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## 2017 SAASE Convention February 24 - 25

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The SAASE convention will be taking place February 24th - 25th in North Battleford hosted by the Battleford's Agricultural Society. The convention is shaping up to be something you don't want to miss, with some great speakers and sessions planned. The convention is being hosted by the Battlefords Agricultural Society and the host hotel is the Gold Eagle Lodge - located very close to the Exhibition grounds. Contact information and the address for the hotel as well as the website are - [www.goldeaglelodge.com](http://www.goldeaglelodge.com).

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The rate for the hotel rooms are \$130 plus taxes for a double queen. Rooms must be booked by January 23, 2017.

SAASE is partnering on a Consumer Protection - Ecoli workshop on Friday the 24th. The workshop is free, but if you are attending you must register - for more information you can read the article in this month's newsletter.

We will continue Friday with registration for the convention starting at 5:00 pm on Friday. You are encouraged to bring a silent auction item with you. Once again proceeds from the silent auction and 50/50 draws go to the SAASE scholarship program. Our Venture Project program continues to be a great program for our members - Friday night we will be showcasing our approved Venture Projects, with presentations from this years recipients. The SAASE business meeting will follow, with the North Battleford Agricultural Society finishing off the evening with their host night. The volunteers and staff of the Battlefords Agricultural Society have something special planned that you won't want to miss.

Saturday morning we will start with breakfast at 8 and then get going with our keynote speaker - Curtis Weber at 9. Curtis has an amazing story, which will leave you truly inspired. Curtis has spoke all across North

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## President's Message: Vern Bexson

Hey all - it has been a very busy fall - hopefully everyone finished up their harvest. We are now full into the Christmas Season and I hope that everyone has a very merry and safe holiday season. The SAASE Board continues to be very busy, as we work on moving SAASE forward. The 2017 convention is coming up in North Battleford, we are putting the final touches on the program and we hope everyone makes an effort to attend this year's convention.

The convention this year will feature a consumer protection Ecoli workshop on Friday February 24th. It has been a few years since we hosted a workshop and I would encourage you to register for the workshop. Thanks to CAFE for putting this program together. Christina Franc - the new CAFE Executive Director will be coming to our convention, so this is also a chance to meet her.

As we wrapped up our safety day program this year a huge thanks goes out to all of our Agricultural Societies who hosted Safety Days this year. It is because of you that our Safety day program has become one of the biggest and best in Canada. Working with youth has always been a priority of our Agricultural Societies and this great program is just another way that our Agricultural Societies continue to show leadership within our communities. Thanks to all of our partners on the program for continuing to show their support - the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, SaskPower, Progressive Agriculture, Community Initiatives Fund (CIF), and the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association. We were also fortunate enough to work with Farm Credit Canada, Enbridge, the Saskatchewan Safety Council and Viterra on a number of safety days. If you are not hosting a safety day and are interested give Glen a call at the office.

Congratulations goes out to our Executive Director - Glen Duck - at the International Association of Fairs and Expositions convention in Las Vegas he was named State and Provincial Associations of Fairs Executive of the Year. It was nice to see him recognized for the work he does with SAASE and our members. Way to go Glen.

The Venture Project program continues to be a source of seed money to help get new events off the ground or to help redevelop existing events. At this year's convention in North Battleford we will hear reports from this year's Venture Project recipients and their projects. The convention is an excellent place to exchange ideas and see what other Agricultural societies are doing, as well as getting some ideas of what is working and what isn't.

Our convention will be happening in North Battleford - February 24 - 25. The program is just being finalized. The round table discussions that we did last year were very successful, with very positive feedback from those attending, so we will be adding those again this year. The Saskenergy Volunteer Champion Awards Luncheon will be taking place on Saturday the 25th at 12 noon. Our volunteers are what make our organizations successful and communities great places to live. Make sure you nominate a deserving volunteer to our awards program. Our AGM will be taking place the afternoon of the 25th, with the elections to our board of Directors also taking place. If you or someone you know wants to run for the SAASE board get hold of Glen at the SAASE office. Also our board has been working on updating SAASE's strategic plan - we will be reporting on that at our AGM as well. The convention is a great time to network and learn. I hope you and your family have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Vern Bexson - President**

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Contributions to SAASE Newsletter are welcome and will be included as space allows.

