

**SAGA Executive Meeting
2008 Committee Chairpersons
Minutes of November 6, 2008
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building**

Present: Glen Hass, Ken Sapsford, Carl Lynn, Teri Ife, Chelsea Bulani, Vern Racz, Lisa Horn, Shelagh Steckler, Derek Wilfing, Bob McKercher, Bryan Harvey, Ewald Lammerding, Mark Wartman, Kara Fowler, Virginia Peters, Les Henry, Richard Bellamy.

Regrets: Jim Bessel, Hugh Beckie, Louie Bossaer, Mark Kuchuran, Juanita Polegi, Larry White

Absent: David Hryhor, Bernie Sonntag, Mayson Maerz, Gerrit Baan, Eric Johnson, and Irene Ahner

1) Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. by C. Lynn

J. Bessel away due to work commitments so C. Lynn presided the meeting in his absence.

2) Agenda:

Motion by: B. Harvey - To Adopt Agenda
Seconded by: V. Racz **Carried**

3) Minutes of October 9, 2008

Motion by: E. Lammerding – To move minutes of September 4, 2008 be adopted as amended.
Seconded by: D. Wilfing **Carried**

4) Financial Report - H. Beckie absent

H. Beckie emailed an update from H. Beckie that is as follows:

Currently our account balances are:

Chequing Account: \$ 5,975.10
Investments: \$ 33,565.43

The 2007-2008 Financial report for the fiscal period ending October 31, 2008 is currently being audited by Lorence Pederson and will be presented at the next meeting.

Motion by: B. McKercher – To move the Financial Report to be moved as presented.
Seconded by: K. Sapsford **Carried**

5) Correspondence –

R. Bellamy read a letter received from Canada Post on an increase of fees in regards to undelivered SAGA newsletters that have been returned and the cost incurred from that.

After some discussion it was suggested that we table this topic and forward it to our next meeting agenda.

6) Committee Reports:

a) ASA – K. Fowler present

Drag was successful and was well attended. Some pranks/stunts during the week was the ASA placed a baler in the Engineers lounge – they had a lot of fun.

K. Fowler and the ASA president are looking for a time that would be good for SAGA to come for a meeting.

Follow up on the the Diploma student issues with the establishment of the new program. K. Fowler is going to meet with these students and further explore what exactly these concerns are. The thought is to try and arrange something in mid January.

Request from the ASA, would SAGA be interested in sponsoring the ASA in the annual SK AG Challenge which is coming up at the end of January.

Motion: by L. Henry - To donate \$400.00 to SK Ag Challenge.

Seconded by : B. Harvey Carried

As well SAGA will have some volunteers from the Executive to also judge at the event. K. Fowler to get a list of the dates and times that they need our assistance.

Also trying to co-ordinate an event for SAGA membership to come and promote SAGA. K. Fowler has suggested that possibly the first week of exams.

Motion: by C. Bulani - To organize a pizza lunch in the ASA lounge the first week of exams in December and also to assist with an etiquette night in March or April.

Seconded by : V. Racs Carried 1 Abstain from the motion

b) Registrar – presented by R. Bellamy

The SAGA post office box # 320 has been moved over to the Tuckshop in Place Reil and access is only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This is rather inconvenient.

After some discussion it has been suggested that we look into having our mail delivered to the SAGA office. We need to look into the steps that need to be taken to have this done properly. There would need to be address changes done on the following: SAGA Financial statements and SAGA Correspondence.

Motion: by K. Sapsford – To have the SAGA address become 2D27 51 Campus Drive Saskatoon, SK S7N 5A8.

Seconded by : R. Bellamy Carried

c) Membership – C. Bulani & V. Racz present

Discussion on this topic took place along side with the ASA report in regards to co-ordinating a SAGA Membership event. A motion was made to arrange a pizza lunch during the first week of exams.

Nothing further to update at this time.

d) Reunion – presented by C. Lynn

Things are coming together and are looking good for the reunion groups. A few questions on the handling of the SAGA Annual fees at the door.

After discussion it was suggested that C. Bulani take care of a write up for the SAGA Newsletter on the perception of the what the fees are for. Suggestion that we focus on the membership topic, that all graduates from the College of Agriculture are welcome to become members of SAGA and in order to become a member there are fees, Annual Membership is \$10.00 and a Lifetime Membership is \$100.00. Also to include in the write why they should become a member of SAGA.

e) Mixer –D. Wilfing present & L. Bossaer absent

TCU Place & equipment are booked. At the next meeting will bringing in a workers schedule sign up sheet for the night of the mixer. D. Wilfing figures that we will need about 40 workers in order to make things go smooth.

f) Banquet – presented by L. Horn & S. Steckler

All is set and ready. Just waiting to finalize the programs and need the Reunion numbers from C. Lynn in order to print the tickets.

