

September 2011

Disposition of Resolutions - AGM 2011

Resolutions Directed to STF

- #1 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the STS continue to examine ways of improving the indexing provisions of teachers' superannuation allowances.
- #2 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the STS request the STF to negotiate indexing of superannuation allowances in the TSP which is 100% of the Canadian CPI for the first \$25,000 of allowances, until such time as full indexing is achieved.

Response to Resolutions 1 and 2

A letter was received from Gwen Dueck acknowledging receipt of the resolutions. Gwen indicated that the resolutions would be forwarded to the STF provincial Executive and considered in the Strategic planning processes in the upcoming year.

Resolutions Directed to STS

- #3 **Be it resolved** that the STS Group Benefits Health Plan cover the costs of cardiac rehabilitation when prescribed by a physician, to a yearly maximum which is the same as the yearly maximum for Paramedical Services under the STS Plan.

Saskatchewan Blue Cross Response:

There would be no change in the rates to cover the costs of cardiac rehabilitation when prescribed by a physician to a yearly maximum equal to the yearly paramed maximum.

- #7 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the STS Executive investigate amending the paramedical services clauses to provide for a maximum per member per calendar year, rather than per specialty per calendar year and, further, that the STS Executive report to the next annual meeting regarding this investigation.

Saskatchewan Blue Cross Response:

We have not provided a costing for this. Saskatchewan Blue Cross believes this process to be counterproductive and that the costs would escalate dramatically if a combined maximum was put in place. The rationale is that members will now put all the money towards one paramed which in effect increases their current threshold. The other concern is that if a member does use all towards a single practitioner and then requires treatment from another practitioner, they will not have anything available.

- #9 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Policy 10 – Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation Grant be amended to read as follows:

1. The STS will award an annual grant of \$2,000.00 in support of the activities of the Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation.

Response

Policy 10 (page 26) has been changed in the STS Policy Handbook dated September 1, 2011.

- #10 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Policy 10 – Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation Grant be amended by adding the following:

2. The STS will make memorial donations to the Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation in accordance with the following schedule:

Death of an active STS Executive Member	\$1,000.00
Death of the spouse of an active STS Executive Member	\$ 500.00
Death of a former STS President or an Honorary Life Member	\$ 500.00

Referred to the STS Executive (carried)

Response

This has been referred to the STS Executive.

- #11 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan recommend that all Chapters and members take appropriate action (including financial donations) to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the McDowell Foundation.

Response

This action resolution was communicated through “*Outreach*”.

- #12 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** candidates for STS Executive positions be provided an opportunity to speak briefly to the General Assembly at the beginning of the AGM.

Response

This opportunity will be given at AGM 2012.

- #14 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan recommend that Chapters and members continue their efforts to encourage the federal government to persuade the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) to restore funding to the Canadian Teachers’ Federation (CTF) for International Development Education Projects to ensure that the existing International Cooperation Program of CTF can be continued or amended as deemed necessary by CTF beyond the extension September of 2011.

Response

This action resolution was communicated through “*Outreach*”.

- #15 BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS annual fee for 2011-2012 be \$30.00 per person.

Response

The annual membership fee for 2011-2012 has been set at \$30.00 per person.

- #16 BE IT RESOLVED** that the STS annual rebate to Chapters for 2011-2012 be \$8.00 per person.

Response

The annual Chapter Rebate for 2011-2012 was set at \$8.00 per person.

Resolutions Directed to ACER-CART

- #17 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the STS request ACER-CART to actively lobby the Government of Canada to make Canadian adult passports effective for ten years.
- #18 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the STS request ACER-CART and SSM to Lobby the Federal and Provincial governments to allow tax deductions for fees associated with seniors' physical activity-based programs.

Response

Resolution 17-18 were forwarded to ACER-CART and presented at the annual general meeting in June.

Resolution 18 was reworded as follows and moved by the Alberta Retired Teachers Association:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ACER-CART lobby the Federal Government to extend any tax Credit for registration costs for wellness and / or recreation programs to seniors similar to that provided to youth.

Both resolutions were passed at the ACER-CART AGM.

Resolution 18 has been forwarded to SSM.

Late Resolutions

- #3 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the STS increase the provincial recreation events grant to \$350.00 per activity.

Response

Guideline 2 – 2.4 (page 33) has been changed in the STS Policy Handbook dated September 1, 2011.

- #4 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the STS (Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan) convey in whatever manner appropriate, its support of the STF (Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation) members in their attempt to negotiate a fair and reasonable contract for teachers.

Response

This action resolution was communicated directly to the STF.