

SAGA 75th Annual General Meeting

Saturday - January 9, 2010
7:00 p.m. at TCU Place
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Agenda

1. **Call to order:** Moment of Silence to remember those deceased SAGA members from 2009

2. **Approval of Agenda**

3. **Minutes of the 74th Annual General Meeting:** Teri Ife, S'97

4. **Appointment of a resolutions committee:**

5. **Treasurers report :** Hugh Beckie, C'86

6. **Committee reports:**

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| a) ASA: | Lynnell Olson C'12 |
| b) Membership: | Vern Racz C'68 |
| c) Reunion: | Jeff Schoenau C'84 |
| d) Mixer: | Derek Wiffing C'02, Louis Bossaer C'95 |
| e) Banquet: | Shelagh Steckler C'03 |
| e) Curling: | Ewald Lammerding S'88, Blair Cummins S'77 |
| f) Hockey : | Gerrit Baan S'97 |
| g) Newsletter: | Bernie Sonntag C'62 & Ewald Lammerding S'88 |
| h) Website: | Lisa Horn C'94 |
| i) Alumni Association: | Bryan Harvey |
| j) SK Agriculture Hall of Fame: | Bob McKercher C'54 |
| k) Crop Production Week: | Les Henry C'64 |
| l) Past President: | Jim Bessel S'88 |
| o) President: | Carl Lynn C'74 |

7. **Nominations:**

Honorary Life Members:	Jim Bessel S'88
Incoming Executive:	Jeff Schoenau C'74

8. **Other Business:**

Amendments to the Constitution Bob McKercher C'54

- **Article 3.4** Proposed change to Membership which will allow Faculty who are recognized by the Dean of Agriculture to become Associate Members without paying a membership fee.
- **Article 4.** Proposed change to MAL Officers from 4 officers representing the four corners of Saskatchewan to having up to 4 members at large named annually by the Executive these new MAL's will sit on meetings and play an informative and supportive role on the SAGA Executive.

9. **Resolutions:**

10. **Adjournment:**

- l) Crop Production Week Report by Les Henry C'64
- m) Past-President's Report by Jim Bessel S'88
- n) President's Report by Carl Lynn C'74

Motion: Carl Lynn – To move that the committee reports be accepted as presented.
 Seconded: Lorence Peterson Carried

7. NOMINATIONS

a) HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS. Jim Bessel proposed on behalf of the SAGA Executive that the nominations be approved for Raymond Wilfing 69C and Gordon Moore 68S

Motion: Jim Bessel – To nominate Raymond Wilfing 69C of Meadow Lake, SK and Gordon Moore 68C or Speers SK as SAGA's 2010 Honorary Life Members.
 Seconded: George Wilson Carried

Carl Lynn wishes to also forward appreciation to Jim Bessel for all of his dedication and hard work he has tirelessly gave to SAGA over the last 3 years. Thank- you once again Jim. Followed with a round of applause.

b) EXECUTIVE FOR 2010

Jeff Schoenau made the following recommendations:

President: Jeff Schoenau C'84
 Honorary President: Allan McDougald C'64
 Past-President: Carl Lynn C'74
 Vice-President: Terry Tollefson
 Secretary: Lynne Schoenau S'01
 College Development Officer: Mark Wartman
 Treasurer: Hugh Beckie 86C
 Registrar: Richard Bellamy 66S
 Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame: Bob McKercher 54C
 University Alumni Association: Bryan Harvey 60C
 Newsletter Editor: Bernie Sonntag 62C & Ewald Lammerding 88S
 Membership: Vern Racz 68C & Tiffany Martinka
 Crop Production Week: Les Henry 64C
 Mixer: Louie Bossaer 95C
 Banquet: Errin Siklana
 Curling: Ewald Lammerding 88S
 Hockey: Neil Booth
 Agricultural Student's Association: unannounced at this time
 Members at Large: unannounced at this time

Motion: Jeff Schoenau, that the 2010 executive be approved.
Seconded: Bob Dodds Carried.

Motion: Fred Fulton - Moves that the executive be empowered to approve any unfilled positions from the AGM
Seconded: Gordon Moore Carried

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Amendments to the Constitution – Bob McKercher

Changes to Article 3.4 Proposed change to the Membership which will allow Faculty who are recognized by the Dean of Agriculture to become Associate Members without paying a membership fee

- 1) Objective to reach out and get support of our faculty in an effort to encourage them to participate in our SAGA organization.