The SAASE Office is located in the Canada Centre complex at EVRAZ Place (Regina Exhibition Park) grounds, next door to the Saskatchewan Livestock Association office on the 2nd floor. Visitors are always welcome—give Glen a call at 565-2121 and drop in.

America and has also been a speaker at some of the safety days hosted by our members.

Christina Franc - CAFE's new Executive Director will lead us through a session on social media. Social media is a great way to get the message out about our events, and to also get new volunteers involved with our Agricultural Societies. Christina will lead us through a session on the different platforms available in social media, as well as how we can use it to promote our events and Agricultural Societies.

The SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards luncheon will take place after Christine's social media workshop. This is an opportunity for us to recognize those volunteers that make our Agricultural societies and communities the great places that they are to live. There is still time to get your nominations in to the SAASE office.

After the Awards luncheon we will move into the afternoon sessions. We will run roundtable discussions after lunch with topics yet to be announced, but will be of great interest to those attending.

Our convention will finish up with the SAASE Annual general meeting and elections. If you are interested

in running for the SAASE Board of Directors - give Glen a call at the office. We will also be choosing the location for the 2018 convention. If your community is interested in hosting the 2018 convention - let

Glen know. The SAASE convention gives us all a chance to get together and network with one another. We hope you will make an effort to attend this year's convention in North Battleford.



**Host Hotel - Gold Eagle Lodge - North Battleford**



**Convention host - Battlefords Agricultural Society**

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# E.coli Workshop at the SAASE Convention

SAASE in partnership with the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions will be hosting an E.coli prevention workshop on the Friday February 24th as part of the SAASE convention. The workshop is free, but you must register beforehand so that we know how many resource materials and lunches are required. You can register on the CAFE website, or you will be able to register with the SAASE convention packages, which will be sent out later in December. Below is a description of what will take place in the workshop.

## Workshop Description

The Canadian Association of Fairs & Exhibitions has acquired funding from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to coordinate a national project on prevention of contamination by E.coli and other enteric pathogens at fairs. Our new project began on April 1, 2015 with a Research Component which is

being undertaken in conjunction with scientists at the Lethbridge Agricultural Research Station, and will culminate with workshops being presented in each province in the fall and winter of 2016-17. This will be an important opportunity for participation by all fairs and any other organizations that deal with animal human contact.

Over the years there have been outbreaks of E.coli and various other pathogens at fairs and petting zoos in Canada and the U.S. Thankfully there have been few fatalities. Undoubtedly your ag society wants to protect its attendees from becoming sick – or worse – but you also need to protect your organization. If you find yourself in the newspaper, named as the source of an E.coli outbreak, your event will suffer from a bad reputation and lower attendance for years to come. Or you could find yourself the victim of litigation...also something you can do without!

The E.coli Prevention Workshop will be a full day long, and will provide critical information on what E.coli (and other dangerous pathogens) are, how they can affect and even kill people, how they can be transferred at a fair or livestock/animal event, how you can avoid contamination, how to protect your organization from litigation if someone does get E.coli, how to create traffic patterns at your fair to keep your guests safer, signage, etc.

Workshops will be presented by experts from IAFE (International Association of Fairs & Exhibitions) who present on this topic across North America

And it's all FREE! Participants will go away with a binder of resources as well as an educational DVD.

Certificates will be mailed to all participants after the workshop. For more info call CAFE at 204-571-6377

Protect Your Attendees from E.coli & Other Pathogens.  
Protect Your Event from Liability.



