

Disposition of Resolutions (Updated) – AGM 2014

Resolutions Directed to the STS (A)

A 1. Bylaw 1 – Membership

Be It Resolved that Bylaw 1 – Membership be amended by adding the following:

6. Any teacher or the surviving spouse of a teacher who takes the commuted value of a pension from the Saskatchewan Teachers' Retirement Plan or the Saskatchewan Teachers' Superannuation Plan.

Response: This has been added to Bylaw 1 – Membership on page 3 in the STS Policy Handbook dated July 1, 2014.

A 2. STS Bylaw 6 – Duties of Executive and Executive Officers

Be it resolved that STS Bylaw 6 – Duties of Executive and Executive Officers be amended by adding the following:

- 6.1.10 Dissolve or re-establish the STS by a meeting of the STS Executive following full consultation with STS Chapters and a vote of the membership.

Response: This resolution has been forwarded to Gwen Dueck, STF Executive Director and has been added to Bylaw 6 – Duties of Executive and Executive Officers on page 11 in the STS Policy Handbook dated July 1, 2014.

- A 3. **Be It Resolved that** the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan establish a policy in support of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation as a unitary professional organization.**

Response: STS continues to monitor the proposed changes to teacher regulations.

- A 4. **Be It Resolved that** the STS oppose any change to the certification of retired teachers.**

Response: STS continues to monitor the proposed changes to teacher regulation.

- A 5. **Be It Resolved that** the STS attempt to negotiate an increase to the current maximum of \$1700.00 per year for drug coverage with Saskatchewan Blue Cross for the STS Extended Health and Dental plan.**

Response: The drug maximum has been increased from \$1,700 to \$2,000 effective January 1, 2015.

A 6. Be It Resolved that the STS encourage Chapter Presidents to organize dates for presidential visits to Chapters so that the STS President is not making repeated trips to the same area of the province.

Response: Efforts are being made to achieve the intent of this resolution.

A 7. Be It Resolved that the STS urge the Saskatchewan Seniors' Mechanism to advocate the Government of Saskatchewan to allow tax deductions for fees associated with seniors' physical activity-based programs.

Response: On January 27, 2015, SSM Executive Director, Holly L. Schick, provided the following response.

SSM is a member of the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association and is considered a Provincial Recreation Association. As such, we can present resolutions at their AGM. We were able to do this with the resolution on tax credits for older adults for the costs of recreation programs. They approved the resolution at their AGM at the end of October. This should give the issue an even stronger voice which we hope might include the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association that SPRA is part of. I also communicated the information regarding this action in our *News from SSM* that we send out periodically so that all the member organizations would know this is what we have been doing with this resolution.

A 8. Be It Resolved that the STS urge the Saskatchewan Seniors' Mechanism to advocate the Government of Saskatchewan to develop a long-term commitment to work with community agencies and stakeholders so that more seniors live safely and independently at home with the proper community and individual supports rather than in care facilities.

Response: On January 27, 2015, SSM Executive Director, Holly L. Schick, provided the following response.

In October, we had an opportunity to meet with Health Minister, Dustin Duncan. The main focus of our conversation was promoting Age-Friendly Communities in Saskatchewan. The domains or focus areas of the global Age-Friendly Communities movement include housing and community support and health services. As part of this conversation we were able to discuss the importance of enabling people to stay in their own homes as long as possible. This includes such things as home care, home support services, home renovations and access to affordable medications. We realize that many of these issues are things that are going to require long-term work to bring about the kind of changes our organizations are looking for.

A 9. Be It Resolved that STS negotiate with Saskatchewan Blue Cross to provide coverage for all physician prescribed chronic disease management programs with a yearly maximum of \$300.00.

Response: Effective January 1, 2014, this coverage was included.

A 10. Be It Resolved that the STS continue to conduct periodic surveys of its members to determine priorities for the Group Benefit plan prior to negotiating renewal contracts with Saskatchewan Blue Cross.

Response: STS will continue to invite feedback from members regarding the Extended Health and Dental Plan and conduct future surveys of plan participation.

A 11. Be It Resolved that the STS amend Guideline 2 – Chapters and Committees Hosting Recreational Events: 2.4 (Finances) to increase the grant level to \$450.00. This grant will be paid in two installments (\$350 upon application and \$100 upon receiving the handbook and final report for the event).

Response: This amendment was added to STS Guideline 2 – Chapters and Committees Hosting Recreational Events: 2.4 (Finances) on page 28 of the STS Policy Handbook dated July 1, 2014.

A 13. Be It Resolved that the STS annual fee for 2014-15 be \$30.00 per person.

Response: The STS annual fee for 2014-15 has been set at \$30.00 per person.

A 14. Be It Resolved that the STS annual rebate to Chapters for 2014-15 be as follows:

<50	-	\$10.00 per member
50-100	-	\$ 9.00 per member
>100	-	\$ 8.00 per member

Response: The STS annual rebate to Chapters for 2014-15 has been set as noted above.

Resolutions Directed to ACER-CART (C)

C 1. Be It Resolved that the STS urge ACER-CART to advocate the Government of Canada to allow tax deductions for fees associated with seniors' physical activity-based programs.

Response: On May 16, 2014, this resolution was forwarded to Roger Régimbal, President, ACER-CART, for consideration at the ACER-CART AGM in June.

- C 2. Be It Resolved that** the STS urge ACER-CART to advocate the Government of Canada to enact a posthumous pardon for Metis leader Louis Riel from his conviction for treason in 1885.

Response: On May 16, 2014, this resolution was forwarded to Roger Régimbal, President, ACER-CART, for consideration at the ACER-CART AGM in June.

Late Resolutions

- A 15. Be it Resolved** that the Resolutions Committee have the authority to evaluate late resolutions and select those deemed to be vital to the well-being of the Organization. Such resolutions will be placed at an appropriate spot in the agenda along with the early resolutions.

Response: This resolution has been referred to the Resolutions Committee and will be included as STS policy.

- A 16. Be it Resolved** that the STS Provincial Executive investigate the possibility of including the shingles vaccine as a part of the next negotiations of the Extended Health and Dental Plan with Saskatchewan Blue Cross.

Response: STS has investigated the possibility of coverage for shingles vaccine in the Extended Health and Dental Plan. That investigation has provided STS with the following information:

- 1. The addition of vaccines would result in a major deviation from the plan's adherence to the Saskatchewan Drug Formulary.**
 - 2. There is no option to include just the shingles vaccine. All vaccines are bundled together.**
 - 3. The cost of the shingles vaccine is prohibitive - \$200 - \$210 per vaccination.**
 - 4. The vaccine is only 51% effective against shingles.**
 - 5. The estimated annual cost to the plan would be in excess of \$100,000.**
- A 17. Be it Resolved** that the STS 2014 Annual General Meeting declare its commitment to use all democratic means to ensure the "Fair Elections Act" respects the enfranchisement of all Canadian citizens.

Response: : On May 16, 2014, this resolution was forwarded to Roger Régimbal, President, ACER-CART, for consideration at the ACER-CART AGM in June.

A 18. Be it Resolved that the STS, in co-ordination with the STF, SSM, and ACER-CART, urge the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to negotiate a new comprehensive health accord that protects, transforms, and strengthens Canada's national health care system in accordance with the five principles as laid out in the Canada Health Act, and that a national seniors health care plan and a national pharmaceutical strategy be created.

Response: On May 16, 2014, this resolution was forwarded to Gwen Dueck, STF Executive Director, Holly L. Schick, Executive Director, Saskatchewan Seniors' Mechanism and Roger Régimbal, President, ACER-CART.