

**SAGA Executive Meeting
2010 Committee Chairpersons
Minutes of April 8, 2010
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building**

Present: J. Schoenau, L. Schoenau, R. Bellamy, L. Henry, L. Horn, A. McDougald, H. Beckie, N. Booth, B. McKercher, D. Clair, M. Wartman, L. Bossaer, M. Wartman

Regrets: V. Racz, G. Baan, K. Sapsford, L. Olson

Absent: T. Martinka, D. Mitchell, S. Steckler, B. Sonntag, E. Siklena, E. Lammerding, C. Lynn, T. Tollefson, B. Cummings, B. Harvey

1. **Call to Order:** 7:08 p.m. by J. Schoenau
L. Horn introduced Denise Clair, who will be assisting L. Bossaer with the Mixer.

2. Agenda:

Motion by: L. Horn to accept the Agenda.

Seconded by: L. Henry **Carried:** All

3. Minutes of Mar. 8, 2010

J. Schoenau stated that the website/newsletter will be emphasized this evening.

Motion by: L. Schoenau to move minutes of Mar. 4, 2010 to be adopted as presented.

Seconded by: A. McDougald **Carried:** All

4. Financial Report – H. Beckie

Chequing Account balance: \$3195.14 Investment Account: \$28263.87

N. Booth provided an invoice for trophy engraving that is to be reimbursed to G. Baan.

5. Correspondence – R. Bellamy

SAGA is officially registered with Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice and the Attorney General.

Two letters were received: 1) J. Williamson – positive response for a newsletter subscription fee
2) H. Magotiaux – thank you to SAGA for donation to Agbio Challenge

6. Committee Reports:

a) ASA – report submitted by L. Olson

Jessica Tessmer will be taking over the position of ASA Representative in the fall. L. Olson will introduce Jessica at the September meeting. The Telemiracle bed push was a great success as

\$4000 was raised. The Hawaiian Dance sold out and broke even. Katie MacMillan is the ASA's new President and Senior Stick.

b) Registrar – R. Bellamy

No Report

c) Membership – report submitted by V. Racz

V. Racz would like to see that SAGA continues to offer a free one year subscription to new graduates. The subscription would be offered in an electronic form.

V. Racz would be happy to work towards a professional development day again for the upcoming fall. T. Tollefson feels that SAGA must make a concerted effort to attract and involve a younger membership. Failing to do so, may result in a not so positive future for the organization. Therefore, SAGA's involvement in the professional development of undergraduate agriculture students is a positive step.

A question arose during discussion as to whether V. Racz has sent out a request for membership renewal for those annual memberships that have lapsed.

d) Reunion – report submitted by T. Tollefson

The following Reunion chairs have been recruited so far: Bill Cooper/Bob Blakely '51 S, Gary Carlson '61 C; John Blacklock '71C, Everit Sanderson '71 S, and Adrian Johnston '81 C.

e) Mixer – L. Bossaer

L. Bossaer plans to find out what E. Lammerding did with the remaining liquor from the Mixer. Was it sold or stored?

f) Banquet – L. Horn

L. Horn stated that she will be going to TCU Place to revise the 2011 contract. A number of costs to the 2010 invoice have been stripped out.

L. Horn created and submitted the Reunion Weekend ad to the Newsletter committee.

J. Schoenau stated that he was to approach Fay Dokken about serving on executive but realized that this would pose difficulties as she now lives in Regina.

g) Curling

No Report

h) Hockey - N. Booth

The one day tournament proved to be successful. The fee was \$130/hr for 12 hrs. Although the fee was more expensive than other rinks, Aberdeen rink is a very nice facility. The undergrad teams made the tournament.

N. Booth stated that both contact and organizational information with respect to the hockey tournament needs to be created.

Aaron Bouchard will be assisting N. Booth with the 2011 SAGA hockey tournament. G. Baan will continue to help out as well.

N. Booth would like to see the hockey trophies displayed. The possibility of the trophies being displayed at the Crop Production Show and in the College Atrium was discussed.

i) Website – Lisa Horn

L. Horn has sorted the email and mailing addresses and created two distinct lists with no duplication. L. Horn will send the updated list of mail address to E. Lammerding and B. Sonntag prior to the Apr. 20, 2010 newsletter deadline.

Over the next four months L. Horn will cross match these lists with the email addresses on the website.

A password is required to access the newsletter off the website.

T. Tollefson suggested that SAGA give serious consideration to accepting advertising on our website as a method of generating funds for professional development activities, funding scholarships, and improving communication with the membership. T. Tollefson spoke with several large retailers who would be willing to commit substantial dollars to SAGA in order to post job opportunities on the website.

Although job postings are very relevant to the website and SAGA as a whole, it was decided that this suggestion would be tabled until Sept. The executive wishes to work on streamlining the electronic delivery of the Newsletter first.

M. Wartman stated that a Communications person is currently being sought by the College. This person would be able to provide assistance/support for the SAGA website.

j) Newsletter

L. Horn would like to see if we can arrange with the Alumni Office to provide SAGA with College/Diploma graduate email addresses to allow for a mass emailing of the November 2010 newsletter. J. Schoenau stated that this should not pose a problem as we have the support of both the Dean and the Alumni Office.

