

CSAS President Elect's Report
June 24, 2009

I believe we are all set for our up and coming conference in July. As you are all aware the AGM will be held on Tues July 14 (12:30-2:00 pm) with a boxed lunch that is partially sponsored by the Atlantic Forage Dairy Institute, NB. This sponsorship will bring the cost of the lunch down to \$8 per person (as apposed to \$18/person before the sponsorship). The CSAS executive meeting in scheduled for Sunday July 12 from 1:00 pm to 6 pm. Graduate students oral presentations are scheduled for Monday July 13th. The issue of non-CSAS executive members judging graduate student presentations was discussed and it was decided that only CSAS executive take part in the judging. The results of the Graduate Student competition and annual awards will be presented at the CSAS Awards Banquet on Wed July 15th (7:00 pm) at \$60 per person. The CJAS board meeting will be held Tuesday July 14th commencing at 5:00 pm. Approved sponsorship for the CSAS banquet, business luncheon and symposia total \$28,250.00. Sponsors include Wetaskiwin Co-op Assoc., Chris Hansen, Inc., Varied Industries Corporation, CSAS, Atlantic Dairy Forage Institute, Lallemand and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. As indicated in the mid-year report companies were less interested in providing funding this year which we assume has something to do with the global financial situation. It was because of this that CSAS was requested to support CSAS symposia speakers for a total amount of \$8000.00 which was confirmed in April by the CSAS executive. With this funding the organizing Committee expect a break even to positive financial scenario. I will be attending the CJAS board meeting on July 14 in Montreal as the liaison between CSAS and CJAS. Discussions are currently being held regarding conference locations and venues for 2010-2012. Currently suggestions have been made for a joint meeting with the Canadian Society of Agronomy in Saskatoon for 2010, the Canadian Meat Council Association for 2011 and the American Society of Animal Science for 2012. At this time no confirmations have been made.

Respectfully submitted,

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