

Welcome to Moose Jaw 2023

“Together Again” SAASE Annual Convention

2022 has come and gone, and this is hoping that it was a great year. It has been a real challenge, as all of us get back to doing what we do after the pandemic. It has never been more important than it is right now for our Agricultural Societies to play our leadership roles, as well as acting as gathering places for our communities. 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 Moose Jaw on March 10 and 11 for what promises to be a weekend of great workshops and excellent networking.

- Preconvention Workshops - There will be 3 separate optional workshops that will be available to our registered delegates on Friday March 10th. On Friday SAASE in partnership with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation will be hosting a Safety Day Coordinators Workshop. There will also be an Animal rights workshop, and a Board Governance Workshop. The workshops are free, but you must preregister for them.
- Sunday Workshops – will be two separate optional workshops available for those who wish to stay an extra day. The two workshops are a full day. The Serve it Right Saskatchewan workshop will be offered as well as the Food safety handling course. Each course will be offered at no charge to those who wish to take it, but you must register by February 22. We will then know how many people wish to attend.
- Nomination for Election to the Board. Election of Directors to the Board will take place at the convention. There are four positions available this year. George Fowler from Moose Jaw, Lisa Pittman from Arcola and Matt Roth from Rosthern terms have expired. Jocelyn Ritchie – SAASE’s Past President will be moving off the Board. 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 Moose Jaw! The Moose Jaw 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 and Sunday Workshops – Free to delegates, but you must register.