

2008 SNLA Annual General Meeting Report

The SNLA held its 2008 Annual General Meeting on April 3rd, 2008 in Saskatoon at the Holiday Inn Express. The association was pleased with the increased attendance for this year's meeting. It is a very important time for the association as many positive changes will take place this year that will further increase membership value.

Nominations:

Glen Thrasher- Vice President
Randy Beauchesne - Director, CHT
James Polley - Director

Topics Discussed:

- The SNLA will continue to work with Landscape Alberta Nursery Trades Association (LANTA) under the current "Memorandum of Understanding" until September of 2008 when this document will be revised.

- Wages for foreign and local labour are based on statistics gathered by Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSDC). It is recommended that all employers in the industry post the jobs to the HRSDC job bank:

http://www.labourmarketinformation.ca/standard.asp?pcode=lmiv_main_q4&lcode=E

Labour Market Information (LMI) is used to determine minimum wages as well as labour shortages. By having a more up to date database there will be a more precise picture of the industry and its current situation.



- The simplification of member fees structure is considered intrusive by some due to the yearly gross income information requested. Changes to these fees structures are being considered and will be part of the upcoming monthly board meetings agenda.

- Prairie Region Coordinator (David Forero), will help achieve:

- *100 member increase
- *Planning of seminars and professional development
- *Networking Events

CNLA Report:

The Canadian Nursery Landscape Association (CNLA), represents 3500+ members in the industry nation-wide. It is recognized as a leading agricultural employer. SNLA membership entitles its members to the benefits offered nationwide. For a list of CNLA benefits please visit:

<http://www.canadanursery.com/>

The CNLA has recognized that some of the current industry priorities include: Human Resources issues like labour shortages and Public Relations. The CNLA is also responsible for setting professional standards through its Certification Programs and serves all its members by actively lobbying for industry-wide concerns.

Chapter Meetings

One of the short term goals of the association is to increase communication with members and others in the industry. For this, chapter meetings play an important role. Not only do they serve as networking opportunities but they are a chance to discuss provincial issues that can be addressed with a larger presence with the province.

Our Mission
The CNLA, with the Provincial Associations, will develop programs, undertake initiatives, and form alliances in order to achieve sustainable prosperity for members and stakeholders.

Our Vision
A prosperous, professional and ethical industry that is recognized, valued, and utilized by the public, as a result of the environmental, economic, and life-style benefits provided by our member's products and services.



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