Motion: Bob McKercher - To move that the proposed changes to Article 3.4 be amended in the SAGA constitution as presented above.
Seconded: Jim Bessel Carried

Changes to Article 4 Proposed change to MAL officers from four (4) officers representing the four corners of Saskatchewan to having up to four (4) MAL named annually by the Executive. These new MAL's will sit on the SAGA Executive and play an informative and supportive role on the SAGA Executive.

- 2) Objective and reasoning for this change for the intention of having active MAL who can support SAGA and who the Executive can count on for information, advice and support.

Motion: Bob McKercher - To move that the proposed changes in Article 4 be amended in the SAGA constitution as presented above.
Seconded: Jack Braidek Carried

Banquet Tickets – A discussion about the handling and distribution of the Banquet tickets was open to the members attending as in 2010 we had a sold out banquet with members some disappointed members still wanting to obtain banquet tickets. After explaining the costs of the banquet and the needs of the facility, TCU Place requires in order to have a function here, we have no choice to impose a deadline and a number of confirmed sold tickets. These measures have been implemented in order to ensure efforts that the Banquet does not cost the SAGA money. As SAGA is a non-profit organization and is not in a financial situation to bankroll unpaid or unsold tickets. This reason alone therefore sets the necessity of having prepaid banquet tickets and the newly imposed deadlines to guarantee our numbers.

11. ADJOURNMENT – 8:40 p.m. moved by Carl Lynn

Fred Fulton asked for a round of applause for the 2009 Executive and forwarded a warm “thank-you” for all the Executives efforts and commitment for the past year.

Attachments: 75th Annual Meeting Agenda/Committee Reports Package
75th Annual Meeting Members Attendance Sheet

Reports to SAGA:

2008-2009 Financial Statement Highlights

Hugh Beckie *PAG*, Treasurer

- Chequing account balance as of October 31st was \$1306.28 (vs. \$5975.10 one year previous).
- Investment fund was up 10% from one year ago: \$32,560 vs. \$29,512 (but \$40,000 invested in Sept, 2007).
- Not including the positive impact of Investment fund on Revenue (+3,048), total Revenues were \$30,304.57, total Expenses were \$34,973.39, for an operating deficit of \$4,668.82. The Reunion Weekend had a deficit of \$1564.88.
- Revenue from membership fees and donations were down \$850 from the previous year.
- Expenses related to Newsletter publication were down \$2,199.86 from last year (2007-08: \$7003.03); however, \$1,366.69 in expenses for the Oct. 2008 newsletter were charged to the 2007-08 fiscal year. The cost to produce and distribute the last three annual newsletters was \$5,788.44 or \$1,929.48 each.
- We contributed a total of \$701.90 to ASA activities, including \$400 for 'SK Challenge'.
- I acknowledge and sincerely thank Lorence Peterson for past audits, and auditing the 2008-2009 books at no charge.

Entity No. 205879

Name of Corporation SASKATCHEWAN AGRICULTURAL GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION INC.

Operating Statement for the Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2009

With Comparative Figures for 2007-2008

	<u>2008-2009</u> (Current Year)	<u>2007-2008</u> (Prior Year)
Revenue (Include revenue for which payment has not yet been received)		
1. Membership Fees	\$ 2900.00	\$ 2490.00
2. Grants (specify)		
3. Donations	0	0
4. Fundraising	250.00	1510.00
Bingos	0	0
Social Functions	27151.94	28230.10
Hockey 446.90 (net)		
Curling 1748.25		
Banquet 13233.50		
Mixer 11723.29		
5. Other receipts	0	0
6. Interest	3050.63	(10986.96)
Bank 2.63		
Investment 3048.00		
7. Total Revenue for the Year	\$ 33352.57	\$ 21243.14
Expenses (Include expenses for which payment has not yet been made)		
8. Personnel costs (salaries, etc.)	0	0
9. Taxes and Licenses	0	0
10. Lease or Rental Costs	42.00	0
11. Utilities	0	0
12. Insurance	0	0
13. Repairs and Maintenance	0	0
14. Office Supplies & Postage	0	0
15. Bank charges	12.23	77.36
16. Communication to members	104.99	0
Newsletter (publication & mailing) 4803.17	4803.17	9423.03
Website 0.00		
17. Social Functions		
Hockey (see above)	28716.82	22752.10
Curling 1090.22		
Banquet 15599.53		
Mixer 12027.07		
18. Misc.		
ASA 701.90	1294.18	1599.58
Hon. Life-framing 242.28		
Crop Production Week Membership 250.00		
Other 100.00 (gift card-Peterson)		
19. Total Expenses for the Year	\$ 34973.39	\$ 33852.07
Net Surplus (Deficit) for the Year (Line 7 Subtract Line 18)	\$ (1620.82)	\$ (12608.93)

