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Dear NSAC Member,

Just a reminder to mark your calendars for the **2009 Manitoba Special Crops Symposium** to be held on **February 11th and 12th** at the Winnipeg Convention Centre in Winnipeg, Manitoba. This year, the symposium committee is honored to host Jolene Brown as our Keynote speaker. Jolene will have you laughing as you learn during her two part series on "*The Top Ten Stupid Things Families Do to Break Up Their Business*TM". Aside from Jolene, we will be hosting a number of Sunflower speakers to address production issues faced in 2008. See the attached the full conference agenda or visit www.manitobaspecialcrops.ca for more information.

The NSAC Annual General Meeting will be once again held during the symposium on **Wednesday, February 11th at 11:45 a.m.** in Room 2. As a NSAC member, it will be a valuable investment of time to attend the AGM for two reasons: for an informative update on current and future activities of the NSAC, and to provide an opportunity for those of you who are interested in becoming a director with the association to participate in the election process. If you wish to become a director with the NSAC please contact the office for more information. A reminder that the NSAC Board of Directors will be holding a vote on the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Sunflower Association of Canada. (*see the attached document outlining the proposed amendments*)

The NSAC continues to be work on behalf of Sunflower growers of Canada; some of the current open files include lobbying with PMRA for the registration of Authority (sulfentrazone) on Sunflowers and providing assistance to FMC to achieve the product registration. The NSAC Executive Committee will meet with MASC on February 18th to discuss coverage prices for sunflowers, grading issues related to sunflowers and continue to work towards coverage for black bird damage. The Board continues to address the concerns of the current Sunflower Variety Registration system and continue to provide commentary as needed. Planning is underway for the spring edition of the *Canadian Sunflower Grower* magazine which is planned to hit mailboxes early May. For the latest updates and information on the NSAC please visit our website at www.canadasunflower.com.

If there are any questions surrounding the symposium or any other items, please feel free to contact me at the information above. See you in February!

Regards,



Darcelle Graham

Executive Director

National Sunflower Association of Canada

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contribution of our Corporate Members: Thank- you!**

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Wednesday, February 11th, 2009

8:45 a.m. Welcome and Opening Announcements

9:00-9:40 a.m.

Concurrent Session #1 (choose one of the following)	
Room 1	How Many Fertilizer Dollars Can You Save by Planting Pulses?
Room 2	From Commodity to Canadian Leaders: The Story of Spitz Int.
Room 3	The Corn Heat Unit: How Good is Our Measuring Stick?

Speaker

John Heard, MAFRI
Myles Hamilton, Spitz Int.
Andy Nadler, MAFRI

9:45-10:25 a.m.

Concurrent Session #2 (choose one of the following)	
Room 1	Do You Know When to Sell Your Corn, Soybeans & Sunflowers?
Room 2	MASC Update
Room 3	Rising Seed Costs - Are Reduced Seeding Rates the Answer?

David Drozd, Ag-Chieve
Doug Wilcox, MASC
Pam de Rocquigny, MAFRI

10:25-10:55 a.m.

TRADESHOW

11:00-11:40 a.m.

Concurrent Session #3 (choose one of the following)	
Room 1	How to Keep Blight and Anthracnose Out of Your Pulses
Room 2	Overview of Current U.S. Weed Control Practices in Sunflower
Room 3	Does Using Fungicides on Corn in the Northern Plains Pay?

Bruce Brolley, MAFRI
Jason Voogt, Cargill
Brian Jenks, NDSU
Joel Ransom, NDSU

11:45-12:25 p.m.

Concurrent Session #4 (choose one of the following)	
Room 1	MPGA Annual General Meeting
Room 2	NSAC Annual General Meeting
Room 3	MCGA Annual General Meeting

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12:30 - 1:10 p.m.

LUNCH

1:15-2:45 p.m.

Room 1	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Jolene Brown
	<i>The Top Ten Stupid Things Families Do to Break Up Their Business™</i>

2:50-3:30 p.m.

