

OUTREACH



To The Superannuated Teachers
of Saskatchewan

President's Report

Jim Sego

Another beautiful spring day in mid-March just one week short of the vernal equinox seems an appropriate time to report on good things. One of those good things that happened since my last message was my visit to the Weyburn Chapter where, besides a super meeting, I received the good news that Blaine Morrison was recovering nicely from a heart attack. Get well Blaine! Although we'll miss your piano playing at the AGM, we'll anticipate your participation at AGM, 2011.

Prior to the Executive Meeting in March, I attended an STF pre-retirement seminar in Meadow Lake where the snow has virtually gone. This was a beautiful trip into the pines. I hope though that Spring is accompanied by rains for the farmers and the forest.

Now let's get to the good things that happened at the Executive Meeting:

- Increased membership revenue has resulted in a budget proposal, included in this edition of *Outreach*, that foresees a balanced budget without need for increases in membership fees and continuation of the present Chapter member rebate.

- We approved the 2010 audit plan with Deloitte, our auditors.
- The January 31, 2010 financial report for the first year of operation for the Health and Dental Benefits Plan shows a healthy surplus. The Client Reimbursement Card should be in your hands ready for use on April 1, 2010.
- AGM planning is complete. Consult with your Chapter delegates to get details. Submit the names of your Chapters' honorees so that they may be recognized at the banquet along with the provincial Honorary Life Members.
- On-line viewing of *Outreach* is increasing. Let the office know if you'd prefer getting email notification of publication on the website, rather than a paper copy.

For more detail on these items and the planned recreation program, please read the rest of this issue of *Outreach*. You may decide to write a resolution to be brought to AGM 2010. Remember that resolutions can be submitted at anytime to the resolutions committee. They will be debated at the upcoming AGM even if they are not published in this newsletter.

I have received invitations to visit Yorkton and Sturgis Chapters. Carole and I are looking forward to being with you in March and June respectively.

Honorary Life Members

James Slough

Congratulations!

The following members have been selected for Honorary Life Membership for 2010 and will be presented with their certificates at the AGM:

Siegrid Schergel

Peter Wiebe

Willmer F. Willems

37th Annual General Meeting of the STS

Tuesday, May 11 – Thursday, May 13, 2010 • Travelodge Hotel, Saskatoon

Shirley Dyck/Doug Haroldson

Thanks to our Office Manager, Colleen Bailey, and our Assistant Office Manager, Heather Hase, the Chapter Presidents have received the package of information about the Annual General Meeting. The names of the delegates were to be registered by April 1 and each delegate will receive his/her package of information. **Delegates, please register at the Travelodge Hotel, Saskatoon, by April 11. Call either 306-242-8881 or the direct toll free number 1-888-278-4209.** When making reservations indicate that you are with the Superannuated Teachers Annual General Meeting to get the preferred rate. If you are sharing a room, just one person should request the reservation. We want to thank delegates who share and keep the costs down.

Travel: At the AGM each Chapter will submit one voucher for travel costs. The rate will be \$0.35 per kilometre, return travel on the basis of one car for each three delegates.

We have planned a great AGM. Hope to see you there!

Tuesday, May 11

5-7:15 p.m. Registration
7:15 p.m. Welcome President Jim Segó
Introduction of Candidates
Guest Speaker – Catriona Le May Doan
Informal Social/Sing Along – John Panio

Wednesday, May 12

7:15-8:30 a.m. Breakfast
9 a.m. Plenary Session followed by small group sessions to discuss resolutions.

Wednesday Afternoon: Five Interest Sessions will be offered.

Wednesday Evening: Social Time
Banquet
The Membership Growth Awards
Announcement of the Chapter Awards
Presentation of the Honorary Life Memberships.
Entertainment – “No Hurry”

Thursday, May 13

7:15-8:30 a.m. Breakfast
9 a.m. Greetings from STF President Dianne Woloschuk
The Annual General Meeting

Group Benefits

Shirley Henderson

The Group Benefits Committee met to discuss and review some issues which have occurred since the last meeting:

- The claims experience reports for the Extended Health and the Dental Plan ending January 2010 were presented. The January 2010 claims experience showed a small deficit for the Extended Health Plan and a small surplus for the Dental Plan.
- The membership into the Plan has again shown a steady growth in numbers.