Entity No. 205879

Name of Corporation SASKATCHEWAN AGRICULTURAL GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION INC.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at October 31, 2009

With Comparative Figures for 2007-2008

<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2007-2008</u> <u>(Current Year)</u>	<u>(Prior Year)</u>
Assets		
1. Cash		
-cash on hand	\$ 0	
-cash in bank	1306.28	
-Less outstanding cheques	(0)	
Total Cash	\$ 1306.28	\$ 5975.10
2. Term Deposits	0	0
3. Receivables (specify) None		
4. Other Current Assets (specify) Investments (Mutual Fund)	32560.00	29512.00
5. Fixed Assets		
-land	0	0
-buildings (cost less depreciation)	0	0
-equipment (cost less depreciation)	0	0
-other None		
6. Other Assets None		
7. Total Assets Cash & Investments	\$ 33866.28	\$ 35487.10
Liabilities		
8. Accounts Payable	\$ 0	\$ 0
9. Other Current Liabilities (specify) None		
10. Loans	0	0
11. Other Long-term Liabilities (specify) None		
Surplus (Deficit)		
12. Balance forward	\$ 35487.10	
Current Year Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (1620.82)	
Balance end of Year	\$ 33866.28	
13. Total Liabilities and Surplus (Note: line 7 Must equal line 13)	\$ 33866.28	\$ 35487.10
Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors:		

Director

Hugh J. Beckie P.Ag

Director

Carl E. Lynn

Audited by:

Lorence I. Peterson P.Ag

September

With harvest in full swing and for some almost finished, students are sent back to school for another year of their academic career. The ASA organized Welcome week that included a friendly softball game against the Dean's Office and faculty. Many of the Agros and faculty came out and had an amazing time. Our Sidewalk Painting was another successful turnout. Lots of first year come out to learn many of the traditional chants and the history of EPlant. Later that week the annual College Splash was hosted against the Engineers in which the Agros dominated them in numbers and balloons.

October

FCC had challenged the Agros to collect 1000lbs of food to the Saskatoon Food Bank. With alot of students help and creative thinking the Agros manage to collect 1150lbs of non perishable food items by having a faculty and student fall mixer, going door to door, stealing the engineer's tank and Foodicaneing first year Agros houses. Ag Bag Drag (GOOSE) was a huge success this year as we made \$4, 500. The three bands that played at Drag were a local Agro band called Wrenched, a band from Humboldt Sk. The Barley Boys, and starring was an upcoming Saskatoon star Kal Hourd, that was held in the Odeon.

November

The Canadian Agri-Marketing Association (CAMA) Student Chapter has been busy working on sponsorship and fundraising in order to attend the National Agri-Marketing Association's (NAMA) conference. CAMA has held their annual pubcrawl as a social event and a toastmasters night as a professional deveoplment event. The ASA and SAGA paired up to host their first ever Professional Development Day where seminar was hosted to teach future employees to be professional in there working career and how to land that perfect job by having one on one interview and resume workshops to give students an idea what employers are looking for. The University of Saskatchewan Stockman's and Rodeo Club Cargill feed mill in North Battleford. Mitch Stuart took a group of 16 members through the mill highlighting not only the commercial operations, but also the universities research mill which is due for completion sometime next year. A speaker on equine chiropractic and massage therapy is planned for sometime in January. The judging team is up and running for another year. Two members competed in the youth judging competition at Farmfair International and 5 members competed in the youth judging competition at Canada Western Agribition.