The new incoming Dean has been asked to speak at the Banquet it also may be a good idea to invite her to the Mixer so she can mix and mingle with members of SAGA and to get a feel for our organization.

Suggestion from G. Hass when speaking to the new Dean about her speaking at the banquet it is important to let her know that we would like her to bring an update of her vision and direction to the college. Also a reminder to keep her speech around 5 minutes as longer than that we seem to lose peoples attention.

g) Curling – V. Peterson absent

We have 3 teams registered already. The Granite is booked for Saturday and Sunday.

h) Hockey – M. Kuchuran & G. Baan absent

No report

i) Newsletter –E. Lammerding presented & B. Sonntag absent

Deadline for submissions is November 15, 2008.

Discussion on Newsletter not being received properly and causing increased frustrations.

j) Alumni – B. Harvey presented

The Alumni office has moved over to Innovation Place. Tara Mything and Derek Kounz are the Alumni Relations Consultants.

Request from B. Harvey to invite all faculty to be on our communications lists and to invite them to all of our functions.

Motion: by B. Harvey – To investigate having the faculty become Associate Members of SAGA and encourage them to come out to SAGA events.

Seconded by : B. McKercher

Carried

More discussion on this topic and B. Harvey, B. McKercher and K. Sapsford will bring a proposal of options to the next meeting of how to encourage involvement and participation from the faculty.

Suggestion for J. Bessel to possibly compose a letter to invite all faculty and an invitation sent out inviting them to our event.

k) Hall of Fame - presented by B. McKercher

There will be 5 inductees in 2009. Three of the 5 are Agriculture graduates. Names will be officially announced at Agribition in late November of this year. The Planning Committee has met twice with the objective of recommending a long term plan for the Hall of Fame respecting presentation of its inductees and alternative locations of the Western Development Museum as the current space has become too small.

l) Crop Production Week – L. Henry presented

Wednesday January 14, 2009 Beef on a bun supper . Limited number of tickets available - \$10 per ticket Tickets can be purchased starting January 12, 2009 from:

- Crop Week communications centre - Room 234 of the Saskatoon Inn
- Show Office of the Western Canadian Crop Production Show

At 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome at no cost to hear speaker David Asbridge from Doane Advisory Services, St. Louis, Missouri speak on the topic Fertilizer supply, demand and price outlook.

L. Henry also suggests that we get a link on the Crop Production website to the new SAGA webpage.

m) MAL

None present, no report.

Please note MAL's SAGA is looking for input on events, happenings or updates in your area for the newsletter please forward to B. Sonntag or E. Lammerding before November 15, 2009.

n) College Development Officer – presented by Mark Wartman

Working on outreach to the schools to introduce what opportunities are available with the College of Agriculture and Bioresources.

One branch of the outreach program is to try and drum up some donations from former graduates to develop a fund for bursaries and scholarships in order to appeal to more prospective students. This letter is intended to inspire former graduates and encourage positive growth for the college. This letter will go out next week.

o) Past President's Report – presented by K. Sapsford

Has the names of the SAGA Honorary Life Nominations.

Motion: by K. Sapsford – The move that the names for the 2009 SAGA Honorary Lifetime Members be John Kirkland C'71&'72 . and Donald James Tate C'55

Seconded by : **B. Harvey** **Carried**

K. Sapsford will forward the Honorary Lifemembers citations to L. Horn via email by the end of November.

A suggestion forwarded to have the SAGA Forever Young History books placed on all the tables at the banquet for members to browse through.

p) President's Report - J. Bessel absent forwarded a report by email

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- The following dates are when I am available and would like to be involved to meet all the ASA members Nov, 10,14,17,& 24 there are other date that could be possible if I am in the city.

Item 2

- I have spoken with Ms. Buhr and formally invited her to attend the SAGA banquet and asked her to Be our featured speaker at the banquet on January 11, 2009
- I have asked her to prepare a 20 minute presentation(approx)
- I am sending her a formal written invitation from the SAGA executive

Item 3

- I have concerns regarding our website, not being in place and encourage all of the executive to assist in finishing our goal in the next week. I have received a number of calls regarding reunion information and where to gain information; the web site would be our best venue for making information available.
- It has been suggested that we consider adding a new executive position to SAGA, therefore ensuring our web is administered and updated properly in the future.
- If there is agreement... I am not clear if this position needs to be appointed or approved at our annual general meeting in January, or does it mean changes to our by-laws. I would appreciate any discussion and feed back.

