



AGRICULTURE COUNCIL
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NEWS RELEASE

ACS Board of Directors elects new executive

Saskatoon (September 11, 2009) – The Agriculture Council of Saskatchewan Inc. (ACS) Board of Directors has elected a new executive, including a new Chair and Vice-Chair.

Valerie Pearson is the new Chair of ACS, taking over from past-Chair Murray Purcell, who served as Chair for two years. Valerie has been a member of the ACS Board of Directors since 2004, and has been Vice-Chair of the organization since 2005, as well as serving as Chair of the ACAAFS Advisory Group. She represents the Saskatchewan 4-H Council, where she is the Executive Director.

“I’m pleased to take on this responsibility and continue to contribute to this organization,” said Pearson. “ACS has come a long way in the years I have been on the Board and we look forward to continuing our role as a leader within the province’s agriculture and agri-food industry by identifying issues and providing programming that delivers real benefits.”

Bob Morgan joins the Executive as Vice-Chair. Bob was first elected to the ACS Board of Directors in 2008. He is the President and CEO of POS Pilot Plant Corp.

Darrell Schneider returns as the Secretary/Treasurer of ACS. Darrell has served in that capacity since 2006. Darrell represents the Saskatchewan Food Processors Association, where he is the Chief Operating Officer.

ACS would like to thank Murray Purcell for his two years as Chair of the Board of Directors. Murray has served on the ACS Board since 2003, representing the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities from 2003 to 2007 and the Saskatchewan Pulse Growers since 2007. Murray has been very active at ACS, serving on the ACAAFS Advisory Group and Chairing the Biofuels Advisory Group.

The ACS Board of Directors includes Valerie Pearson, Bob Morgan, Darrell Schneider, Murray Purcell, Jason Dean of the Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders Association, Kirk Flaman of the Saskatchewan Seed Potato Growers Association, Neil Ketilson of SaskPork, and Allen Kuhlmann of the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada is represented by Dean Vey, while the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture is represented by Dr. Abdul Jalil.

ACS is a non-profit, member-based organization designed to position Saskatchewan’s agriculture and agri-food industry at the forefront of innovation to provide solutions to industry issues and capture market opportunities. Our programs provide funding, training and guidance that bring broad benefits across Saskatchewan’s agriculture, agri-food and biofuels sectors.

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