January

Telemiracle fundraiser begin as they kicked off the year by getting involved in a Kaiser tournament to that will end January 29. The ASA hosted a Token night with the CAMA and Range's Steaknight to Auction of the Executive which the proceeds will go to Telemiracle. The ASA also hosted a Etiquette supper to brush up on our professional skills and to here speakers from some of the SAGA executive. The judging team from Stockman's is also planning trips to Little Royal and the University of Manitoba's judging competition. Planning for our own judging competition, scheduled for January 30, 2010, is underway, with both college and 4-H teams to be in attendance. Fundraising activities have included selling cabaret tickets for the New Holland Saskatoon Stampede and Rodeo and working night security in the cattle barns for the Saskatoon Fall Fair. The annual pub-crawl, held in early November, was the social highlight for the Stockman's and Rodeo Club members. ASA grad will be hosted in TCU on January 22.

February

The range team for 2009/2010 is made up of a total of 18 members, 15 of which will be heading off to Denver, Colorado with their coach and assistant coach February 7-12 for the Society for Range Management conference. The team meets with their coach, Darcy Henderson of Canada Wildlife Service, for weekly sessions to go over all aspects of rangeland management. During the conference the team will write the Undergraduate Range Management Exam. The ASA will be in full swing in fundraising for Telemiracle by selling hands and having Valentine Bake Sale.

March

As students wind down to study we will finish the year off with our Bi Annual Telemiracle Bedpush.

SAGA Membership Committee Report

The reunion weekend continues to be the time of year that past graduates renew memberships or continue their contact with SAGA. The development of the SAGA website has the promise to be a means of communication to non members and members alike to maintain membership. The website could provide this link particularly if it related to reasons for SAGA's existence. SAGA, according to Les Henry in researching college history, was formed in 1935 to assist recent agriculture graduates find meaningful long term employment in the industry. This concept perhaps has not become outdated and should be revisited as one of the objectives of today's SAGA which possess the tools to fill this role.

Early in the 2009 year decisions were made, that membership activities would focus on three initiatives:

- (1) Contact with new graduates: For graduates (diploma and degree) in the 2009 year, letters were prepared and sent before and after convocation offering a free one year membership in SAGA and how to contact our new website. To accompany this membership offer a business card was prepared entitled "Staying connected" which contains contact information for SAGA. This card will also be available at the SAGA banquet with the concept of providing a handy reference to keep for contact.
- (2) Participation in orientation week at the beginning of the university school year. This year's activity provided information at a booth regarding SAGA and was facilitated in cooperation with SIA at their hamburger barbeque lunch on campus.
- (3) The organization and hosting of a professional development day held Oct, 29 2009. The intent of the day was to provide information to Agriculture students on how to conduct themselves in interviews, to write resumes and what is expected of them as a professional. Excellent cooperation was received from SIA, the College of Agriculture, the Dean's office and industry which helped to fund the event. Attendance by students was low compared to potential participants; however those in attendance were well pleased and enthusiastic that it becomes a yearly event. The dinner that evening offered to students an informal opportunity to make contact with industry representatives.
- (4) The three initiatives above provide a baseline for additional membership activities if needed. The capability to develop a means of "staying connected" to retain members and to provide a service such as facilitating employment for students are core initiatives that should be focused on. Industry links should be used to develop this latter initiative and perhaps will provide a valued return to our roots, Thank you to all SAGA members who helped.

Respectfully submitted by: Vern Racz C'68 and Tiffany Martinka C'

Reunion Chairman Annual Report – Jeff Schoenau C'84

I am lucky to have a great group of reunion year chairs (14 in total) for all reunion years (see list below, thanks much to all!) that diligently worked to coordinate their group attendance and activities at this 2010 SAGA reunion weekend. Your efforts in inspiring, organizing, and distributing among your group were excellent. Also many thanks to other SAGA executive members who assisted and helped me understand some of the inner workings of the SAGA organization this past year. A special thanks to my wife Lynne who helped organize things as they came in and attended to many details. I hope in my capacity as president in 2010 that I can help SAGA move forward this year and towards a successful reunion weekend again in 2011.

YEAR	COLLEGE	DIPLOMA
1950	Fred Fulton (Saskatoon)	Bill Farley (Regina)
1960	Glen Hass (Saskatoon)	Ron Morningstar (Lockwood)
1970	Dennis Ewanus (Saskatoon) Helper: Bob Norman (Saskatoon)	John Beckton (Saskatoon)
1980	Rod Delahey (Saskatoon) Helper: Jill Turner (Saskatoon)	Gerry Stuber (Saskatoon)
1990	Tanice Babecy (Melfort)	Scott Near (Kindersley)
2000	Chris Baan (Swift Current)	Jay Dixon (Balcarres)
2005	Chelsea Bulani (Saskatoon)	Terrance McKee (Moose Jaw)

