

2016 Annual Report
Proceedings of the 88th Annual Meeting
Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association Inc.

Ballroom B, Saskatoon Inn, Saskatoon, Sask.

January 11, 2017

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Roy Klym at 1:20 p.m. Approximately 140 members and guests were in attendance. In his opening remarks, he welcomed the members and several guests, including: CSGA President Kevin Runnalls of New Liskeard, ON; Glyn Chancey, Executive Director from CSGA Ottawa; visiting delegates from Manitoba, Alberta and Ontario Seed Growers Associations, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada personnel; University of Saskatchewan Crop Development Centre personnel; Canadian Seed Institute personnel and representatives from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture.

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion (Jason Gizen/Donna Edwards) That the agenda for the 88th annual meeting be approved. Carried.

2. Disposal of Minutes

Motion (Bill Hetland/Jason Gizen) That the minutes of the 87th annual meeting of January 13-14, 2016 be approved. Carried.

3. Appointment of Committees

President Roy appointed Laurie Wakefield and Mike Shewchuk to the Nominations Committee and asked for further nominations from the floor.

Motion (Donna Edwards/Terry Ardell) That nominations for the Nominations Committee cease. Carried.

President Roy appointed Shawn Fraser and Kurt Printz to the Resolutions Committee, and asked for further nominations from the floor.

Motion (Don Nakonechny/Bob Rugg) That nominations for the Resolutions Committee cease. Carried.

4. President's Report

Roy presented the President's Report, and expressed his appreciation to the Board of Directors for their service over the past year, as well as to the advisors who serve with the Board. He recounted many of the issues that are affecting seed growers, including the CSGA strategic plan and the development of the Seed Synergy concept, where six seed industry stakeholders have gotten together to define areas where the Canadian Seed System can be improved.

The six groups include the Canadian Seed Growers' Association (CSGA), Canadian Seed Trade Association (CSTA), Canadian Seed Institute (CSI), Commercial Seed Analysts Association of Canada (CSAAC), Canadian Plant Technology Agency (CPTA) and CropLife Canada. The leaders of these six organizations have outlined a draft vision for a next generation seed system through a number of objectives, characteristics and functions. These are not National Issues. They are Our Issues", he told members.

Roy took the opportunity to congratulate the induction of former SSGA President Donna Edwards into the Saskatchewan Hall of Fame, which is being announced this week, with the official ceremony in April. He concluded by thanking the members for their support and urged their participation as the various issues are brought before the meeting.

Motion (Les Trowell/Bob Rugg) That the President's Report be accepted as presented. Carried.

5. Executive Director's Report

Dave Akister presented the Executive Director's report, reviewing the operations of the provincial office and the activities of the Board and the Association. Over the past year, some new initiatives have been undertaken to address some of the challenges facing the seed industry. This time last year, there was talk

of change and renewal, of new people in various leadership roles and the start of CSGA's strategic planning process.

A couple years ago, there was talk of Circular 6 and the need to bring it more in line with modern seed production standards. There was talk about the need to recognize the professionalism of seed growers and the need, in some cases, for more advanced training for different crop kinds and the status of the crops being produced. Efforts were initiated at a meeting in Saskatoon over a year ago to start the development of an association of Authorized Seed Crop Inspection Service providers and it has now become a reality.

However, as the Association moves forward with these projects, others have gone by the wayside. The pilot project on improving crop insurance for higher generation seed crops has been terminated—primarily due to a lack of interest by seed growers. A survey was sent to more than 200 seed growers and only 13 responded. Although the majority of those indicated they would be in favour of improved coverage, it's hard to justify further investment in the project without additional interest from seed growers.

The Board has been active on all of these issues in addition to its regular meetings in January, March, June and November; representing members at the CSGA annual meeting in Riding Mountain National Park in Manitoba and the Interprovincial meeting in Banff; at the annual meetings of Seed Growers in neighbouring provinces, and at meetings of other organizations such as Saskatchewan Advisory Council on Grain Crops; Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame, Canadian Seed Institute, Western Grains Research Foundation, Crop Production Week; Canadian Seed Trade Association; the Seed Industry Advisory Committee and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture.