Don't miss this **FREE WORKSHOP!**

Best Practices in E.coli Prevention  
In Conjunction with the SAASE Convention  
Friday February 24, 2017  
North Battleford Exhibition Grounds  
North Battleford, SK

Each participant will receive a free Educational DVD & information binder

To register, go to [www.canadian-fairs.ca](http://www.canadian-fairs.ca) or call 204-761-1550







# Curtis Weber - Keynote Speaker at SAASE Convention

Curtis Weber is the keynote speaker at this year's SAASE convention in North Battleford. Curtis will be delivering his inspirational message on Saturday morning, and it will be definitely something you don't want to miss. Curtis has spoken at a few of SAASE's safety days in the past couple of years, and we look forward to hearing him at this year's convention. Below is taken from Curtis's website.

Seventeen-year-old Curtis Weber was doing his job when he was electrocuted by a 40,000 volt live power line. The incident cost him two limbs and left third and fourth degree burns over 60 per cent of his body. He spent six years recovering. And he got away lucky.

Now Curtis speaks to people of all ages and professions, striving to change the circumstances that lead to injury and fatal accidents in the workplace. He recounts his youth, growing up in an ordinary, hard working Saskatchewan family and as a young teen full of energy with an opportunity to play hockey at a high level. He examines the events that led to his near-fatal injury, by highlighting critical decisions and questions asked and not asked. Curtis shows how his incident could have been prevented. He shares the gruelling challenges faced throughout six years of recovery, and describes the impact his incident had on friends, family, co-workers, and the many professionals entrusted with his care.

Curtis recounts his long and painful recovery, and describes how he found exuberance, gratitude and purpose. Curtis's life today is one fuelled by passion for work, play, friends, and family, and his story inspires and heartens all who hear it.



**CurtisWeber**  
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# SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards

The SaskEnergy Volunteers Champion Awards will be taking place at 12 noon on Saturday February 25 in North Battleford at the SAASE Convention and Annual Meeting. SaskEnergy have been the presenting partner on our awards for a number of years, and SAASE would like to thank them for their continued involvement and the support of all the great volunteers that we have across the province.

The SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards categories include Volunteer of the Year, Honorary Life Membership, SAASE Achievement of the Year and the Agricultural Society Anniversary Award. The applications for nominations are being sent out with the Director's Reports form in the next few weeks. The criteria for the various awards are as follows:

## HONOURARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Criteria for selection:

This honorary award is based on a member's lifetime contribution to the local society, to the community in which they live, to the Province of Saskatchewan and, where applicable, to the national scene.

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:

Criteria for selection:

Presented to an individual volunteer or a volunteer couple, associated with a member society, who has/have made a significant contribution to the society.

- High priority will be given to leadership qualities, innovative ideas, and exceptional service to the society.
- Involvement or participation in agricultural society related activity.
- Knowledge of and dedication to the agricultural society industry.

## ACHIEVEMENT OF THE YEAR:

Criteria for selection:

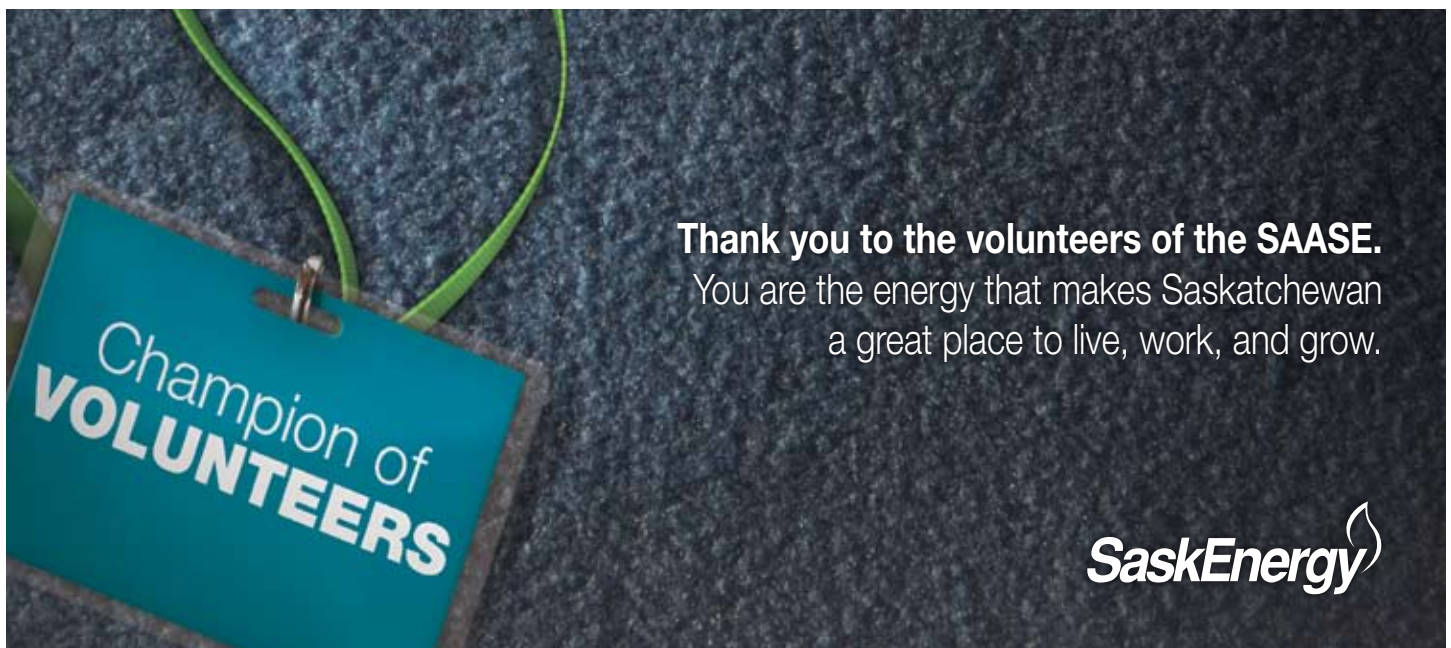
An award presented to the agricultural society organization who is deemed to have achieved the most significant achievement during the year. Achievement is defined as a special accomplishment such as :

- the introduction of a notable new idea or concept;
- a major facilities or grounds development;
- dealing with extreme adversity;
- involvement with industry partners;
- demonstrated community support for the organization

## AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY YEAR AWARD

- Awarded to an agricultural society celebrating a significant anniversary year milestone. Agricultural societies wishing to be recognized will fill out the form in the Awards package being sent out and send it to the SAASE office. A certificate will be presented to that agricultural society at the annual convention.

SAASE President Vern Bexson says that, "SAASE would like to thank SaskEnergy for their continued support of our Agricultural Societies through the Volunteer Champion Awards, as it reaffirms SaskEnergy's commitment to not only SAASE, but also to the communities and our volunteers that our Agricultural Societies represent. The support for this program and our convention helps SAASE make sure that we are able put on a first class awards ceremony. Our volunteers are our lifeblood and this program ensures that we are able to recognize their contributions to our Agricultural Societies and the communities they represent." Make sure you get your nominations in for this year's SaskEnergy Volunteer Champion Awards.



**2017 SAASE Convention****Tentative Schedule**

**All Sessions at the Battlefords Exhibition - AgriVilla Building**

**Friday, February 24, 2017**

<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Consumer Protection Ecoli workshop</b>
<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Lunch (Pre-registration required for workshop)</b>
<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>Consumer Protection Ecoli workshop continued</b>
<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Convention Registration - AgriVilla Building</b>
	<b>Receive Silent Auction Items</b>
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>SAASE Business Session</b>
	<b>Silent Auction Opens</b>
<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Supper - Cash bar</b>
<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Venture Project Presentations</b>
<b>8:30 pm</b>	<b>Battleford Agricultural Society Host evening</b>

