

Dear Convention Delegate:

Welcome to Prince Albert 2019 – SAASE Annual Convention

2018 has come and gone, and this is hoping that it was a great year. There continue to be many opportunities in rural Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan's Agricultural Societies and Exhibitions continue to play a part as leaders in communities across Saskatchewan. There are tremendous opportunities for all of us to better market our events, as well as partner with new groups. The whole key is that we never stop learning what we can do to make our agricultural societies, events and communities better. Join us in Prince Albert on March 1st and 2nd for what promises to be a weekend of great workshops and excellent networking.

- **Preconvention Workshops.** There will be 2 separate workshops that will be available to our registered delegates on Friday March 1st. There will be a Serve it Right Saskatchewan workshop, and an Emergency Planning workshop. The workshops are free, but you must preregister for them. The Serve it Right Saskatchewan workshop is limited to the first 20 delegates registering – with a maximum of 1 delegate being able to register from each Agricultural Society.
- **Nomination for Election to the Board.** Election of Directors to the Board will take place at the convention. There are three positions eligible for election each year. Each society, being a member in good standing with SAASE, is eligible to nominate a candidate for election to the Board. Biographical sketches of those whose nomination is received at SAASE Office by February 15 will be included in the convention handouts. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor of the meeting. Early, written nominations assist the nominating committee in knowing how many nominees they must seek prior to the annual meeting in order that there is a full slate of officers. Your society secretary has the nomination forms.
- **Who can vote at the AGM?** Only members in good standing are eligible to vote. Each Member Society can appoint ONE voting delegate. Voting delegates will receive their voting cards at the convention.
- **Come for the boost!** One of the greatest rewards of attending a convention is the new friends you will make and the friendships you will renew. As volunteers sometimes our batteries run down and the SAASE Convention can be a real boost to the system.
- **Enjoy the hospitality of Prince Albert!** The Prince Albert Exhibition will be rolling out the welcome mat.

This Year's Great Convention Deals

Bring someone from your Agricultural Society that has never been to the SAASE convention before and that person's registration is free. Friday Preconvention Workshops – Free to delegates, but you must register.

Convention Information:

Date: March 1st and 2nd, 2019

Place: All Sessions and meals to take place on the Prince Albert Exhibition grounds in the Convention Centre

Host: Prince Albert Exhibition

Accommodation - This year's host hotel is the Prince Albert Super 8 - their address is 4444 2nd Ave West, Prince Albert, SK, S6V 5R7. Room rates are \$125 + taxes. The rooms must be booked by January 30th. The Super 8's phone number is (306) 953-0088. Make sure that you mention that you are with the SAASE Convention.

Convention Registration Fee: \$90 payable to SAASE. Fees are fully refundable with 2 weeks prior notification of non-attendance.

Fee Includes: Friday Workshops, Friday night supper and social, Saturday Breakfast and Awards Luncheon, refreshment breaks, and session handouts.

Early Registration: Delegates whose registration and fees are postmarked **prior to February 3rd** are eligible for the discounted registration fee of \$75.

Serve it Right Saskatchewan: The workshop includes lunch and is free, but you must register to attend. Fill out the Serve it Right Saskatchewan registration form in this package and return it to the SAASE office.

Emergency Planning Workshop: The workshop includes lunch and is free. Fill out the Emergency Planning Workshop registration form in this package and return it to the SAASE office.

Silent Auction: All participants are invited to donate items for the silent auction. Suggested minimum value - \$25.00. Bring your article to registration. Remember all funds raised will support the SAASE/Clark and Anne Lewis Memorial Scholarship fund.

Awards Luncheon: Extra Luncheon tickets for guests are available by prior purchase for \$25. Those ordered from SAASE Office 306 565-2121 **by February 15th** are guaranteed. A limited number of tickets *may be available* at registration desk.

2020 Invitation: SAASE will be looking for a location for the 2020 Annual Convention. Have your "pitch man" primed to win over the crowd. Should more than one invitation be received, delegates will vote on their choice. Those wishing to present a bid should contact Glen at the SAASE office before February 15. If you want more information about what hosting involves, call Glen.

Features:

There will be some great programs at the SAASE Annual Convention in Prince Albert, and we hope all of you will try to make it.