Mixer Committee Report

The 2009 SAGA Mixer was held last year at TCU Place on January 8, 2009. The attendance was up 40 people from the year previous with roughly 390 people at the Mixer in 2009. Much of the 2009 Mixer followed the success of the 2008 Mixer with door workers, bar ticket sales, and a casino night. The 2009 Mixer changed from 2008 with sponsorship from Agriculture Suppliers for prizes for the casino portion of the evening. With sponsorship the casino broke even and the 2009 Mixer reported a profit of \$1527.68. The profit was \$1000.00 less in 2009 due to the Mixer absorbing a \$1260.00 room charge from TCU Place compared to a \$250.00 room charge in 2008.

The 2010 Mixer will follow the same elements of 2009. The permit bar will open at 8:00 pm and close at 12:00 pm. All Ag Grads must have a current SAGA Membership to attend the Mixer. Students may attend free with a valid student card. The registration fee to attend the mixer is \$15.

A Casino will run from 8:30 pm to 10:30 pm where a draw box – ticket system will be set up for numerous donated prizes. Every person through the door will receive \$2000 casino play money which they can turn into tickets (\$1000 = 1 ticket) prior to 11:00 pm and enter for prizes. Additional casino money maybe purchased for \$10 CAD = \$11000 play money. The draw boxes will close at 11:00 pm where the prizes will be drawn for immediately after closing.

Hope to see you all at the mixer.

Derek Wilfing C'02 and Louis Bossaer C'95

S.A.G.A. Banquet Report

SAGA Banquet was held on Sunday January 11, 2009. There were 415 paid grads and guests in attendance. In 2008, there were 367. Estimating the attendance has always been a challenge. Reunion groups confirm their numbers, and then the committee estimates the number of grads that will purchase tickets the night of the Mixer. The historical formula is 100 guests above the confirmed reunion group total. In 2009, there were 58 paid guests above the reunion total. In 2008, there were 50. Should the formula be adjusted down? The banquet was guaranteed at 450 people. As a result, the banquet had a loss of \$727.50. The key to success of the banquet is firm numbers from the reunion year groups. Thanks to Carl for his hard work in collecting these numbers.

Shelagh Steckler C'03 and Lisa Horn C'94

Curling Report

The 2009 SAGA bonspiel was held at the Granite curling rink. There were 8 teams in the Hutcheon event and 8 teams in the regular event. Both the Hutcheon and Open event were divided into 2 pools. Each team played 2 games on Saturday and 1 on Sunday. Points per game were used and the top team from each of the 2 pools played the A final Sunday afternoon and the second place teams played the B final. We received 7 annual memberships.

To raise a bit of money we ran 2 bottle draws, selling 50 squares @\$2/square. We made a profit of \$100.00. We also ran a 50/50 draw, bringing in \$137.00 (paying out half of \$68.50). Financially there was a profit. The fees were \$100.00/team and \$15.00/student.

Income

16 teams – 15 teams @\$100/1 team @\$80	\$1580.00
50/50 draw and square draw	<u>\$ 168.50</u>
Income	\$1748.50

Expenses

Ice Rental-\$36/game x 28 games	\$1058.40
Engraving (trophies)	<u>\$ 31.82</u>
Expenses	\$1090.22
Profit	\$ 658.28

There were 33 curlers that attended the mixer @\$10/mixer tickets = \$ 330.00
\$ 328.28

Prizes were drawn for and each player received one of the prizes. They were donated by Biggar & District Credit Union, Rack Petroleum (Dennis Bulani, Biggar), Biggar Transport, Royal Bank (Biggar), Feudal Co-op (Perdue), Cam-Don Motors (Scott Weir, Perdue), Moody's Farm Equipment, Monsanto (Mayson Maertz), Broncos Western Wear, Western Sales (Biggar), Farm & Garden (Saskatoon), Prairie Malt (Biggar), Biggar Agencies/SGI (Biggar), True Value (Biggar), Viterra (Biggar), Perdue Oasis & Golf Course (Perdue), BASF (Mark Kuchuran), U of S (Mark Wartman), Custom Promotion & Awards (Saskatoon), Western Producer, Shamrock Seeds, BCS Material Handling (Clavet) and Bill Peters (Perdue).

