

SAGA Executive Meeting
Room 2D21 Agriculture Building
Wednesday October 2, 2013
7:10 PM

PRESENT: Grant Wood (Chairperson) (Recorder), Barb Larson, Trina Mortson, Darcy Jones, Allan McDougald, Gary Storey, Dennis Ewanus, Al Scholz

REGRETS: Jill Turner, Bryan Harvey, Ewald Lammerding, Ken Sapsford, Whitney Cyca,

Keith Head, Richard Gray, Bob McKercher, Blair Cummins, Vern Racz, Mayson Maerz, Lucas Ringdal, Don Mitchell, Curtis deGooijer, Aaron Bouchard

1. Call to order by Chairperson Grant Wood at 7:10 pm
2. Adoption of Agenda
 - Agenda was circulated electronically prior to the meeting and distributed at the meeting.
 - **MOTION:** Dennis Ewanus / Al Scholz- that the agenda to be adopted. CARRIED.
3. Adoption of minutes from Sept 18 meeting
 - Minutes were distributed electronically and were distributed at meeting
 - **MOTION:** Al McDougald / Barb Larson - that the agenda to be adopted. CARRIED.
 - Grant Wood reviewed the minutes

Business arising from Sept 18, 2013 meeting.

- Continue discussing how to attract more Ag grads to become members of SAGA
- Honorary Life pins – Grant to ask Blair Cummins to follow up on this item
- Grant to write letter to Irene Ahner – done

4. Reading and adoption of financial reports:
 - financial report was electronically distributed by Dennis Ewanus a week before the meeting ; Dennis presented the financial report
 - October 31 is our year-end, so if anyone has outstanding invoices, please get them to Dennis
 - advised by BMO to transfer our mutual fund to the Ludlow Street branch of BMO (from downtown branch) ; will be charged a fee if we do not, due to policy change within BMO
 - **MOTION:** Dennis Ewanus / Al Scholz - that we transfer the SAGA mutual account from the 2nd Avenue branch to the Ludlow Street branch where our chequing account is located. CARRIED.
 - Dennis will contact Jill Turner and Grant Wood to sign forms related to transfer
 - **MOTION:** Dennis Ewanus / Barb Larson - that the financial report be adopted. CARRIED.
5. Correspondence / Website
 - Invoice from Canada Post (already paid) ; passed onto Dennis Ewanus

6. Committee Reports

ASA - Grant Wood read report from Whitney Cyca

- Drag month started yesterday ; tickets for Drag went on sale yesterday ; 1,200 tickets were sold in 17 minutes ; sold out!
- Ag Bag Drag is Nov 1 ; bands include Third Degree Birnz, and Wildfire
- Drag pub crawl is tonight ; keep an eye out for the Drag car which will be driving around the city

College of Agriculture and Bioresources Development Officer

- ACE (University Advancement registration system) RFP being sent out soon ; all colleges and units on campus will be able to use in future ; not sure if there is a fee ; availability date yet to be determined
- -standard confidentiality forms are now available ; reunion year reps will sign form and then Trina can release contact info for individuals from their graduating year ; prior to now, Trina had to send out info because could not release personal information
- Trina will email Saskatoon members of SAGA asking if anyone is willing to accept position of SAGA secretary
- Bean Feed tickets available from Dean's office ; Bean Feed is formal event where College of AgBio acknowledges scholarship winners ; connects student with donor at same table
- Trina suggested SAGA consider sponsoring an award for a student ; will be discussed at a future meeting
- Alicia Wehrkamp (Student Recruiter/First Year Experience Coordinator) did a presentation at the AgBio Lunch and Learn – Ali has been visiting several schools promoting the college

Membership Committee - (Registrar, Membership, Website)