**Saturday, February 25, 2017**

<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Breakfast - AgriVilla Building</b>
	<b>Silent Auction Opens</b>
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Keynote - Curtis Weber</b>
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Refreshment Break</b>
<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Social Media 101 - Christina Franc (CAFE Executive Director)</b>
<b>12:00 - 1:30 pm</b>	<b>Awards Luncheon</b>
<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Round table discussions - topics to be announced</b>
<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Refreshment Break</b>
<b>3:30 pm</b>	<b>Silent Auction end</b>
	<b>SAASE Annual Meeting</b>
	<b>Election of board members</b>
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Silent Auction pick up</b>
	<b>Safe Trip Home</b>



# Ministry of Agriculture to Host 3 Board Governance Workshops

Board governance is an area that we all need to work on. At last year's SAASE convention we had an excellent session presented by Tim Carson and Lisa Hardy from the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies. The Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture is looking at running 3 separate Board Governance workshops and have given the opportunity for SAASE members to attend. Below you will find an invitation from Rick Burton - Saskatchewan Agriculture's Deputy Minister - for your Agricultural Society to attend. SAASE would like to thank the Ministry of Agriculture for extending the invitation to our members.



It is my pleasure to invite you to attend a board governance training session hosted by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture. Organizations like yours play an important role in fostering a prosperous agriculture industry in Saskatchewan and we want our industry partners to have access to the tools required to govern effectively. The topic for the day is good board governance, which I truly believe is central to developing effective industry leadership. I hope you decide to take advantage of this opportunity to enhance your capacity in this area.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the training program will run from 8:15 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. Lunch, coffee and a light afternoon snack will be provided. Breakfast will not be served. The training program will be offered on multiple occasions throughout the winter to accommodate your schedule:

December 16, 2016 in Saskatoon  
Ramada Saskatoon  
806 Idylwyld Drive N.  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

January 27, 2017 in Regina  
Travelodge Regina  
4177 Albert St.  
Regina, Saskatchewan

February 22, 2017 in Saskatoon  
Ramada Saskatoon  
806 Idylwyld Drive N.  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Registration is free and there is no limit to the number of people who may be present from your organization, but we recommend that you, both the board chair and general manager or chief executive officer attend, as well as new directors on your board. Please fill out and submit the online registration form. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. You can register online at - <http://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/government-structure/boards-commissions-and-agencies/agri-food-council/register-for-agriculture-industry-board-governance-training/agriculture-industry-board-governance-training-registration> If you have any questions, please contact Jayme Gramlich at 306-787-6586 or by email at [jayme.gramlich@gov.sk.ca](mailto:jayme.gramlich@gov.sk.ca). Below is the tentative agenda for the workshops.

## Draft Agenda

### Time

7:30 a.m.  
8:15 - 8:45 a.m.  
8:45 - 10:00 a.m.  
10:00 - 10:15 a.m.  
10:15 - 12:00 p.m.  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  
1:00 - 2:45 p.m.  
  
2:45 - 3:00 p.m.  
3:00 - 4:15 p.m.  
4:15 - 4:45 p.m.

### Item

Registration begins (regular and decaffeinated coffee and tea provided)  
Introduction, Session Objectives  
Good Governance and Boards of Directors  
Break (regular and decaffeinated coffee and tea provided)  
The Responsibilities of Board of Directors: Compliance and Strategy  
Lunch (meal, and regular and decaffeinated coffee and tea provided)  
The Responsibilities of Board of Directors Continued: Leadership and Ensuring the Work Gets Done  
Coffee Break  
Board Meetings  
Next Steps Planning, Final Questions & Wrap Up



## CAFE Announces New Executive Director

CAFE has hired a new Executive Director to replace Karen Oliver who has retired. Christina Franc is the new Executive Director, and we will all get a chance to meet her at the SAASE convention in North Battleford. Christina will be out to help with the Ecoli workshop taking place on the Friday, as well as delivering a workshop on social media on Saturday during the convention. Below you will find the press release issued by CAFE announcing Christina's appointment.