- **SaskEnergy Volunteer Champions Awards Luncheon** – Join us for the awards luncheon where we will be honoring our new life members, as well as Volunteer of the year and Achievement of the Year.
 - **Social Evening** – The Prince Albert Exhibition will be entertaining convention goers with a great host evening on Friday March 1st. This is a great time to see some old friends, as well as do some networking and enjoy Prince Albert's hospitality.
 - **Cannabis Legalization and what it means to your Fair** – Dale Tesarowski – Executive Director of Corporate Initiatives and Planning – Government of Saskatchewan Justice – will be giving us an update on what has happened since cannabis has been legalized and what we can expect at our events.
 - **Emergency Planning** – Keri Rolles – Emergency Services Officer – Public Safety Division – Government Relations – will lead the Emergency Planning Workshop. The workshop will focus on Mobile Emergency Command Centre (MECC) Orientation. This orientation will bring standardized tools and procedures that can be applied to Emergency Operations Centres of any size. You will get information on how to put together an Emergency Plan using an emergency planning template that can apply to your operation – taking into account the resources available in your community.
 - **Serve it Right Saskatchewan** - Serve it Right Saskatchewan is the official provincial responsible service of alcohol program. It provides consistent training for the sale and service of alcohol, helping permit holders to ensure that alcohol-related activities are conducted with integrity and in a socially responsible manner. Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:
 - identify what intoxication means and looks like.
 - handle situations involving minors.
 - use an effective approach to discontinue or refuse to sell or serve alcohol
 - understand your legal responsibilities and liabilities.
 - **Round Table Discussions** – Speakers will lead round table discussions on important issues affecting our Agricultural Societies, with the topics to be announced.
 - **Marla Calico** – President and CEO of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions will deliver a great keynote address, as well as help us out with the roundtable discussions.
 - **New Website** – Check out all the features of the new SAASE website. A few of the new features that have been built in are:
 - Creating your own buy, sell and wanted listings for all other associations to see.
 - Chat, create topics and ask questions for others to respond to.
 - Save, review and edit yearly forms with your society information already pre-filled.
 - Add events to your own society calendar and share them across the SAASE website.
 - **SAASE Venture Project Update** – The SAASE board has been working on updating the Venture project Program. Executive Director Glen Duck will update the membership on the changes to the Venture Project Program, as well as answer any questions.
 - **Annual General Membership Meeting** - The AGM of SAASE is an important and integral part of the convention program. The new SAASE Board of Directors will be elected. If interested make sure that you get your nomination forms into the SAASE office. Discussion will also take place on the SAASE long range plan that the Board of Directors have been working on.
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- ◆ **Reserve rooms at the Prince Albert Super 8 - (306) 953-0088. Reserve your rooms early – Reservations must be made before January 30th.**
 - ◆ **Register early to take advantage of the convention early registration discount.**
 - ◆ **See you at SAASE Convention 2019 in Prince Albert**

**SASKATCHEWAN ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES
AND EXHIBITIONS
SAASE CONVENTION – March 1st and 2nd**

Registrations, with fees included, postmarked prior to **February 3, 2018** are accepted at the discounted registration rate of \$75. Registrations received after this date are subject to full registration rate of \$90. Fee includes GST

Please make hotel reservations directly with the Prince Albert Super 8 at (306) 953-0088. Be sure to mention that you are attending the SAASE Convention when you make your reservation, and book your room before January 30, 2019.

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SAASE CONVENTION DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM

I wish to register the following for SAASE Convention, March 1st and 2nd.

Name of Society: _____

Name of VOTING DELEGATE:
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Name of NEW DELEGATE (NO CHARGE)
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Names of OTHER DELEGATES: (Use back of sheet to register additional delegates.)
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FEE ENCLOSED \$ _____

Complete & return with check payable to SAASE to: SAASE, Box 31025 Regina, SK S4R 8R6

Registrations postmarked by February 3, 2019 are at \$75 each; after February 3 - \$90 each.

Serve it Right Saskatchewan Workshop

March 1st - 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Workshop Description

Saskatchewan's Agricultural Societies host many of the biggest events that take place in our communities. Many times these events involve serving alcohol. It is up to us to ensure that we serve our customers in a responsible manner - that we "Serve it Right".

Serve it Right Saskatchewan is the official provincial responsible service of alcohol program. It provides consistent training for the sale and service of alcohol, helping permit holders to ensure that alcohol-related activities are conducted with integrity and in a socially responsible manner.

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- identify what intoxication means and looks like.
- handle situations involving minors.
- use an effective approach to discontinue or refuse to sell or serve alcohol
- understand your legal responsibilities and liabilities.

Upon successfully completing the workshop each participant will receive a certificate for your records.

There is usually a cost of \$50 for this workshop, but the workshop is free with a paid registration to the SAASE convention. Space is limited to 20 people for this workshop – in order to give as many Agricultural Societies access to the workshop – only 1 person from each Agricultural Society will be able to register. Lunch is included

Name of Delegate attending the Serve it Right Saskatchewan Workshop

Emergency Planning Workshop

March 1st – 9 am – 3:00 pm

Workshop Description

Keri Rolles – Emergency Services Officer – Public Safety Division – Government Relations – will lead the Emergency Planning Workshop. The workshop will focus on Mobile Emergency Command Centre (MECC) Orientation. This orientation will bring standardized tools and procedures that can be applied to Emergency Operations Centres of any size. You will get information on how to put together an Emergency Plan using an emergency planning template that can apply to your operation – taking into account the resources available in your community.

Names of Delegates attending the Emergency Planning workshop

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