Winners:

Hutcheon
Bernie Sonntag C62
Ellwood Fleming C62
Don Torrie S73
Wayne Jensen S62

A Event
Bryan Nybo C86
Tyler Friesen C96
Kim Busch C83
Chris Baan C00

B Event Hutcheon

Phil England C67
John Hemstad C63
Doug England C63
Peter Kirychuk C62

B Event

Dave Edgar S79
Sheryn Flynn
Terence Flynn S79
Laurie Edgar

I think everyone had a good time and we hope to see everyone back next year. We will be back at the Granite next year as they treated us very well.

Virginia Peters & Ewald Lammerding

Hockey Report

In 2009, there were a total of 8 teams competing for the two SAGA Hockey Tournament trophies, A and B sides during the January 10th and 11th event.

The site for the 2009 tournament was the same as it was in 2008, at the Aberdeen Recreational complex. The rink and ice was in excellent shape and 8 teams played a total of 3 games each over the SAGA weekend with 9 games being played on Saturday and 3 finals on Sunday.

Each team was contacted by phone or e-mail as to when their first game was to be played.

The winners of the tournament in 2009 were as follows:

The A side winner was the Buster Team which was made up of players such as Mark Kuchuran 99C and myself 01C, along with other Saskatchewan Agriculture Grads ranging from 98C to 06C who defeated the Dino's Oilers (team of 09C- 12C grads). The B side winner was the Fur Trader Fury from Waldheim, SK. made up of a couple of Saskatchewan Ag Grads Steve Schmidt 00C and Chad Krikau 00C, and who defeated the Ag-Nauseaum team (team of University of Saskatchewan staff, along with current and previous students). No prizes or trophies were given to the C and D final winners.

The rink fees were \$125/hour for 16 hours which came to \$1903.13, plus referee charges of \$360.00 and trophy engraving expenses \$217.80 for the weekend. Overall we ended up with revenue of \$446.90 which was similar to the previous year of \$491.00.

Gerrit Baan 2009 & 2010 Hockey coordinator

SAGA Newsletter

1 – Three editions of the newsletter were published in 2009.

2 – Some observations:

- member input into the newsletter is declining – Thundering Herd, Pooped Deck, Empty Saddles, etc.
- limited input from MAL's
- little input from younger members – weddings, babies, career changes, etc.
- * - a few members are pretty diligent about finding and forwarding newsletter items; most never send anything.

3 – Financial woes – The cost of producing and distributing the newsletter was outlined in the last edition. A number of members have replied to the request for comments on the future of the newsletter. The general consensus is that members support some sort of subscription fee to keep it going.

Our treasurer can give us a breakdown of the cost elements – layout, printing, labeling, postage. About 80% of the cost relates to production of the printed/mailed edition. A reasonable question then is, "Should a subscription fee be charged only to hard copy recipients of the newsletter?" Who will collect the subscriptions and maintain the subscription list – University Alumni office will likely not do this for us.

4 – The SAGA executive has decided that the frequency of publication of the newsletter will be reduced to two issues per year on fairly fixed dates in spring and fall.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bernie Sonntag
Ewald Lammerding

SaskAgGrads.com – Website Report

SAGA has been working on a website for almost 2 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 financial input – Update

The last newsletter asked for input on dealing with the costs associated with the production, printing and mailing of the newsletter. Thanks to everyone who sent their input back to SAGA. At the point of writing this 79 emails were sent in. 78 of the emails supported a new solution to subscribe to the newsletter. 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 implement a subscription to cover the cost of the newsletter. This would allow the membership fees to remain at current levels. Membership currently is not cost prohibitive and that remains a goal of SAGA. Only SAGA members would be eligible to have a subscription to the Newsletter. The other clear consensus was to have the subscription be for at least 5 years. If the membership wishes the executive to proceed with this proposal, a cost analysis of the website and newsletter is needed to determine what the actual subscription cost would be. 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 thankful 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.

Lisa Horn C'94

Alumni Report

A new Board was elected at the Annual meeting in the Spring of 2009. Marianne Schneider a nursing graduate is the new President, Bryan Harvey is the new President-elect. Also on the Board is Judy MacMillan an ag grad and Jason Aebig who spent some time in the Dean's office a few years ago. Fred Fulton retired from the Board at the end of his term as Past president.

The Board has finalized an agreement with the University which clarifies the respective roles of the two parties. Seems everything has to be very formal these days. This will not result in any major changes to operations but does lay out in writing what is expected on both sides. This has taken an inordinate amount of time so it is good to see it behind us.