Dave acknowledged and thanked the Annual Meeting sponsors, including: Alliance Seed Corporation, Bayer CropScience, BioVision Seed Labs, BMO Bank of Montreal, Caliber Seed Services, CANTERRA SEEDS, Cornerstone Credit Union, CPS Proven Seed, Discovery Seed Lab, EMW Industrial, FarmChem, Farrell Agencies Ltd., Federated Co-op, FP Genetics, Grain Millers Inc., Lewis M. Carter Mfg., Mastin Seeds, Richardson International, SeCan, Seed Depot, T&L Seeds and Western Producer Publications

He also expressed his thanks to President Roy, the Board of Directors and the members, for their continued support.

Motion

(Cathy Fedoruk/Wayne Amos) That the Executive Director's Report be accepted as presented. Carried.

6. Education and Publicity Report

Shawn Fraser presented the Education and Publicity Report, reviewing the past year's activities. He updated members on the various projects being undertaken by the E&P committee, including ongoing training for the Board of Directors and members

SSGA has embarked on a Strategic Planning session of its own, which resulted in a reaffirmation of this organization's mission statement, which includes: Serving as the Official Voice of members to industry and government; Providing members with learning and networking opportunities; Advocating for the issues and policies important to members; and Building strong relationships with key industry partners. Work on each of those four key pillars is happening this week.

He elaborated on a session to be held in Saskatoon in March when members will be asked to participate in a two-day seminar on what's necessary to modernize Circular 6; what type of Seed Grower training is needed; and what will the seed industry look like moving forward. That week will culminate with a "Build your Binder" workshop when experts from CropLife will help seed growers work through the development of their own Seed Treatment quality assurance manual.

Motion

(Shawn Fraser/Jason Gizen) That the Education & Publicity Committee report be approved. Carried.

7. National Directors' Report

Joe Rennick and Bob Rugg gave the National Directors' report, reviewing some of the issues facing the Canadian Seed Growers Association. Two meetings of the CSGA Board have been held over the past year. They reviewed the work of the various committees they are involved with, including Circular 6,

Governance, Appeals and Education & Publicity.

Joe reported on changes to Circular 6, including adjustment of industrial hemp standards; adjustment to wheat varietal purity standards; new application deadline dates for seed crop applications, now that 98% are made on line; and a new section is being developed for hybrid cereals. A full review of Circular 6 will be launched in the next few months which will include format changes (separating standards from guidelines) and development of a mobile version in addition to a review of land use, isolation distances and impurity standards.

Work is continuing on the Seed Grower Professional Recognition Project which includes four phases: a needs analysis; development of standards; training and certification. A member engagement project is also underway which targets all 3,500 CSGA members for their input on CSGA's strategic plan and other initiatives that are underway.

Bob reported on the Appeals Committee and the operational activities of CSGA. He said that with the launch of the new online application tool, 98% are now received on line and application dates are being adjusted because 23% of the winter cereals applications were late this year, probably due to weather conditions. A total of 14,816 fields were inspected this year, down 746 fields from 2015m but plots were up by 248 to a total of 2,647.

There were 12 appeals made for consideration by the Appeals Committee, with one accepted. Less than 1% of fields have been declined annually in recent years. A total of 2,511 letters have been sent to growers in the 2016 crop year for reasons ranging from tags to previous land use concerns, 405 of them to Saskatchewan growers. In addition, CSGA has responded to 2,588 phone calls, 1,445 emails and 791 online chats. The busiest day was July 7 when the National office dealt with 177 grower queries.

Bob also reviewed the membership and acreage across the country, with Saskatchewan producing 327,480 acres, down 5,813 acres from last year. Pedigreed Seed Acreage across Canada totalled 1,326 million acres. Wheat is still the primary crop with more than 350,000 acres, but soybeans are a close second, topping more than 300,000 acres. Membership is holding at just over 3,500 members, a level it has been at for the past decade.

