distributed via the services of Canada Post. New privacy laws preclude using SAGA member email addresses from the University Alumni Association's file. Thus, your newsletter editors plan to continue using this distribution method for all newsletters.
- 4 – A discussion of the financial situation facing SAGA is expected on the Annual Meeting agenda. The newsletter is SAGA's largest net cost item.
- 5 – Some observations:
  - member input into newsletter content is declining for the 'newsy' sections – Thundering Herd, Home Grown, Hitchin' Post, Pooped Deck
  - longest 'newsy' section is Empty Saddles – reflection of SAGA's age distribution
  - very few new members from the graduating classes of the last 20 years
  - good input from reunion gatherings, but few of these seem to occur for any classes with grad years after about 1980
  - newsletter costs could be reduced considerably if a reliable system for distribution via email were established
  - other cost reduction options – fewer issues per year, fewer pictures
  - revenue options – some limited potential for advertising revenue

Submitted by Co-Editors

Bernie Sonntag and Frank Dunlop.  
January 10, 2007

University Alumni Representative Report, January 12, 2007  
Fred Fulton

In the Centennial Year of the University and the 90<sup>th</sup> Year of the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association it is an exciting time to be part of the Board of Directors and hold the position of President Elect in the Association. It is important to note that the College of Agriculture has played a significant role in the life of the University and likewise Ag. Grads and SAGA have had a considerable influence on the Alumni Association.

Numerous events will be held throughout the coming year to celebrate these milestones in the University and Alumni history. The Alumni Association is developing plans for a special event at the time of its Annual Meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>. An all college-all-year Reunion in September will be a major event for all university alumni. In October the Alumni Association will be holding its annual Successes Gala Event when the winners of the 2007 Alumni Awards will be announced and honored. The Association is inviting nominations now for these awards which are listed below.

University of Saskatchewan Alumni Awards:

Alumni Award of Achievement

Alumni Service Award

Alumni Humanitarian Award

Alumni Honour Award

Alumni Mentorship Award

Outstanding Young Alumni

Alumni Excellence in Aboriginal Initiatives Award

If you know of someone that may be deserving of any of the above awards, and you would like to nominate that person(s), please visit the alumni website at [www.usask.ca/alumni/](http://www.usask.ca/alumni/) for the description of the award and an electronic nomination form, email them at [alumni.office@usask.ca](mailto:alumni.office@usask.ca) or call 306-966-5186 or 1-800-699-1907 for a nomination to be mailed to you. You may also contact me at 373-1440.

The application deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

It has been a privilege to serve as your representative to the Alumni Association.

## SASKATCHEWAN AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME

Report by SAGA Rep. R. B. McKercher

The SAHF Board met three times in 2006 (March 17, August 6, and October 20). The AGM of the SAHF was held on March 18, 2006.

The induction fee for 2007 remains at \$1200.00. Murray Purcell of the Sask. Assoc. of Rural Municipalities was named the vice-chair. The SAHF made a donation of \$5000 to the Prairie Gamble display in the Western Development Museum. A similar donation will be made in 2007. Various updates and preservation works have been carried out by artist Kevin Quinlan on the Hall of Fame portrait gallery. Mr. Quinlan's contract to create portraits was renegotiated with a modest increment per portrait.

Nine nominees for 2007 induction were before the board. The five successful candidates were Stuart Allan Thiesson, Alma Jean Copeland, Lily Campbell Williamson, Laverne Ole Voldeng 67C, and Gunnar Heg Pedersen 52C. Unsuccessful candidates remain listed for two years before being removed from contention. Only successful candidates are informed of their nomination. The nominators of other candidates are informed of the SAHF's decisions.



Crop Production Week Report for SAGA Annual Meeting, January 12, 2007

The Crop Production Week includes annual meetings and technical presentations for the following groups:

Sask. Oat Development Commission

Sask. Flax Development Commission

Canaryseed Development Commission of Sask.

Sask. Mustard Development Commission

Sask. Canola Development Commission

Sask. Canola Growers Association

Sask. Pulse Growers Association

Sask. Herb & Spice Growers Association

Sask. Fruit Growers Association

Canadian Wheat Board

Sask. Ag Grads Association

The Wednesday evening program is a general session and the theme this year was "Producer Investment in Biofuels".

Les Henry C'64

Memo : To Bev McGill, Secretary, SAGA

From : Les Henry

January 5,2007

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## President's Report

SAGA has had a busy and exciting 2006. A successful SAGA reunion was held January 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. The reunion classes enjoyed the activities and time spent together. Thanks to the past executive members who worked hard to make sure things ran smoothly.

I attended the ASA graduation in January, bringing greetings from SAGA and presenting the Tommy Frazer memorial award. Thanks to Colin Peterson for assisting as a judge with student's Team Challenge. Colin attended their banquet and brought greeting from SAGA. SAGA also sponsors the Agriculture 291 class, so Kathy Vancha and I judged the final speaking competition and presented the speakers award.

In April and December, SAGA provided coffee and snacks to the agriculture students studying exams at night at the College. SAGA sees this as an excellent opportunity to meet with current students, who are the future of SAGA, and introduce them to our association. I feel the SAGA executive must continue this in the future to enable SAGA to interact with undergraduate students and pursue new ways of getting involved with the ASA.

Thanks to Bernie Sonntag and Frank Dunlop for doing an excellent job as newsletter editors. They have the very important task of gathering information and preparing the newsletter which is vital for communicating with our membership. SAGA is working on providing email distribution for those members who chose email access and will continue to work with University Advancement who manage our SAGA membership database.

I have had the pleasure of working with Michelle Galluci, the College Development officer. She has supported SAGA activities all year and helped with obtaining class lists for contacting reunion classes, as well as fielded many calls from Ag grads seeking information about SAGA and College activities.

SAGA has also been involved in discussions with Dean Barber and the College of Agriculture and Bioresources on the future mandate and name change of the College. Thank you Glen Hass for co-ordinating these efforts. SAGA will continue to work with and advise the college on the direction we feel it should take to ensure that the college will be successful in the future.

I would like to thank the executive for all their hard work and dedication to ensure that SAGA activities are successful.

Submitted by Judy MacMillan 79C