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- Hugh and I have not been able to meet directly with anyone at BMO to discuss the web/on-line banking opportunity with the Bank of Montreal. However, I have been in contact by telephone, and had a discussion with Richard McHattie in their commercial department. I asked him to summarize options we could work with and possibly set up our web site, his comments are attached.

After reading J. Bessel's report some feed back :

Item 3 may be necessary to add a permanent SAGA position for the website may-be it could be in the future funded to ensure the attention it needs.

At this time appoint someone to oversee and discuss about making changes to the constitution in the future. Also look in to the feasibility of what our options are to generate cash flow in the future to facilitate a website care taker.

6) New/Other Business

Website Update:

The website is www.saskaggrads.com.

Overall looks really good a few things to fine tune and that is being worked on. A few minor corrections. Some issues with membership and unsure what the hold up is exactly.

General feeling is that we need to have these things smoothed out before using it as a tool for the Reunion weekend.

Suggestion if the website is running by the Reunion weekend to have a demo at the banquet for all our members to see the first website.

Motion: by B. Harvey - To move the meeting for adjournment.

Seconded by : All Carried

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 3, 2008 7:00 p.m. Room 2D21 Agriculture Bldg

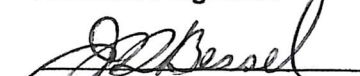
Adjourn: 9:35 p.m.

Secretary Signature



Teri Iffe

President's Signature



Jim Bessel

Attachments: SAGA Meeting Attendance Sheet
Presidents Report
College Development Officer Outreach Letter

ACTION ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN BY	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTION COMPLETED
C. Bulani & V. Racz	To organize pizza lunch with the ASA students for early December	YES or NO
R. Bellamy	To look into changing the mailing address for SAGA to the SAGA office at 2D27.	YES or NO
C. Bulani	A write for newsletter inviting all former graduates to become members of SAGA and that the memberships fees are separate from the coverage fees at the Mixer	YES or NO
ALL COMMITTEES	Reports or updates for the Newsletter are due for November 15, 2009	YES or NO
B. Harvey, K. Sapsford & B. McKercher	To look into College Faculty becoming Associate Members of SAGA.	YES or NO
K. Sapsford	To forward Honorary Life Citations to L. Horn	YES or NO
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Hi Jim,

I talked with our Cash Management Specialist and there is a couple more options we have for you.

1. **Direct debit:** With this option the member would give you their bank information and you would directly debit the appropriate amount from their account through our online banking system.
2. **Acceptance of payment of account:** With this option we would set you up as a biller and the member could pay you like they would a bill payment through their account. There would be an added cost to this option since some of the other banks would charge you for this service.
3. **Moneris:** If you are wanting to give your members the option of paying with their credit cards then you would have to go with this service. There are a couple of options here. You could be set up with a point a sale machine in order to take payment. Moneris also has a system called E-Select Plus which would allow you to take any payment online. The cost of this option seems pretty reasonable for what you are needing but for more details on the service charges I would have to refer you to a Moneris representative.

If you are needing more information, please contact me.

Thank you.

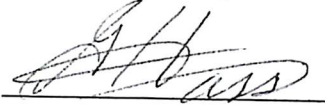


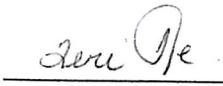


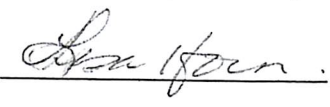
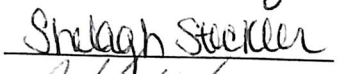

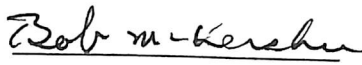
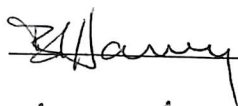


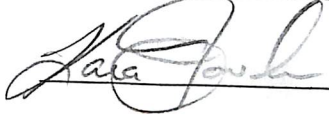
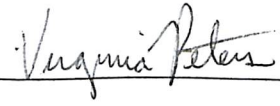
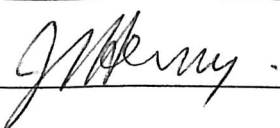

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SAGA Executive Meeting Attendance Sheet

Thursday, November 6, 2008

7:00 p.m. Room 2D21 Agriculture Building

Please sign your signature across from your name. Thank-You!

Glen Hass		Ken Sapsford	
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