Motion

(Gerald Girodat/Joe Pinder) That the National Directors' Report be approved as presented. Carried

8. Financial Report

The Auditor's Report was presented by Executive Director Dave Akister, outlining the Association's financial position for 2016. The report showed total revenues of \$183,104 and expenses of \$154,729, for an operating surplus of \$28,375. The reduced income is due primarily to surplus received from hosting the CSGA annual meeting in 2014, and expenses dropped in travel and E&P program costs. All other categories were comparable to previous years.

Current member equity in the Association is \$335,812 compared to \$307,437 reported last year. Highlights of the report included income of \$19,219 from publication of the Seed Guide; \$24,950 in sponsorship; and \$5,000 from a Growing Forward II grant. SSGA continues to support the Variety Performance Evaluation trials in the amount of \$10,000.

Motion

(Maurice Palmier/Donna Edwards) That the Financial Report be approved as presented. Carried.

9. 2017 Budget

SSGA Vice President Cathy Fedoruk reviewed the financial affairs of the Association and presented the budget for 2017. She outlined the increased activities that the Association is undertaking, and the projected number of acres and membership anticipated. Cathy projected revenues of \$167,450 and expenses of \$172,175 for an operating deficit of \$4,725. Membership revenue is anticipated to be about \$123,750 based on 325,000 acres and 525 members. In comparison to 2016 actual costs, the 2017 budget was presented as follows:

Receipts	Actual 2016	Budget 2017
Growing Forward 2 Grant	5,000	0
Interest	7,686	1,200
Membership Fees	124,078	123,750
Miscellaneous Income	0	0
Proceeds from Meetings	2,171	2,500
SaskSeed Communications	19,219	20,000
Sponsorship	<u>24,950</u>	<u>20,000</u>
	\$183,104	\$167,450
Disbursements		
Advertising & Promotion	0	1,500
Agribition	0	165
Annual Meeting	30,621	32,000
Crop Production Week	0	500
Educational Programs	6,517	5,000
Grants	2,500	2,000
Interest & Bank Charges	226	275
Membership/Registration	2,132	2,000
Miscellaneous	0	500
Newsletters/website/promotions	2,044	2,000
Office Contract	32,448	33,750
Office Contract Extension	10,433	9,985
Office Supplies	3,397	2,800
Postage & Mailing	2,159	2,000
Professional Fees	7,444	7,500
Sask Variety Performance Group	10,000	10,000
Telephone & Fax	2,199	2,200
Travel - Board	14,529	16,000
Travel - Out of Province	22,701	34,000
Travel - Staff	<u>5,469</u>	<u>8,000</u>
	\$154,729	\$172,175
Surplus (Deficit):	\$ 28,375	(\$4,725)

Cathy reported that the March Course would constitute the majority of the E&P budgets and the increase in the Board Out of province and Staff travel costs were a reflection of the projected meeting locations. The CSGA Annual Meeting will be held in Halifax in July and Kingston, ON is planned for the November Interprovincial Meeting.

Motion (Cathy Fedoruk/Joe Rennick) That the 2017 Budget be approved as presented. Carried.

Motion (Maurice Palmier/Dennis Gregoire) That Virtus Group Chartered Accountants of Saskatoon be retained as the Association's auditors for 2017. Carried.

10. **Weed Seeds Order: What do Growers Need to Know?**

Tanya Staffen, National Operations Specialist with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) in Saskatoon outlined the recent changes to the federal Weed Seeds Order (WSO). It is a ministerial order under the Seeds Act and plays a critical role in preventing the introduction of new weed species into Canada by limiting their presence in seed sold or imported into this country.

She outlined the four classes of weed seeds, including Prohibited Noxious, Primary Noxious, Secondary Noxious and Noxious, and reviewed the amendments to the Order. Changes include the addition of a new species of concern as well as the reclassification of some species to reflect current information and distribution. There was also a removal of some species which are now considered crop kinds, such as Chicory and Camelina.