As a past director of communications, president of the Eastern Canadian Farm Writers Association and co-chair of the Canadian Farm Writers Federation 2017 Conference, Christina brings a wealth of relevant experience to the position. Her bilingualism and dairy farm lifestyle round-out her experience as a perfect match for the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions.



The Board of the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (C.A.F.E.) is pleased to announce Christina Franc as the association's new Executive Director effective November 21, 2016.

As a C.A.F.E. member, Christina has been actively engaged as a member of our association for a number of years. She has presented at convention on social media and grant writing, has been published in Fair News and has participated in the Future Leaders program. Christina comes to C.A.F.E. having been the manager of Expo Ormstown in Quebec and has first-hand knowledge of the work of our members.

Christina is a driven leader. Working with C.A.F.E.'s board, she will lead the organization in its pursuit of our Strategic Plan with a focus on engaging the next generation of Canadian fair professionals. She looks forward to teaming up with Lily Killingbeck, C.A.F.E.'s experienced Administrator, to ensure they meet the needs of C.A.F.E.'s members together.

Karen Oliver will remain as Executive

Director through the upcoming convention in Fredericton, NB (Nov 16-18) and is working with Christina through the transition. We look forward to recognizing Karen's significant accomplishments during her time as Executive Director in the weeks to come. Please join us in welcoming Christina to her new role. I know she looks forward to meeting each and everyone of you.



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# Agribition Showcases Agricultural Education for Students and Families

Another successful Agribition wrapped up on November 26 in Regina. Once again the Family Ag Ed Pavilion played an important role in the show, as agricultural education continues to be an important part of Agribition. SAASE once again partnered with a number of organizations and producer groups with interactive agricultural education displays for the 8,000 students going through the pavilion. Below is a press release from Agribition as the show finished up.

On Saturday, November 26th, the 46th edition of Canadian Western Agribition (CWA) came to an end,

and organizers announced positive results.

Full Contact Jousting and the return of Agribition Pro Rodeo were both huge successes. These events attracted more than 25,000 visitors over five nights, a new entertainment record. Livestock entries were at capacity, with the sheep, goats, horses, and some purebred beef spending their first show in the new International Trade Centre. Cattle sales were strong with the highest selling bull sold at \$70,000 for two-thirds possession.

CWA's international program also

continues to grow as 2016 saw another increase in qualified buyers who doubled their spend at the show from the previous year. The show was visited by over 1,200 international guests from 75 different countries, another new record. "We are excited to see numbers this strong. It's a testament to the show's capabilities to see it thrive and continue to attract people and commerce no matter what's happening in the wider economy," says CWA CEO, Chris Lane.

Trade show also grew this year with a new high of 450 exhibitors, filling up more space than ever before.







Over 8,000 students attended CWA through the registered Education Program. This is an all-time high of registered students. “The feedback we received has been overwhelmingly positive. Visitors and exhibitors had a great year, despite the changes with layout and infrastructure. They are excited for next year and the fully complete International Trade Centre,” notes Stewart Stone, CWA President.

Overall attendance for the 2016 show was more than 123,000 over the six-day event. “Over a five year trend, we are exactly where we expect and want to be. All of the right things are in place for a smart and sustainable growth. We are proud to contribute over \$56 million to the provincial economy,” says Lane.





# SAASE Executive Director Receives Award at IAFE Convention

## Glen Duck Named Executive of the Year

SPRINGFIELD, MO — December 5, 2016 — At the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) 126th Annual Convention, held Nov. 27-30, at the Paris Hotel in Las Vegas, Glen Duck of the Saskatchewan Association of Agricultural Societies & Exhibitions (SAASE) was named the State and Provincial Associations of Fairs Executive of the Year. The Executive of the Year Award goes to an association executive who has been in this position for at least five years. They have to be recommended by their association and are judged on their participation and involvement in their local, state, and the State and Provincial Associations of Fairs.

