



## Apas in Action. (March'10)

### Welcome

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### March 2010

- The big news this month was the APAS AGM, held March 22 to 24 at the Regina Inn in Regina. The meeting kicked off on Monday evening with the Buying Local Feeding Global reception, held in partnership with the SFPA and STEP. For complete AGM details, photos and downloads, visit [www.apas.ca](http://www.apas.ca) and follow the links on our home page or click [[HERE](#)]
- All of the Policy and Organizational Committees of APAS met prior to the Annual General Meeting to discuss policy and other issues to be addressed at the AGM. The value in the work of these Committees is evident in higher quality policy discussions and positions by APAS.
- The Board of Directors of APAS met on March 22 in Regina. Agenda items included reports from the President and General Manager; Committee Reports; review of Financial Statements; review of the budget for 2009-2010; and review of the draft outline for the APAS Submission to the Rail Freight Service Review.
- The General Manager participated in a conference call and meeting of the Steering Committee for the Producer Payment Security Project. Scott Wolfe Management has completed the final report for the second phase of this Project which further evaluates insurance and funds-based mechanisms for producer payment security in Canada.
- Directors, R.M. Representatives and staff were busy throughout the month attending 14 meetings with R.M. Councils and 4 Ratepayers' Meetings to discuss the role, activities, and priorities of APAS.
- President Greg Marshall participated in the Annual General Meeting and a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Western Grains Research Foundation. President Marshall serves on the WGRF Board and Communications Committee on behalf of APAS.
- Director Norm Hall and Policy Manager Doug Faller participated in a consultation by the Ministry of the Environment specifically for the agricultural sector on the proposed climate change regulations in Saskatchewan.
- Senior representatives of APAS met with Dr. Robert Bailey of Delta Waterfowl to discuss the potential of an alternative land use service demonstration project in Saskatchewan.

### 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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