She reminded growers that Class 2 Primary Noxious weed seeds applies to all Grade Tables of Schedule 1 of the Seeds Regulations. The amendments made to the WSO were only changes to the species listed

in each class, and no changes were made to the Regulations. Section 7 which states that seed shall be free from cleavers is unchanged and still applies. She said the definitions for the various classes were drafted at workshops in 2008 as guidelines, rather than strict criteria, and some might not exactly meet the definition of the class they are in.

In response to questions, Tanya said that there were a number of factors considered for the changes and additions, including stakeholder proposals; risk assessment; herbicide resistance and those considered weeds in foreign countries. She said all seed lots sold as of Nov. 1, 2016 must be compliant with the new Weed Seeds Order and urged processors, graders and analysts to become familiar with the new WSO.

11. **The Pedigreed Seed Picture: Quantity, Quality and Questions**

Bruce Carriere of Discovery Seed Labs spoke about the quantity and quality of pedigreed seed supplies that could be expected across the province in 2018. He told members that for the most part, he could just take last year's report and say "ditto". Any seed that came off before the harvest rains is really good, but quality is limited after that time.

Diseases in cereal crops are much higher than the long term averages, while pulse crops are slightly above average. He reviewed *F. graminearum*, which causes tombstone or scab in the seed. There is no correlation between vomitoxin (VOM) and the percentage of seed infection and no correlation between visual count (Fuzz count) for grading and percentage of seed infection. He showed growers the *F. graminearum* infection by Crop District to give them a better idea of what was happening in their area. He suggested using seed lots with low levels of infection; use seed treatments; increase seeding rates; use varieties with some level of resistance, and plan on applying a fungicide.

Germination testing is all over the board with 29% of the wheat seed, 70% of durum; 18% of barley, 14% of oats, 17% of field peas, 25% of lentils and 20% of the flax samples tested showing less than 85% germination. His expectations for spring planting indicate that barley, flax, field pea, soybean and faba bean acreage will all be up; canola, chickpeas and oats would be flat, while durum and lentils will probably be down.

12. **Resolutions Committee Report**

Resolutions Committee Chair Shawn Fraser reviewed the rules and announced that written resolutions were now being accepted. He reported on the action taken on the 2016 resolutions.

13. **Nominations Committee Report**

Nominations Committee Chair Laurie Wakefield announced that nominations were being accepted for the positions of President; Vice President, two Directors to serve two-year terms; and one National Director to serve a two-year term.

14. **Hybrid Cereals - Embarking on an Odyssey for Answers**

President Roy called on Lorna Pahl of Strathmore, AB, the North American Product Manager for Bayer CropScience to moderate the panel discussion: "Hybrid Cereals - Embarking on an Odyssey for Answers". Panellists included: Dr. Curis Pozniak, Plant Geneticist and Wheat Breeder, U of S CDC, Saskatoon; Mike Scheffel, Director of Policy & Standards, CSGA, Ottawa; Willie Drost, Senior Specialist Seed Standards, CFIA Seed Section, Ottawa and Rod Merryweather, CEO, FP Genetics, Regina

Dr. Curis Pozniak opened the discussion by explaining hybrid wheat -- their advantages and challenges. Hybrid wheat is a cross between two pure lines and each hybrid variety has genes from both parent varieties. Hybrid varieties have the potential to boost wheat yields by 10 percent or more, stabilize yields under less than ideal growing conditions and help to maintain wheat as a profitable crop.

However, it comes with challenges. It requires effective pollination control systems and restoration systems; it requires heterotic (hybrid vigour) gene pools that ensure the characteristics of the new variety are stable and lasting; and maintaining the right ratio of male to female plants in seed production has its own challenges, ranging to the volume of seed required to the synchronization of flowering time and minimum isolation distances to limit outcrossing.

