



Apas in Action. (Feb'10)

Welcome

Welcome to the third edition of the monthly APAS e-newsletter, **APAS IN ACTION**, dedicated to bringing you the latest news on how your general farm organization is working for Saskatchewan farmers. The **APAS IN ACTION** monthly update will be distributed to you by email at the end of each month in order to ensure that timely information is available for your next monthly RM Council meetings.

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The month in review

February 2010

- President Greg Marshall, Vice President Don Connick and Policy Manager Doug Faller participated in the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) Annual General Meeting in Ottawa on February 22 to 25, 2010. The meeting included a variety of speakers including the Honourable Gerry Ritz and other experts who discussed the future of agricultural policy in Canada. Livestock, grains and oilseeds, safety nets, and grain transportation were amongst the key issues debated by delegates. APAS had significant impact on the policy discussion in that nine of the resolutions passed at the 75th AGM were introduced by APAS. Agreement is growing within the CFA membership of the vital need for a National Food Strategy for Canada.
- The APAS Board of Directors met in Regina on February 16, 2010. In addition to reports from the President and General Manager, agenda items included discussion on producer car delisting and the rail service review; APAS support of a Ducks Unlimited project; 2010 member renewal and recruitment; AGM plans; and surface rights issues.
- President Greg Marshall addressed the 44th Annual General Meeting of the Saskatchewan Conservation and Development Association outlining the role and priorities of APAS.
- Directors and staff were busy throughout the month with 9 meetings with Rural Municipal councils to discuss the role, activities, and priorities of APAS.
- The President and General Manager made a presentation to the West Central Municipal Committees Association which involves over 50 rural and urban municipalities.
- APAS representatives participated in a focus group with the Canadian Agricultural Human Resources Council (CAHRC) in Regina in early February. Vice President Don Connick represents APAS on the Board of Directors of CAHRC and participated in the CAHRC Annual General Meeting in Ottawa at the end of February.
- Policy Manager Doug Faller participated in a strategic planning workshop of the Saskatchewan Farmers' Markets Association on behalf of APAS to assist with facilitation of the event. The objective of the Association is to involve more Markets and to grow the Association. APAS supports individual Markets and the Association as important vehicles of bringing consumers and farmers together and promoting Saskatchewan food products.
- APAS staff have been busy with planning and organizing the 10th Anniversary Annual General Meeting of APAS which will be held in Regina on March 22-24, 2010.

For more information on APAS activities, visit us online at www.apas.ca

Apas is

Saskatchewan's general farm organization formed to provide farmers and ranchers with a democratically elected, grassroots, non-partisan, producer organization based on rural municipal boundaries. As the united voice of thousands of agricultural producers in Saskatchewan, we strive to represent the views of a wide variety of agricultural stakeholders in order to form comprehensive policies that can benefit all sectors of society.

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