



CONVENTION NEWSLETTER 2020

A very successful Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, via Zoom meeting format. 13 members plus the Secretary attended.

Following opening greetings, a moment's silence was held in respect of the passing of former members in 2020: Mel Stroeder of Humboldt and Harold Prochner, of Saskatoon.

Sponsors were recognized. Minutes of the 2019 AGM were read. Committee reports were presented by the committee heads, including the financial statement for the year ending September 30, 2020. Correspondence from the new Registrar of the Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority sparked discussion about meeting with the Authority to discuss the Auctioneers Act and its regulations.

Resolutions that passed included:

1. Accountant for review of the 2021 financial records was appointed.
2. 2021 Convention and AGM will be held on November 24, 2020 in Regina, in conjunction with Canadian Western Agribition
3. Remuneration and mileage rate for board meetings will be held at current rates
4. Following the 2021 convention, AGMs will be held for 3 years via zoom. The fourth year convention and AGM will be held live, and will include an Auction Era Induction. Auction Era inductions will change to once every four years.

The resolution to dissolve the SAA at the 2020 AGM was defeated, by a margin of 1 for, and 12 opposed. Lengthy discussion occurred, with each attending delegate provided with an opportunity to voice his/her opinion on the resolution. Many insightful comments were made, and the new board has pledged to continue its work on validating membership in the SAA, and the SAA's presence in the auction community as well as dealing with the provincial government.

Dan Heslip was elected onto the Board of Directors, following the expiration of board member Bruce Schapansky's term. Richard Barnsley was appointed by the Board of Directors to a further three year term on the Board of Trustees. He had just completed his first term.

An online fundraiser auction was held in conjunction with the AGM, with Barrie Jung and Bruce Schapansky Auctioneers providing the administration. The board would like to thank Barrie and Bruce for providing their expertise in conducting the sale.

Immediately following the AGM, an organizational meeting of the new board of directors was held. Election results for executive positions are:

President: Des Plewman

Vice-President: Barrie Jung

Treasurer: Dan Heslip

Committees for 2020:

Legislation: Riley McChesney, Barrie Jung, Des Plewman, Kelly Clark

Agribition: Riley McChesney, Kelly Clarke

Convention: Jo-Ann Ganzedrt

Resolutions: Dan Heslip

Nominations: Riley McChesney

Grievance/Liaison: Barrie Jung, Riley McChesney

Auction Era: Kelly Schneider

Membership: Kelly Clarke

Decision to generate a survey to be distributed to all members inquiring if they attended the AGM. If so, what did they like/dislike? If not, why did they choose not to attend?

The next meeting will be held on March 10, 2020¹ via Zoom.