Dr. Pozniak said there are a lot of questions to be answered, such as identifying the hybrid advantage; traits other than yield which will bring value; the relative price of hybrid seed compared to inbreds; the minimum commodity price of wheat to make it worthwhile; agronomic practices to maximize performance and the potential risk of crop failure. There also need to be mechanisms in place to protect intellectual property and collect royalties.

Willie Drost pointed out that there isn't a hybridity test method currently in place, but CFIA is going to have to have something in place in the near future. She said that the Department will have to work on definitions and a test method may have to be submitted at the time of registration. Grade Tables 1 and 2 (wheat and barley) would also be affected. She said they are not considering changes to labelling requirements at this time.

Mike Scheffel said that Circular 6 already has a number of standards set out for hybrid canola, corn and soybeans, but when it comes to hybrid cereals, there may be a new set of challenges to address. Changes will need to be made to Circular 6 and raises questions such as isolation distances and whether hybrids would be more susceptible to outcrossing.

Other considerations would include a definition of hybrid cereals; whether extra rows of male plants need to be sown around the edge of the field; whether extra inspections would be required and additional training of inspectors might be necessary. A special class of Select Seed might be necessary with the plot required at a specific percentage of co-mingled male and female plants of the specific varieties. He acknowledged that CSGA would have to work closely with CFIA to develop regulations moving forward

Rod Merryweather recounted the experiences that his company, FP Genetics, has experienced since it started producing hybrid rye two years ago. The first year featured two 12-acre fields. This year, there were 650 acres planted. The variety is targeting high yields -- about 30% -- and is yielding 100-120 bushels per acre. It's also showing a dramatic reduction of ergot.

He said they are using a technical mixture with male pollinators planted around the outside to protect the crop and then removed before harvest. Isolation distances are at least one kilometre from another rye crop. He said that rye is a niche crop with about 250,000 acres in Western Canada, so about 6,000 acres of seed production will supply the market.

Rod reviewed the potential for CWRS wheat and if half were hybrids, 7.5 Million acres would need to be planted, requiring about 300,000 acres of seed production, all of which would require local production and processing. Hybrid seed would retail for at least 2 times OP wheat (\$25 per bushel or \$50 per acre) and the market would be \$375 Million for seed which is about four times the market value today for CWRS Certified seed.

He said the economics are compelling with a yield 30% higher and better quality than OP (rye) and while additional cost would be \$30 per acre, the gross return would be \$400-600 per acre with a net return to the producer of \$70-\$120 per acre more.

Lorena Pahl moderated a question period that got the audience involved in the discussion. Some questioned what the potential isolation distances would be required and whether it would be an area where public plant breeding would be involved.

Rod indicated that isolation distances would be an issue and could be 20 times that of canola, while Mike felt that the AOSCA isolation distances could be reduced to 25-100 metres. Curtis said that it requires a completely different way of breeding and would cost substantially investment to look at the genetics. It would be "way outside" public breeding programs.

President Roy thanked the panel and the members for the excellent, thought-provoking discussion. The meeting recessed at 5:10 pm, to be reconvened the following morning.

Awards Banquet

SSGA Director Mike Shewchuk presided over the Awards banquet, held in Ballroom B. He introduced Acting Dean Bob Tyler of the College of Agriculture and Bioresources at the University of Saskatchewan, who in turned introduced the recipients of the SSGA Bursaries. Receiving the \$1,000 awards were Maren Borys of Weyburn and Emily Faye of Wishart.

Bob Rugg and Laurie Wakefield presided over the awards presentations. Outstanding Service awards were presented to Denis Gregoire of North Battleford and Les Trowell of Saltcoats while Mike Scheffel of Ottawa was presented with an Honorary Life Membership in the Association. Bob and Laurie also paid tribute to those growers who have achieved significant long service milestones in their pedigreed production careens.

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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Roy Klym at 8:10 a.m.