B. McKercher indicated that perhaps some of the articles in the newsletter are lengthy and of lesser interest to the alumni, with a need to get more active alumni news and involvement in articles. Fewer newsletters may be the answer financially in the short-term, but three or four newsletters may be needed again in order for SAGA to maintain good contact with the alumni. Alumni need to be encouraged to submit more current events.

k) Alumni

No Report

l) Hall of Fame – B. McKercher

Annual General Meeting was held in March. The executive remains the same, business was routine, and there was no fee increase.

m) Crop Production Week – L. Henry

L. Henry attended the Crop Week AGM on Apr. 7, 2010. The changes for 2011 consist of:

- 1) Sask. Canola Growers Assoc. is moving their meeting to Praireland Park and banquet to WDM.
- 2) Sask. Soil Conservation Assoc. is considering moving their annual technical session to a one day meeting during Crop Week.
- 3) A Crop Week Mixer will precede the Wednesday evening Special Session at the Saskatoon Inn. SAGA representation would be nice.
- 4) Wayne Thompson, Executive Director of the Sask. Canola Growers, is the new chairperson of Crop Week.

n) MAL

No Report

o) College Development Officer – M. Wartman

A grant from the University Advancement has allowed for two new College staff members:

- 1) Communications person
- 2) Campaign Coordinator

M. Wartman is soliciting major gifts to fund the \$10M cost of rebuilding the Phytotron. Phase 1 is currently underway. Support to finance a new dairy and beef facility is being sought as well. Dean Buhr has been working hard to support development in the College. Hailey Woodworth is the Campaign Coordinator. She provided T. Tollefson with the alumni lists for the Reunion.

p) Past President's Report

No Report

q) President's Report – J. Schoenau

J. Schoenau, L. Horn, and T. Tollefson met with Dean Buhr to discuss:

- 1) Electronic distribution of the newsletter to faculty members.
- 2) SAGA office space – 1E80.1 was suggested as a possible room to suit SAGA's needs. No alternate office space has yet been formally offered.

J. Schoenau met with C. Romuld from the Dean's office and obtained keys to check out possible office space along with T. Tollefson.

Three possible rooms were considered:

- 1) Agro Lounge meeting/storage room; not secure
- 2) 1E80.1; used by AgVentures in summer, not secure unless exclusive access
- 3) Voc Ag Canteen; secure, window, shelving, access problems

No decision has yet been made as to possible alternate office space.

Dean Burr stated that SAGA's support of student activities such as, AgBio Challenge, Bed Push, and Professional Development day is valued by the College.

The College is looking for SAGA to kick start celebration of 100 years since the first graduate. J. Schoenau was under impression the anniversary date was 2012. However, it is believed that 2015 is actually the correct year for the celebration. The SAGA history book indicates that the first graduates from the College took place in 1915.

The College is considering the establishment of Learning Communities. If created, SAGA may be asked to facilitate alumni involvement as mentors to students. However, the fate, specific direction and details of this initiative have yet to be fleshed out.

r) New/Other Business

Motion: by – M. Wartman to move the meeting for adjournment.

Seconded by: ALL

Carried: ALL

Next Meeting: September 9, 2010

Adjourn: 9:47 p.m. Have a great summer!!

Attachments:

ACTION TAKEN BY	ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTION COMPLETED
L. Schoenau	Forward an electronic copy of the TCU Place events invoice to H. Beckie.	YES OR NO
V. Racz	Send out membership renewal requests for lapsed memberships.	YES OR NO
J. Schoenau	SAGA President/VP meet and attend ASA executive meeting. Dates of these meetings are required.	YES OR NO
L. Horn	Send updated mail list to B. Sonntag & E. Lammerding prior to Apr. 20, 2010 Newsletter	YES OR NO

2010 SAGA Executive Meeting Attendance Sheet
Thursday, April 8, 2010

G. Baan Regrets

H. Beckie Al Beckie

R. Bellamy R Bellamy

N. Booth N. Booth

L. Bossaer L. Bossaer

B. Cummings _____

B. Harvey _____

D. Clair Denis Clair

L. Henry L. Henry
~~Regrets~~

L. Horn L. Horn

E. Lammerding _____

C. Lynn _____

T. Martinez _____

A. McDougald A. McDougald

B. McKercher B. McKercher

D. Mitchell _____

L. Olson Regrets

V. Racz Regrets

K. Sapsford Regrets

J. Schoenau J. Schoenau

L. Schoenau L. Schoenau

E. Siklena _____

B. Sontag _____

S. Steckler _____

T. Tollefson Regrets

M. Wartman Mark Wartman

V. Lacz April 8, 2010

5. What is the main difference between a non-profit organization and a registered charity?

Registered charities must fit into one of four categories of charitable purposes: the relief of poverty, the advancement of education, the advancement of religion, or other purposes that benefit the community in a way the courts have said are charitable. Non-profit organizations may not fit into one of the four categories of charitable purposes but may have purposes such as social welfare, civic improvement, pleasure, or recreation. Non-profit organizations cannot issue official donation receipts for gifts that they receive.

6. Which organizations can issue official donation receipts for income tax purposes?

The *Income Tax Act* permits qualified donees to issue official donation receipts for donations they receive from individuals or corporations. Qualified donees include:

- registered Canadian charities;
- registered Canadian amateur athletic associations;
- tax-exempt housing corporations resident in Canada that only provide low-cost housing for seniors;
- municipalities in Canada under proposed legislation for gifts made after May 8, 2000, municipal or public bodies performing a function of government in Canada;
- the United Nations and its agencies;
- prescribed universities outside Canada;
- charitable organizations outside Canada to which the Government of Canada has made a donation in the tax year, or the previous tax year; and
- the Government of Canada, a province, or a territory.

7. Can a registered charity lend its registration number to another registered or non-registered charity?

No. Under no circumstances should a registered charity lend its registration number to another organization for receipting purposes. A charity that lends its registration number risks losing its charitable registration. A donor who accepts a falsified official donation receipt will risk having the tax credit disallowed and may be subject to fines.