Duck has served in the fair industry for more than 30 years. He began at the Regina Exhibition (now EVRAZ Place) as manager of the Regina AgriDome (now Brandt Centre) in Regina, Saskatchewan in 1986. He served at the Moose Jaw Exhibition in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan from 1992-2000. While in Moose Jaw, in partnership with the city, he helped implement a municipal composting program using waste from the barns, as well as establishing the Saskatchewan Burrowing Owl Interpretative Centre on the Moose Jaw Exhibition grounds. He began his current position as executive director at SAASE in 2005.

He has been an active member of the Canadian Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (CAFE). He has served as provincial director for CAFE for the past three years.

During his time with SAASE, Duck has been instrumental in the development of funding programs and grant

programs for Saskatchewan agricultural societies, helped enhance the Farm Safety Program for youth, developing mobile agriculture awareness displays, and much more.

In his spare time, Duck enjoys wood carving and collecting music and hockey memorabilia. His wife and best friend for 31 years Jocelyn have two grown children: Michael and Gregory.



**Glen Duck receives Executive of the Year award from State and Provincial Association President Howard Call at this years IAFE Convention in Las Vegas**

## SAASE Receives Funding for 2017 Safety Days

The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) approved funding for SAASE's Provincial Safety Day program. This is the third year that SAASE has been approved, as the CIF also supported the safety day program from 2014 - 2015. The funding will help out by continuing to fund our volunteer safety day coordinators workshop held each October in Regina, as well as assisting with materials for our safety days. This is the third year that SAASE has received funding supporting the Provincial Safety Day Program, allowing SAASE and our Agricultural Societies to continue this important program. Over the past number of years SAASE and our Agricultural Societies have accessed more than \$600,000 for programming and small capital projects through the Community Places and Spaces program. Below is the press release announcing the CIF's funding.

### **CIF will Support 274 Projects through \$4.5 Million in Funding**

The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) is thrilled to announce that Saskatchewan communities will benefit from 274 grants totalling \$4,523,480 from CIF's October 1st, 2016 deadline. CIF supports initiatives that enhance individual and community quality of life and

wellbeing.

With CIF support, Saskatchewan communities benefit by having access to local projects that encourage community development, access to programs and services, inclusion, and leadership. Through its Community Grant Program, CIF approved 157 grants totalling \$2,554,685 supporting projects that contribute to the wellbeing of children and youth, families and communities.

Additionally, 117 projects were approved through the Community Places and Spaces Program, totalling \$1,968,795 in grants supporting small capital renovations that improve the sustainability, accessibility, and long-term use of multi-purpose community facilities.

The October 1, 2016 deadline marks the final intake for this program that was introduced in 2010 and funded through the CIF's accumulated surplus. Over the program's lifespan more than \$16 million was approved to support projects in almost 400 communities across the province. As the surplus has now been fully expended, the Community Places and Spaces Program has ended. "Saskatchewan is home to many strong communities," Parks, Culture

and Sport Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. "The Community Initiatives Fund supports numerous projects that contribute to that strength while building pride and enhancing quality of life." "The programs and initiatives funded by CIF have a profound impact on the quality of life of communities across Saskatchewan," shared Tracey Mann, Executive Director of the Community Initiatives Fund. "We are so thankful for the community leaders and organizations that work tirelessly to enrich our province through implementing inclusive programming throughout Saskatchewan."

The CIF is a Special Purpose Fund created through The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Act and governed by a volunteer board appointed through the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport. A complete list of the grant recipients and their projects, as well as information about the Community Initiatives Fund can be found at [www.cifsask.org](http://www.cifsask.org).



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# Canadian Fair Industry Loses a Friend

The Canadian Fair industry lost a truly great friend when Carl Schlosser passed away on November 25. Carl was the director of events for Prairieland Park in Saskatoon. He had an enormous impact on the growth of Prairieland Park over the years, as well as the entertainment business in Saskatoon, but he also had a huge impact both provincially and nationally on the fair business in Canada.