- Trina Mortson indicated that the membership list was up to date
- Al Scholz reported on the Resume & Interview workshop held Oct 1 ; number of students participating was down, number of volunteers was also down ; there was also less sponsorship this year, so the event will require additional revenue to financially break even
- For future years, Al suggested that SAGA produce a one page promo to display and distribute ; discussion on whether this promo piece already exists ; Grant Wood and Vern Racz duplicated a business card and letter to include in the grad packages for all ag grads ; this should be reviewed ;
- ACTION: Grant will get copies and distribute at next meeting
- If SAGA is to continue its involvement in the Resume & Interview workshop, they need to delegate an individual to assist SIA in getting sponsorship dollars, promoting the event to students, and getting volunteers to help with the interviews ; activities should start in June
- At a previous meeting there was discussion of SAGA co-sponsoring this event ; since the event incurred a loss this year, Al Scholz asked if SAGA would be willing to split the costs of the loss ; discussion about whether this was approved at a meeting or just discussed at a meeting
- ACTION: tabled until Grant Wood find the discussion thread or finds approval in meeting minutes ; discussion about including the finances in this years budget or next years budget ; IF the board agrees to split the cost of the loss then it was generally felt we should incur the expense in the current years budget ; for this to happen, Grant will need to circulate information and ask for an email vote

Reunion

- Once the fee for the banquet is set, Trina Mortson, Al Scholz & Grant Wood will coordinate the sending of info to all reunion chairs
- Grant Wood to be contact for College and School 1944 and 2009 ; Grant plans to contact the grads from the School and College of 1944 to ask for a photo and some interesting information from each person ; Grant will create a short powerpoint presentation to recognize these past grads during the banquet
- Grant Wood will send updated info to Mayson Maerz so he can update the SAGA website

Banquet/Mixer

- Barb Larson submitted two documents outlining projected costs for the banquet ; if we have less than 250 people, the projected per person cost is \$72.07 per person ; with over 225 people, the cost drops is \$67.12 per person because there will be no room costs with a registration over 225 people
- facing increasing costs from last year, therefore Barb recommends a \$5 fee increase over last year
- MOTION: Barb Larson / Gary Storey that we charge \$70 for early registration and \$85 for late registration; mixer stays at \$15 ; CARRIED
- ACTION: Grant Wood to check with Jill Turner to see if we can include 'mixer only' on the registration form, and if SAGA will be charged a per head fee for this
- Jill Turner (via email) recommends:
 - early registration – up till Dec 23
 - late registration – Dec 24 till Jan 6
 - registration will go live Nov 15
- discussion on how to make the on-site registration go more smoothly :
 - get the registration list from CCDE at least 3 days ahead so can cross reference our membership list with info collected from CCDE form ; get excel file from CCDE and highlight memberships
 - tables grouped by reunion years ; register A-M and N-Z

Curling

- no report

Hockey

- no report

Newsletter

- please submit all information to Ewald Lammerding by Nov 15 - at latest

Alumni

- Trina announced that The Honourable Charles Mayer (BSA '64) is receiving the alumni achievement award for 2013 ; http://alumni.usask.ca/awards/alumni_association_achievement/
- ceremony will be held Oct 24, 5:30 TCU Place, Saskatoon
- ACTION: during the presentation of the reunion years, mention should be made about The Honourable Charlie Mayer receiving this award

Hall of Fame

- no report

Crop Production Week

- no update from last meeting ; there is a conference call planned for Oct 22

MAL

- no report

Past President

- Jill Turner submitted a report, read by Grant Wood
- Registration through the CCDE will remain at \$10/head ; Jill will add curling to the registration form if desired
- Letters to Honourary Life Members have been mailed ; Jill and committee will begin collecting information
- MOTION: that SAGA again use the registration services of CCDE for this reunion year ; Barb Larson / Darcy Jones: CARRIED

President Report

- All is going well ; thanks to everyone for getting prices set so we can begin to market the reunion weekend ; if anyone knows of a free source of advertising / marketing, please let Grant know.
- Grant to contact Western Producer

7. New / Other business

- Discussion on the role of the reunion weekend, the changing face of ag grads, and how SAGA can be more responsive to the needs of its membership
- ASA represents a small portion of the ag students ; possibly include other student groups
- - recent grads are segregated rather than one big group ; four degrees rather than one now being offered ; smaller groups to stay in contact with
- students socialize differently now than before ; may not use reunion weekend as a means of socializing
- present events may not be desirable for recent grads ; Kaiser tournament, bridge tournament, video game tournament, ???
- several people liked the idea of a joint event between fourth year students and recent grads, as a way to encourage them to participate in SAGA
- suggested that a small committee be formed to further investigate this topic ; volunteers? Al Scholz, Grant Wood, Trina Morston, Al McDougald

8. Next meeting: Tuesday, Nov 5 2D21 Agric Building 7:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment – Barb Larson