



**Superannuated  
Teachers  
of Saskatchewan**

# **Disposition of Resolutions**

*These were the resolutions  
passed or tabled at the 2007  
Annual General Meeting*





# Resolutions Directed to the STS

## Resolution One

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS in reference to the taking of anticoagulation medicine such as warfarin (comadin) urge its health benefit carrier, Saskatchewan Blue Cross, to allow an adjustment of dosage as acceptable in the existing time frame of 90 days immediately preceding travel departure date.

CARRIED

### SASKATCHEWAN BLUE CROSS RESPONSE:

Once a claim was incurred we would obtain the client's previous medical history. We usually review the three months previous the departure date to determine any pre-existing issues. In cases such as this, we may ask for further history and detail to try and establish a pattern of doctoring. In other words, if we see that the client's course of treatment includes a defined, systematic fluctuation in their warfarin therapy – we could deem that to be a stable course of treatment. However, if there is a “stability” but then it is discovered that there was a change in the course of therapy with a new “fluctuation of dosage”, then the claim may be denied because of a pre-existing condition. Claims are reviewed on a case by case basis.

## Resolution Two

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS Executive make available as expeditiously as possible reports on the outcomes of resolutions from the previous AGM. These reports should also be made available on the STS website.

CARRIED (as amended)

### STS RESPONSE:

Updates on STS Resolutions have been referenced in *Outreach* as responses became available. *Outreach* is available on the STS website.

**Resolution Four**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS Executive continue to place pressure on Saskatchewan Blue Cross to update the Health Benefits software.

CARRIED

**SASKATCHEWAN BLUE CROSS RESPONSE:**

STS representatives have met on four occasions with Saskatchewan Blue Cross to discuss changes in their software that would be useful to STS. Saskatchewan Blue Cross is committed to updating their software in 2008.

**Resolution Five**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Executive study Bylaw 3 – Elections, Terms of Office and Vacancies and bring notices of motion or recommendations to the 2008 AGM.

CARRIED (as amended)

**STS RESPONSE:**

This study was assigned to the STS Resolutions Committee by the STS Executive. The report was submitted to the STS Executive in December, 2007 and approved in January of 2008. The report was forwarded to all Chapters January, 2008 and a copy of the report is available in the folders of all delegates attending the 2008 AGM.

#### Resolution Fifteen

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan (STS) lobby SGI, SUMA and the Government of Saskatchewan/Highway Traffic Board to change current traffic regulations in urban municipalities to effect a longer “amber light” time at controlled intersections to provide sufficient time for drivers to make safer driving decisions.

CARRIED

**HIGHWAY TRAFFIC BOARD AND SGI RESPONSE:**  
See responses under Resolution Fourteen.

**SUMA RESPONSE:**  
It was decided at the March 2008 Board meeting, that the Board was not in support on this change. It was therefore decided at this meeting that SUMA would not act on this request.

#### Resolution Sixteen

**BE IT RESOLVED** that SSM lobby SGI to make available to everyone over the age 55 the information concerning the **55 Alive Driver Awareness Course** and that SGI provide the **55 Alive Awareness Course** free of charge to anyone over the age of 55.

CARRIED

This resolution was forwarded to SSM. The 55 Alive Awareness Course has been conducted in a number of STS Chapters and has been very well received.

## Resolutions Directed to the STF

#### Resolution Eight

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS request the STF to negotiate for 100% indexing in Teachers' pensions.

CARRIED

**STF RESPONSE:**  
Proposals for increasing the indexing of teacher pensions were included in the last round of negotiations; however, no progress was made on this issue. This STS resolution will also be considered at the 2008 STF Annual General Meeting. (Resolution 6 and Notice of Motion #8)

#### Resolution Nine

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS urge the STF to study the feasibility of providing insurance coverage beyond age 75 under the Teachers' Group Insurance Plan and if the study is affirmative, submit this to the STF for the next round of negotiations.

CARRIED

**STF RESPONSE:**  
Proposals for extending insurance coverage beyond age 75 under the Teachers' Group Life Insurance Plan were included in the last round of negotiations. These improvements were achieved and necessary legislation will be considered at this sitting of the Provincial Legislature.

#### Resolution Ten

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS request the STF to accept retired teachers in the pool of applicants and potential applicants for Project Overseas.

CARRIED

**STF RESPONSE:**  
This resolution will be considered by the STF at its Annual Meeting in April, 2008. (STF Resolution 34).

## Resolutions Directed to ACER-CART

### Resolution Eleven

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS urge ACER-CART to lobby the Government of Canada to restore funding for literacy.

CARRIED

**ACER-CART RESPONSE:**

This resolution was accepted at the 2007 AGM by the ACER-CART Board of Directors and was subsequently presented to the Federal Government. A further report will be provided at the 2008 ACER-CART AGM in June.

### Resolution Twelve

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS request ACER-CART to lobby the Canadian Teachers' Federation to urge all provincial Departments of Learning/Education to require the study of History, especially Canadian History, in all Canadian High Schools.

CARRIED

**ACER-CART RESPONSE:**

This resolution was accepted at the 2007 AGM by the ACER-CART Board of Directors and forwarded to the Canadian Teachers' Federation. It was subsequently forwarded to all provincial and territorial teacher organizations. A further report will be provided at the 2008 ACER-CART AGM in June.

### Resolution Thirteen

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS urge ACER-CART to lobby the Government of Canada to restore funding for the Status of Women.

CARRIED

**ACER-CART RESPONSE:**

This resolution was accepted at the 2007 AGM by the Board of Directors and was forwarded to the Federal Government. There has been a substantial increase in funding by the Federal Government for Status of Women Projects. A further report will be provided at the 2008 ACER-CART AGM in June.

## Resolutions Directed to the Provincial Government

### Resolution Fourteen

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan (STS) lobby SGI, SUMA and the Government of Saskatchewan/Highway Traffic Board to change current traffic regulations in urban municipalities to affect a consistent approach regarding the location, size, and style of street signage used at intersections.

CARRIED

**HIGHWAY TRAFFIC BOARD RESPONSE:**

In terms of the issues you raise in your letter, they would be better addressed by SGI, as it is responsible for *The Traffic Safety Act*. By way of this letter, I have taken the liberty of informing Bernadette McIntyre, AVP, Driver and Vehicle Safety Services, SGI, of your concerns. You can expect a response from SGI in the near future.

**SGI RESPONSE:**

These two areas of road engineering design and operation in urban areas are outside the scope of SGI's jurisdiction. However, SGI has a strong interest and commitment to encourage and undertake initiatives to improve road safety in Saskatchewan. To further this goal, SGI works and collaborates with the municipal engineering departments on projects to improve safety, particularly in the area of infrastructure safety improvements.

I will share and discuss your resolutions with my counterparts at the municipal engineering departments in the major cities that SGI has been working with on safety projects over the last several years. I would also like to suggest that you write directly to the city managers of the various municipalities regarding your concerns and ideas.

**SUMA RESPONSE:**

This resolution was discussed at the March 2008 Board meeting and the Board feels that there is sufficient regulation in place to provide consistency in road signs.