Carl worked tirelessly to help out our fairs in Saskatchewan. He could always be relied upon for sound advice and would always give freely of his time to help both big and small fairs. Carl was very involved with both SAASE and CAFE - being a past president of CAFE.

"He's going to be greatly missed here and with his family. Just a big hole left for all of us," said Prairieland CFO Dan Kemppainen, who was both a colleague and friend. In a statement, Prairieland credited Schlosser for the success and growth of the organization, particularly the Saskatoon Exhibition. "Carl was a bright light, known by many and loved by all. He was dedicated to his family, including his Prairieland family. He will be greatly missed," the organization said.

In a moving Facebook tribute, his daughter Luanne wrote about the quality of a person's life being more important than the length of it.

"Dad lived large, and fully, and while not long enough, the years he lived were of the greatest width and depth. What is the goal of the journey, to

arrive quietly and safely in one pristine piece, never having stopped along the way to see the sights, to eat at the greasy spoons, or gander at the Grand Canyon? No. Not for Carl."

"Very positive man," Kemppainen remembered. "There was never a negative side to things. He was always an optimist. Always looking to the next big thing, always trying to be better."

A celebration of life for Carl was held at Prairieland Park on Tuesday December 6. There was sadness, but lots of great cheer, as over 600 people remembered Carl. Carl always lived life to the fullest - having fun in whatever he did, and the celebration that he planned reflected that. After the formal celebration people hung around - enjoyed some drinks and food, with a number of

bands that Carl worked with over the years played.

It is a very sad time, but we can all remember the joy that Carl brought to thousands of people through the entertainment and shows he produced, as well as to those who were lucky enough to know him and call him friend.



**Carl's fellow workers at Prairieland Park say goodbye to Carl**



# Safety Day Coordinators Workshop takes Place in Regina

SAASE, in partnership with the Progressive Agriculture foundation and the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA), hosted a Safety Day Coordinators workshop on November 8 in Regina. 23 safety day coordinators from across Saskatchewan took part in the one day training. The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) helped out with the training by picking up the expenses for the volunteer participants. The workshop gives all the tools that are needed to host a safety day. Participants went over all of the resources available, as well as being able to network with other safety day coordinators on what you should look for in running a safety day. The day was a tremendous success, with the coordinators leaving the workshop with some great new ideas. If you are interested in hosting a safety day in the future - make sure that you give Glen a call at the SAASE office. Depending upon how many safety days have been approved for 2017 there still may be an opportunity to host a safety day next year.



## SAASE Coming Events

### January 2017

7 Roping Competition  
9-12 Crop Production Show  
15 A Wedding Expo

Moose Jaw  
Saskatoon  
Regina

### February 2017

3-5 Horse Show  
15-16 Agri-Visions  
16-19 Saskatchewan Equine Expo  
18 Bull Bonanza  
24 Ecoli Workshop  
24-25 SAASE Convention  
25-26 Youth Leadership Conference

Moose Jaw  
Lloydminster  
Saskatoon  
Moose Jaw  
North Battleford  
North Battleford  
Saskatoon

### March 2017

4-5 Progress Steer & Heifer Show  
5-6 Pride of the Prairies Bull Sale  
10-12 Body and Soul Expo  
17-19 Horse Show  
18-19 Focus on Women Trade Show  
18 Cycle Swap Meet  
21-26 CFL Week  
24-25 Antique Sale and Swap Meet  
24-26 Showcase HomeGarden Trade Show  
24-26 Gardenscape  
31-2 Dog Show  
31-1 Craft Show

Lloydminster  
Lloydminster  
Regina  
Moose Jaw  
Prince Albert  
Moose Jaw  
Regina  
Moose Jaw  
Lloydminster  
Saskatoon  
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If you have any events you would like to add to our list, please contact the SAASE office at 306-565-2121 or email [gduck.saase@sasktel.net](mailto:gduck.saase@sasktel.net)