1. Canadian Seed Growers Association Update

Kevin Runnalls, CSGA President, brought members up to speed on the activities and issues facing the National Seed Growers Association. He talked about new technology that the seed industry will have to deliver such as CRISPR (Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeat) and hybrid cereals. Seed growers will have to raise the bar and it will present challenges and opportunities. CFIA intends to look at the Seed Regulations and where do public and private good fit it.

There are 3,500 members of CSGA and it's a challenge to engage with all of them. CSGA is looking at the modernization of Circular 6; is developing a strategic plan and facing political issues like carbon taxes. "The seed system is a lot bigger than just us", he told members, but CSGA has a lot of advantages to bring to the table. It has a recorded land use history third party inspectors in the field and membership across the country. The seed grower provides a service to the entire agriculture industry

Questions centered on the challenges to the seed crop inspectors and the stress caused by CFIA check inspections. They were told that while CFIA is listening, this is a new system for them as well. For years they served as advisors and counsellors to seed growers, and that role has changed.

2. A Vision for the Future: CSGA's Strategic Plan

Monty Doyle, of the Intersol Group of consultants outlined the latest draft in the CSGA Strategic Plan and the process for engaging members in the discussion. The process was launched at the CSGA AGM last July in Clear Lake, MB with subsequent drafts incorporating feedback from CSGA Staff, CSGA Policy Committee and Board, provincial annual meetings and online engagement, and will culminate with a workshop in Saskatoon in March.

CSGA's proposed Mission Statement is to represent its members, advance the seed industry and (with its partners) deliver and promote a flexible, responsive and cost effective seed certification system in Canada. The Strategic Plan recognized major objectives and Key Results Areas (KRAs) to organize the plan and translate ideas into specific actions designed to facilitate efficient and effective allocation of resources. The started with seven KRAs (Fall 2016), which were subsequently reduced to five: a trusted, High Performing Seed System; Member Support; Sector Growth; Partnerships; and Organizational Efficiency & Effectiveness.

Under the five KRAs, success was defined as the right regulations, systems, and processes to support seed and agriculture sector growth and prosperity (*Trusted, High Performing Seed System*); the right professional development and technical support services to facilitate member success (*Member Support*); a growing seed industry that offers access to profitable new varieties and related value creation and sharing opportunities for members (*Sector Growth*); Industry and Government partners mobilized to enable seed sector success (*Partnerships*); and a CSGA that enables all of the above cost effectively (*Organizational Efficiency & Effectiveness*).

He spent time detailing the 10 most critical sub-objectives under three of five KRAs and soliciting member feedback to help further refine the plan and related questions for the planned online engagement. Questions ranged from reaching a point of self regulation which increases risk, to opening the door for verification of the product instead of the process.

4. Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture. The Year in Review

Mitchell Japp, Cereal Crop Specialist with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, and an advisor to the CSGA and SSGA Boards of Directors, provided an overview of the activities at the Ministry over the

past year. He reviewed the data in the Varieties of Grain Crops, which is published annually in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Seed Guide. He elaborated on fusarium information sessions being conducted by the government and reminded members that they are often the first line of information when discussing topics like resistance versus tolerance and best management practices.

He outlined the province's continuing support for research and industry through Industry Organization Development Fund (IODF), ADF funding; and the Strategic Research Program. The province continues to support the Regional Variety Trials through the Saskatchewan Variety Performance Group. Mitch was also instrumental in putting together a Saskatchewan Seed display for a Royal visit last summer.

7. Nominations/Election of Officers

Nominations Committee Chair Laurie Wakefield presented the committee's slate of officers for 2017 and asked for further nominations from the floor.

a) President - Cathy Fedoruk

Motion (Anita Palmier/Brad Jones) That nominations cease. Carried. With no further nominations, Cathy Fedoruk of Kamsack was declared elected as President for the next one year term.

b) Vice President - Shawn Fraser

Motion (Bob Rugg/Jason Gizen) That nominations cease. Carried. With no further nominations, Shawn Fraser of Wymark was declared elected to a one-year term as vice-president.

c) National Director - Joe Rennick

Motion (Anita Palmier/Larry Littman) That nominations cease. Carried. With no further nominations, Joe Rennick of Milestone was declared as elected as Saskatchewan's nominee to the CSGA Board of Directors for the next two years.

d) Saskatchewan Directors - Two Year Terms - Anita Palmier/Wanda Jones

Motion (Les Trowell/Denis Gregoire) That nominations cease. Carried. With no further nominations, Anita Palmier of Lafleche and Wanda Jones of Wadena were declared elected as directors for two-year terms.