- The first year of the new contract has shown a surplus as was expected.
- All parts of the agreement seem to be running quite well. Part of this is due to the lower administration costs, but we need to be vigilant with the introduction of the Client Drug Reimbursement Card. Its implementation will result in increased costs to the plan.
- The new Client Drug Reimbursement Card with information on its use was sent to each Extended Health Plan member. The card

became effective April 1, 2010. Each pharmacy has also received information about the use of the card.

- Members must still pay for the prescriptions up front, but now the claims are submitted electronically by the pharmacist. As a cost saving measure a person can have the reimbursements sent electronically to one's bank account. Please contact Saskatchewan Blue Cross to implement this procedure.

Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan Proposed Budget: July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

INCOME	2008-2009 BUDGET	2008 - 2009 ACTUAL	2009-2010 BUDGET	2009-2010 6 MO ACTUAL	2010-2011 PROPOSED
Membership Fees	243,000.00	253,791.00	257,000.00	136,357.50	270,000.00
Admin Commission (Benefits Plan)	135,000.00	159,991.00	154,000.00	76,076.74	178,000.00
Dividend Income					
Interest Income	4,000.00	4,157.00	4,000.00	2,222.46	2,000.00
Other	8,000.00				
TOTAL INCOME	\$390,000.00	\$417,939.00	\$415,000.00	\$214,656.70	\$450,000.00
EXPENSES					
Annual General Meeting	68,000.00	63,422.00	68,000.00	202.76	75,000.00
Amortization	4,000.00	496.00	4,000.00	270.77	2,000.00
Chapter Rebates	61,000.00	60,648.00	63,000.00	62,672.00	64,000.00
Executive and Committee Meetings	32,000.00	27,407.00	34,000.00	15,595.51	34,000.00
STS Affiliations	6,000.00	6,132.00	6,000.00	3,355.87	8,000.00
Executive Chapter Travel	8,000.00	10,471.00	9,000.00	4,159.26	12,000.00
Chapter Presidents' Meeting	10,000.00	10,496.00	12,000.00	10,938.17	14,000.00
Communications, Membership Growth, PR	34,000.00	34,124.00	34,000.00	13,477.58	37,000.00
Retirement Life Styles Planning Committee	2,000.00	576.00	3,000.00	29.31	3,000.00
Support Services Planning Committee	2,000.00	792.00	3,000.00	268.78	3,000.00
Recreation	2,000.00	2,252.00	2,000.00	2,194.90	3,000.00
Office Staff	98,000.00	112,408.00	110,000.00	55,503.05	115,000.00
Office Operation	51,000.00	43,539.00	51,000.00	25,641.02	56,000.00
Computer and Programming	8,000.00	16,580.00	12,000.00	3,925.64	20,000.00
McDowell Foundation	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Scholarships	2,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Bank Service Charge	1,000.00	194.00	1,000.00	61.20	1,000.00
Management Fees					
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$390,000.00	\$391,537.00	\$415,000.00	\$201,295.82	\$450,000.00

NOTES:

Note 1: The proposed budget for 2010-2011 is based on an annual fee of \$30.00

Note 2: A financial statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 will be prepared as soon as possible after year-end, audited, and made available to all STS Chapters. Copies of the audited financial statement for 2009-2010 will also be made available to all AGM delegates at the 2011 AGM.

Note 3: The Operations Reserve Fund had a balance of \$229,697.00 as at June 30, 2009. Should a deficit be incurred for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, it would be covered by monies from the Operations Reserve Fund.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. 9000 Members
2. Rebate to Chapters of \$8.00 per member

Archives – Robert Wuschenny

Chapters that keep a Book of Reminiscences (History Book) are asked to provide a contact person to the Archives Committee c/o the STS Provincial Office if they wish to have a link to their history put on the STS electronic archives (website).