Concurrent Session #5 (choose one of the following)	
Room 1	Edible Bean Market Update
Room 2	Higher Yields by Desiccating Sunflower
Room 3	Hitting the Bull's Eye with Your N Rate on Corn – New Tools for N Scouting

Sean MacKenzie, Fieldcrest Int.
Kirk Howatt, NDSU
John Heard, MAFRI

3:35-4:05 p.m.

TRADESHOW

4:10-4:50 p.m.

Room 1	MARKETING ADDRESS: Mike Krueger
	<i>Mega Trends in Agriculture: From Market Highs to Lows and What the Fundamentals are Saying Now</i>
	<i>Sponsored in part by Seeds 2000</i>

4:55-6:00 p.m.

	WINE & CHEESE
	<i>Sponsored by Syngenta Crop Protection and Syngenta Seeds Canada</i>

*Greetings from the Province - Minister of Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives,
Honourable Rosann Wowchuk*

5:30 p.m.

Results of the 38th Annual Corn Yield Competition



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8:30-9:10 a.m.

Concurrent Session #6 (choose one of the following)	
Room 1	The Ins and Outs of Soybean Inoculants
Room 2	The Biology of Sunflower Bud Moth and Other Stem and Head Boring Insects in Sunflowers
Room 3	The Minor Use Program: Why Does it Take so Long?

Speaker

Bruce Brolley, MAFRI
John Gavloski, MAFRI
Jeanette Gaultier, MAFRI

9:15-9:55 a.m.

Concurrent Session #7 (choose one of the following)	
Room 1	Controlling Volunteer Canola in Pulses and Soybeans
Room 2	Sunflower Market Focus Panel
Room 3	Foliar Nutrient Management: From Seed to Sprayer

Arvel Lawson, Canola Council of Canada

Randy Fisher, Nestibo Agra
Mike Marion, Sabourin Seeds
Ben Friesen, Keystone Grain

Jarrett Chambers, Omex

10:00-10:30 a.m.

TRADESHOW

10:35-11:50 a.m.

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11:55-12:50 p.m.

LUNCH

12:55-1:35 p.m.

Concurrent Session #8 (choose one of the following)	
Room 1	What will the US Farmer Plant in 2009 <i>Sponsored in part by Seeds 2000</i>
Room 2	New Sunflower Genetics
Room 3	Creditor Proofing Strategies: Protecting Your Assets and Your Wealth

Mike Krueger, The Money Farm

Brent Hulke, USDA-ARS

Henri Magne, BDO Dunwoody

1:40-2:20 p.m.

Concurrent Session #9 (choose one of the following)	
Room 1	Soybean Aphids Research Update
Room 2	What's on the Horizon for Sunflower Weed Control in the U.S.?
Room 3	Top 5 Agronomic Corn Practices

John Gavloski, MAFRI

Brian Jenks, NDSU

Wilt Billing, Pioneer Hi-Bred

2:25-2:55 p.m.

TRADESHOW

3:00-3:40 p.m.

Concurrent Session #10 (choose one of the following)	
Room 1	Edible Bean Agronomy Issues
Room 2	Sunflower Diseases in 2008: A Look Back as to Why?
Room 3	The Nuts and Bolts of Marketing Corn and Soybeans

Brian Jack, MAFRI

Anastasia Kubinec, MAFRI

Mark Kinoff, Union Securities
Marketwatch Team

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Featured at the 2009 Manitoba Special Crops Symposium.

PROPOSED amendments to the *Constitution and Bylaws of the National Sunflower Association of Canada*

The Board of Directors of the National Sunflower Association of Canada (NSAC) held a review of the Constitution and Bylaws of the NSAC that were developed upon inception of the Corporation. Upon review, the Board agreed that amendments must be made to bring the Constitution and Bylaws in line with the recent growth of the Association. A number of the changes that are being made include modifying the document to reflect gender neutral terminology, outlining that Directors will exercise powers if necessary by these by-laws or by the Corporation Act (Manitoba) as well as title changes from Secretary-Treasurer to Executive Director.