The Board also is in the process of finalizing its strategic plan for the next three years. The hope is to get a higher level of involvement of alumni and to give the organization a higher profile. One of the spin offs is that the Alumni Association has decided to take a more active role in working with college based organizations such as SAGA. This will not impact much on well established organizations like SAGA but may result in the formation of new groups like ours. The rationale is that anything we can do to get greater involvement of alumni will benefit both the University and the alumni.

The usual round of activities is again planned for 2010. Reunion week is again in June and the homecoming will be associated with a Husky game in early September. The Alumni office is again offering a number of trips for alumni. The university Web site can give details of all of these.

Bryan Harvey
Alumni Rep.

SASKATCHEWAN AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME

A sub-committee, on which I serve, met three times respecting future planning for the SAHF. In about six or seven years, the present space at the Western Development Museum will be filled if the present pace of inductions continues. The sub-committee has not formulated any course of action as yet. Its mandate continues into 2010.

The board met in March, August and October. The October meeting selected five candidates from a list of 12 nominees for induction In August of 2010. The five successful nominees will be publicly announced at the Seed Grower's Convention during the upcoming Crop Production Show. Two of the new inductees are Ag Grads.

The SAHF has been able to keep the cost of induction at \$1200 where it has been for the past few years. Our portrait artist, Mr. Kevin Quinlin, has agreed to a new contract containing a modest fee increase.

Other Ag Grads on the SAHF Board, are Arnold Petracek, Kevin Hursh, Bob Middleton and Dale Winder. We appreciate any comments about the SAHF and any recommendations for future inductees.

R. B. McKercher,
SAGA rep to the SAHF

Crop Production Week – Les Henry

Crop Week 2009 was again a success. The special session was at Prairieland Park Wednesday evening with David Ashbridge from Doane Advisory Services, St. Louis Missouri speaking on the Topic – Fertilizer Supply, Demand and Price Outlook was well attended, although the number attending the beef on a bun supper was less than expected.

The 2010 meeting schedules are below.

CROP PRODUCTION WEEK - Saskatoon Inn unless stated otherwise

- Monday January 11, 2010** Canary Seed Development Commission of Saskatchewan
Location: Courtyard Room, Saskatoon Inn
- Monday, January 11, 2010** Flax Day 2010 Industry Sustainability: The Path Ahead
Location: Saskatoon Inn, Ballroom C & Luncheon, Ballroom A
- Monday, January 11, 2010** Pulse Days 2010: Tools for Success
Location: Monday evening at Prairieland Park, Hall B.
5:00 AGM
7:00 p.m. **Opening Reception & Research Poster Session**
- Monday, January 11, 2010** Saskatchewan Winter Cereals Commission
Location: Saskatoon Inn
- Tuesday, January 12, 2010** Pulse Days 2010: Tools for Success
Location: Tuesday at Saskatoon Inn with video feed to Prairieland Park
- Tuesday, January 12, 2010** Saskatchewan Oat Development Commission: Roadmap to Profitability
Location: Courtyard Room Saskatoon Inn
- Tuesday, January 12, 2010** Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association: 81st Annual General Meeting
Location: Canadian Room & Ballroom B, Saskatoon Inn
- Wednesday, January 13, 2010** Sask Canola
Location: Saskatoon Inn
- Wednesday, January 13, 2010** Mustard Day
Location: Saskatoon Inn
- Wednesday, January 13, 2010** SPECIAL SESSION: The Politics and Policy Affecting Grain Prices
John Phipps – U.S. Ag Journalist and Farmer
No Charge - *Speaker Sponsored by RBC Royal Bank*
Location: Prairieland Park, Hall B

Note: Free transportation to and from the Special Sessions Event. Buses will be departing The Saskatoon Inn Main lobby at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Buses will return to The Saskatoon Inn from Prairieland main entrance at 9:15 and 10:00 p.m.

5:30 Beef on a Bun

7:00 Special Session with John Phipps TICKETS at the Door \$ 14.75 per person

- Friday, January 15, 2010** Canadian Wheat Board Day
Location: Saskatoon Inn
- Friday, January 15, 2010** Saskatchewan Fruit Growers Association:
Celebrate the Past-Grow the Future
Location: Saskatoon Inn

For more information on Crop Production week activities please visit the website at www.cropweek.com

SAGA Past President Report – Jim Bessel S'88

Some of the duties of past president include filling in and supporting activities of the executive. It has been a pleasure once again to represent SAGA at different events.

