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KAP Re-elects President, VPs

Winnipeg – Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) is pleased to announce the re-election of the President and two Vice Presidents, following its annual meeting last week.

Ian Wishart was elected to his second term as President, after having served four years in the position of Vice President. He runs a mixed farm operation near Portage la Prairie. His areas of interest and expertise include environmental issues, education finance, and business risk management.

Robert McLean, a grain and livestock farmer from Manitou, was elected to serve his fourth one-year term as Vice President. He continues to be involved in rail and highway transportation issues as well as KAP's livestock committee.

Rob Brunel, a grain and oilseeds farmer from Ste. Rose du Lac, was elected to his second term as Vice President. He currently chairs KAP's young farmers committee and has been active on the environment and grains, oilseeds, and pulses committees.

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Attachments: Biographies and photo (left to right) Ian Wishart, Robert McLean, and Rob Brunel.

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Ian Wishart, KAP President

Ian Wishart operates Agasea Farms near Portage la Prairie with his wife Leslie. Ian is currently serving his second term as President. Previously, he served four years as KAP's Vice President. He has been involved with KAP's business risk management and assessment & taxation committees.

Ian is the driving force behind Alternate Land Use Services (ALUS), a conservation program that puts the emphasis on farmers' contributions to the environment, which launched as a pilot project in Manitoba in 2005.

The Wisharts' farm is split between forages, specialty crops, and potatoes, with a 200 head cow/calf operation. Ian and his wife Leslie have two daughters, Rhainan and CJ.

Robert McLean, 1st Vice President

Robert McLean, his wife Marina, and their son Don farm near Manitou, with a diversified mix of crops and livestock. In addition to a cow-calf operation, the McLeans also manage 1,800 acres in grains and oilseeds. He was re-elected to his fourth one-year term as Vice President at KAP's 2009 annual meeting.

Robert has previously served as chair of KAP's livestock committee. He has also been involved with KAP's finance committee and the transportation committee. Robert has represented his community as a municipal councilor and reeve, and has an ongoing interest in infrastructure issues. He also works through KAP to promote foods grown and made in Manitoba. Robert and Marina have two children, Don and Lisa.

Rob Brunel, 2nd Vice President

Rob Brunel, his wife Erin, and their daughter Myley live in Ste. Rose du Lac, where they operate a fourth-generation grains & oilseeds farm. He was elected to his second term as Vice President at KAP's 2009 annual meeting.

Rob currently chairs KAP's young farmers committee and has worked on the environment & sustainable development and grains, oilseeds & pulses committees. He has served on the executive on the Canadian Young Farmers Forum and remains active in programming for young farmers.

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