5. New Varieties Update

Dr. Richard Cuthbert, Wheat Breeder with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Semiarid Prairie Agricultural Research Centre. (SPARC) in Swift Current reported on the new Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada varieties that are in development, including several Wheat and Durum varieties. Of note was a CWRS variety that is resistant to FHB and has the lowest DON compared to all the checks in CBWC and yielded 11% higher than Carberry. It also demonstrated resistance to Orange Wheat Blossom Midge and tolerance for diseases such as leaf rust (R), stem rust (MR-R), stripe rust (S-MR) and loose smut (MR).

Dr. Pierre Hucl of the University of Saskatchewan's Crop Development Centre outlined a number of promising varieties that are under development, and/or are moving forward for possible registration in 2017. Plant breeders contributing to the development of new varieties were: Aaron Beattie (barley & oat); Bunyamin Tar'an (chickpea); Pierre Hucl (spring wheat and canary seed); Curtis Pozniak (durum, GP and CPS wheat); Bert Vandenberg (lentil and faba bean); Tom Warkentin (pea); Helen Booker (flax) and Bill Biligetu (forages). Of note were several pea varieties with a good lodging score as well as a malting barley variety and a milling oat variety with good straw strength. A spring wheat variety has the Sm1 gene and CLEARFIELD technology.

9. Resolutions

The Resolutions Committee Chair Shawn Fraser presented one resolution to the members for consideration:

RESOLUTION #1

WHEREAS: The Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association would like to officially recognize the contributions of those individuals and organizations that have assisted in this Association's annual meeting;

BE IT RESOLVED: That Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association extend its sincere appreciation to:

1) the Guest Speakers and program participants for their enlightening presentations, including: Ms. Tanya Staffen, Mr. Bruce Carriere, Dr. Curtis Pozniak, Mr. Mike Scheffel, Ms. Willie Drost, Mr. Rod Merryweather, Ms. Lorena Pahl, Mr. Kevin Runnalls, Mr. Glyn Chancey, Mr. Monty Doyle, Mr. Mitchell Japp, Dr. Richard Cuthbert and Dr. Pierre Hucl;

2) the Sponsors for their generous contributions and support of this annual meeting, including: Alliance

Seed Corporation, Bayer CropScience, BioVision Seed Labs, BMO Bank of Montreal, Caliber Seed Services, CANTERRA SEEDS, Cornerstone Credit Union, CPS Proven Seed, Discovery Seed Lab, EMW Industrial, FarmChem, Farrell Agencies Ltd., Federated Co-op, FP Genetics, Grain Millers Inc., Lewis M. Carter Mfg., Mastin Seeds, Richardson International, SeCan, Seed Depot, T&L Seeds and Western Producer Publications;

3) and to any others who have contributed to the success of this meeting.

Moved by Brennan Wiens

Seconded by Jason Gizen

Carried

In his closing remarks, President Roy expressed his appreciation to the members for their participation at the annual meeting and for their support of the Association. He called Past President Laurie Wakefield forward and presented him with a plaque in recognition of his contributions and service to the SSGA Board of Directors from 2009-2017. As his final act in office, Roy presented newly-elected president Cathy Fedoruk with the official President's Gavel. Cathy recognized Roy's term as President by presenting him with a plaque.

Motion

(Wayne Amos/Brennan Wiens) That the 88th Annual Meeting of the Saskatchewan Seed Growers Association be adjourned. Carried.