



Alberta Seed Growers' Association Welcomes New Provincial Director

Following elections at the Alberta Seed Growers' Annual General Meeting held January 26 2010 in Edmonton Alberta three provincial directors were elected to the board. Andrew Kittle from Viking and Don Sendziak from Calmar were both re-elected and new to the provincial board is Ward Oatway from Clive. All three positions are for a two year term. Returning as National Directors were Norm Lyster from Stettler for a two year term and Tim Ferguson from Calgary for a one year term.

The ASGA board then held their re-organizational meeting where Richard Stamp from Enchant was re-elected as President and Ryan Mercer from Lethbridge was re-elected as Vice President.

Ward Oatway

Ward has been a seed grower for 25 years having grown up in the pedigreed seed business. During this time Ward graduated from Lethbridge Community College, in 1993, and following college, participated in an agricultural exchange in New Zealand. On returning from New Zealand, Ward began work with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development at the Crop Research Centre, in Lacombe Alberta. In his 13 years there, Ward was a technician in the barley program, and eventually worked in operations at the research farm. This gave Ward the unique opportunity to see varieties of barley, winter wheat, and triticale, go from a cross, through the entire pedigree process, to the farmers' fields. Ward has been back on the farm, full time, for the past four years, although he has never really been out of the farming process. Ward and his wife Lori and their two daughters, Ezri and Brie, live southwest of Clive.

The current Alberta Seed Growers' Association board is comprised of:

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| Richard Stamp – Enchant | Don Sendziak - Calmar |
| Ryan Mercer – Lethbridge | Ward Oatway - Clive |
| Ron Markert – Vulcan | Norm Lyster - Stettler |
| Andrew Kittle – Viking | Tim Ferguson - Calgary |
| Harold Warkentin – Tofield | Rob Graf (Advisor) - Lethbridge |

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