The major amendments to the document that the Board of Directors of the NSAC sought change included re-wording of the definition of Memberships under Section 3, updating Membership Privileges under Section 6, outlining the composition of the NSAC Board of Directors in Section 7 and the appointment by the Board of Directors for office staff under Section 15. The amendments to the above sections are outline below:

4. (a) **Active Members** – *Any person, corporation, partnership or joint venture who is a resident of Canada and who has grown and harvested a sunflower crop in Canada and who has made payment by automatic check-off, as described in Schedule A of the Agricultural Producers' Organization Funding Act (C.C.S.M. c. A18) National Sunflower Association of Canada Designation Regulation 160/2003 and has not requested a refund of those check-off dollars, shall be an Active Member in good standing with the NSAC. If payment of check-off fees has not been received through automatic check-off pursuant to the Act, by the NSAC as of January 1st of that year including 24 months prior by a member, the NSAC will automatically revoke their membership. Upon receipt by the Association of a producer's application for any refund under the Act the producer's membership is automatically revoked, and the producer must contribute through the automatic check-off under the Act and the same must be received by NSAC for one year prior to being reinstated as a member.*

Membership is non-transferable.

Each member shall be entitled to one vote for each entity that has contributed by automatic check-off pursuant to the Act, notwithstanding that the entity might be a partnership of two or more persons or a corporation with more than one shareholder or a joint venture with two or more persons.

4. (b) **Associate Members** – *Any person or firm interested in the sunflower crop industry and is not eligible for active membership, may be admitted as an Associate Member upon application to the Executive Director, payment of the prescribed membership fee and approval of his/her application by the Board of Directors. This entitles the Associate Member to associate membership privileges including but not limited to all grower communication, subscription to the Canadian Sunflower Grower and the NSA Sunflower Magazine and voting rights at the Annual General Meeting as set out herein for the calendar year.*

6. Membership Privileges

All members of the Corporation in good standing, who contribute to the NSAC Sunflower Check-off and have not requested a refund of those check-off dollars, shall be entitled to receive copies of any literature, particularly notice of meetings and minutes of meetings, that may be sent out by the Corporation from time to time, be entitled to participate in the Advance Payments Program as outlined under the Agricultural Marketing Programs Act, and shall further be entitled to any other services and privileges for which the Corporation may provide or arrange. This entitles the Active Member to full

membership privileges including but not limited to the Sunflower Cash Advance Program, grower newsletters, a subscription to the Canadian Sunflower Grower, the NSA Sunflower Magazine and admission to all NSAC Grower events.

7. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be composed of a minimum of four and a maximum of fifteen directors. A majority of these directors shall be active members of the Corporation who are in good standing, elected at the annual meeting, and shall serve for a term of three years, except that for the first year, a third of them shall be elected to serve one year, another third to serve two years and another third to serve three years. The remaining directors shall include the immediate past president of The Corporation and additional directors appointed annually by the Board. In making these appointments, the Board shall attempt to obtain representation from:

- (a) Provincial agriculture departments*
- (b) Canadian Grain Commission*
- (c) Research Branch, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada*
- (d) Sunflower crop processing companies (confectionery, oilseed and birdfeed)*
- (e) Seed industry*
- (f) Chemical industry*
- (g) Producers*

15. The Board of Directors may appoint an Executive Director or other such staff as an officer of the Corporation, and delegate to the Executive Director to hire other staff, as the Board of Directors deems appropriate. All staff will report to the Executive Director unless otherwise determined by the Board. The President shall solely be responsible for all supervision and/or disciplining of staff of NSAC unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors.

For a rendition of the Original and Proposed Constitution and Bylaws of the National Sunflower Association of Canada please visit the NSAC website at www.canadasunflower.com. If there are any questions or concerns regarding the Proposed changes please contact the NSAC Office at (204) 745-6776 or by email at info@canadasunflower.com

The Board of Directors will bring these proposed amendments for a vote, to the Membership at our 2009 Annual General Meeting to be held February 11, 2009 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. A two-thirds majority of active members attending the Annual General Meeting is required for these amendments to take affect.