- My first event was the annual ASA graduation in January 2009 and presented the Tommy Fraser Memorial Award.
- I also represented SAGA in assisting SIA with activities at the annual Blue Week student barbeque this past September.
- I also took part in our first SAGA Professional Development Day held this past October
- In November, I represented SAGA at the Dean's Dinner for Alumni & Friends.

Another duty is to chair the SAGA awards committee which reviews candidates for the Honorary Life Membership. Our awards committee recommended two candidates to our executive for consideration. The nominations are:

Raymond Wilfing, Meadow Lake SK – 69C
Gordon Moore, Speers SK – 68S.

President's Report

SAGA is celebrating 75 years as an Association during the year 2010. Alumni of the degree and diploma programs at the College of Agriculture, University of Saskatchewan, continue to support and grow this Association. From the first formal meeting held May 10, 1935 in Room 104, College Building, U of S, to today, at this AGM, an executive representing the members, and the members, all have been committed to the objectives of SAGA. I want to thank the current Executive for their time and dedication to Association activities and objectives. I also wish to thank the membership for its superb support over the years, and especially this past year.

We have made changes during the past three years. The move of venue to TCU Place, move to the Banquet on weekend at the beginning of the Crop Production Show, and this past year, the initiation of the SAGA web site. <http://saskagorads.com> Thank you Lisa Horn for all of your efforts during the past year to move this site to a successful launch.

This past year we have and now are addressing another change. We had to address the issue of rising costs, mainly from the production and distribution of the SAGA Newsletter. The Newsletter is extremely well received and supported as a communication item and a way to stay connected, a link to members.

In the last Newsletter we suggested a way to address the issue of costs by way of a paid subscription. The response has been tremendous. This attests to excellent support of members.

As an Executive we are requested to attend and participate in several College activities. Members of the Executive have been part of ASA activities, and we have met with the Dean of the College on two occasions to discuss our mutual needs and cooperation. The Dean, Dr. Mary Buhr, is very supportive of the Association and our activities.

I want to thank Mark Wartman, the "new" College Development Officer for his participation in the Executive. Mark has been a valuable source of ideas and thought and an excellent link to the College administration.

As your President, I humbly request, you the members, continue your support of SAGA. We will discuss and create the solution for the SAGA Newsletter at this AGM. We will continue the celebration of the 75 years during 2010 as an association by ensuring our financial capabilities to link to you the members through the Newsletter.

Again, thank you to the entire executive, for your continuous commitment and efforts to support our proud 75 years of tradition.

Carl Lynn 74C
SAGA President.

SAGA 75th Annual General Meeting

Saturday - January 9, 2010

7:00 p.m. at TCU Place

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

SAGA MEMBERS ATTENDING

FIRST & LAST NAME	ADDRESS	GRADUATE YEAR
Bob McKecher	25 Yale Cres. Saskatoon	54C
Lynne Schorner	Box 195 RR6 Storn SE	2001 D
Jeff Schoen	Box 195 RR6 Storn SE	1984C
George Wilson	134 Rosedale Rd Storn	1963C
Allan McDougald	234 Blackshire Pl. Storn	1965C
Jack Quish	Box 867 Unity SK	1952C
Jack Braidek	203-707 Birchwood Dr	1951
John Stephenson	#8-903 Heritage View	1949
Fritz Lawton	2802 Louise St. Storn	1966C
Frank Sutton	503 Lake Cr. Storn	1950
Bob Dodds	109-701 Heritage Cr	1953
Bill Cooper	2515 Indian Ave.	1951
CARMAN BERG	#495-325 Kewline Cr.	1964
Lorena Peterson	543 Blackthorn Cr Storn SE	1965
Lys Henry	143 Trencher Cres Saskatoon SK S7A3H7	1964
George Burton	Box 1027, Humboldt SK S0K2A0	51 S.
Shelagh Steckler	206 Crystal Villa, Worman	03 C
Jerry Johnson	34 Debrah Cres Storn	76 M Se.
HM Beck	318 Emmeline Rd Storn	1986 C
Richard Bellamy	120-1650 main St. Storn	66 S
Dennis Lewis	409-510 Penhaligon Storn	1970

