



## Apas in Action. (April '10)

### Welcome

Welcome to the fifth 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. **If you are receiving this as an APAS Member RM Rep, Administrator or Reeve (Member or Non-Member)**, we encourage you to share this information with your council at your next scheduled meeting and with ratepayers in your RM whenever possible. Please feel free to circulate this newsletter to your council, local producers and interested ratepayers.

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### April 2010

Over the course of April, APAS Executives and staff met with the ratepayers or councils for the RMs of Lumsden, Garry, Lakeview, Rocanville, Britannia, and many others in order to provide the province's agricultural producers with updated information on APAS' key activities and current focus. APAS was also invited to present at the North East Rural Municipal Governments meeting that was held in Veregin.

APAS welcomes back the following past members for 2010: Moose Creek, Martin, Moosomin, Wood River, Star City, Lost River and Dundurn. We also welcome the following Rural Municipalities as new members of APAS for 2010: Wreford, Morris, Wolverine and Aberdeen. APAS Directors, Representatives and staff look forward to working with these RM Councils and ratepayers to strengthen and enhance the united voice of agriculture in Saskatchewan.

This month, President Greg Marshall attended the **Prairie Farm Leaders** meeting in Winnipeg; the **Canadian Federation of Agriculture Board of Directors** meeting in Ottawa and the **Western Grains Research Foundation Board of Directors** meeting in Saskatoon.

The **APAS Board of Directors** met in Regina on April 14 & 15. In addition to the regular business of the organization, the Board's discussions included a review of Canada's proposed National Food Strategy, the APAS Submission to the Rail Freight Service Review and proposed Climate Change/Carbon Credit legislation and regulations in Saskatchewan.

APAS was invited to appear before the **Standing Committee on Agriculture** when the Committee toured Saskatchewan on April 28. APAS Communications Consultant Aj Thakker outlined the Association's positions and policies on the challenges facing young farmers and the future of farming. APAS' recent study on the subject was requested as a written submission to the Standing Committee as well.

APAS staff spent significant time this past month following up on the success of the **Buying Local Feeding Global** reception held as part of our 2010 AGM. APAS and our partners, including STEP and SFPA, have been invited to promote the exceptional quality of Saskatchewan's agricultural and food processing industries at the Farm Progress Show International Business Centre reception on June 15.

Policy Manager, Doug Faller completed APAS' Submission to the **Rail Freight Service Review Panel** late in April. The Submission, along with those sent in by other agricultural and industry groups, will be posted on the Rail Freight Service Review website at <http://www.tc.gc.ca/policy/acg/rfs-review-examen-sfm/sbmsns-eng.htm>. Doug also attended the Annual General Meeting of the Hudson Bay Route Association to provide a presentation on APAS and the transportation policy concerns of our members.

APAS is excited to welcome our new Senior Administrative Assistant, Ms. Tara Pelle, who will be starting at APAS on May 17.

### **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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