STS Resolutions 2010

Robert Wuschenny

The following are resolutions that were received as of March 11, 2010.

Resolutions Directed to the STF

Resolution One

BE IT RESOLVED that STS continue to work with the STF to obtain 100% indexing for the teacher pensions.

– Prince Albert Chapter

Resolution Two

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS examine ways of improving the indexing provisions of teachers' superannuation allowances.

– Prince Albert Chapter

Resolution Three

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS urge the STF to negotiate the removal of the 85 age limit for Group Life Insurance coverage.

– Prince Albert Chapter

Resolution Four

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS urge the STF to work with Saskatchewan Learning to make a senior Canadian History class a requirement for completion of grade twelve.

– Prince Albert Chapter

Resolution Five

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS urge the STF to negotiate changes to the Teachers' Group Life Insurance Plan to increase the coverage for superannuates over 65 to \$30,000.

– Saskatoon Chapter

Background: The death benefit for superannuates between ages 65-85 is \$16,000.00.

Resolution Six

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS request the STF to negotiate changes to the Teachers' Superannuation Plan and the Saskatchewan Teachers' Retirement Plan to provide a cost of living adjustment to all

superannuation allowances based on the following scale:

Superannuation Year	Allowance Adjustment
2009	1%
2008	2%
2007	3%
2006	4%
2005	5%
2004	6%
2003	7%
2002	8%
2001	9%
2000	10%
Prior to 2000	10%

– Saskatoon Chapter

Resolutions Directed to the STS

Resolution Seven

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS Provincial Executive consider developing a section on the provincial STS website that would provide information on the disposition of resolutions presented at the most recent Annual General Meeting and for up to five previous Annual General Meetings.

– Regina Chapter

Resolution Eight

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS Provincial Executive consider that at least one of the interest sessions at the Annual General Meeting be related to matters of STS benefits (i.e. pensions, health care, insurance).

– Regina Chapter

Background: These matters could be information sessions such as STSP and STRP – similarities and differences; mechanisms for pension adjustments; the cost of indexing pensions; the cost of not indexing pensions; how

is CPI calculated; costing of health care plans; pricing of prescription drugs; generic drugs and drug companies; estate planning; survivor benefits; taxation and seniors; investments and seniors; CPP benefits; OAS benefits; employment after retirement.

Resolution Nine

BE IT RESOLVED that our Group Benefits Health Plan increase the cardiac rehabilitation lifetime maximum to \$600.00 when prescribed by a physician.

– Regina Chapter

Background: Cardiac rehabilitation is lifelong when one is in that condition. Yearly cost at the Paul Schwann Centre can reach \$600.00 if one attends three times a week.

Resolution Ten

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS direct its health benefit insurance carrier, Saskatchewan Blue Cross, to remove erectile dysfunction drugs from the list of exclusions in the STS Members' Benefit Plan.

– Peter Stroh

Background: The STS plan does not reimburse these medications and excludes coverage for "conditions not detrimental to health". Our plan does not recognize such conditions and treatments which are a part of our overall health. Prescription drug coverage in this area may be beneficial to members. There are cost implications to the plan for these treatments.

Resolution Eleven

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS urge its health benefit insurance carrier, Saskatchewan Blue Cross, to add Viagra, Cialis and Levitra to the formulary of drugs covered under the plan to a maximum coverage of \$500.00 per year.

– Peter Stroh

Background: The STS plan does not reimburse these medications and excludes coverage for "conditions not detrimental to health". Our plan does not

recognize such conditions and treatments which are a part of our overall health. Prescription drug coverage in this area may be beneficial to members. There are cost implications to the plan for these treatments.

Resolution Twelve

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw 3 -1.2 be amended to read:

“Nominations will be received until four o’clock in the evening of the day prior to the elections for the STS Executive”.

– STS Executive

Note: Guideline 5.2, p. 41, par. 3 would also need to reflect this change.

Resolution Thirteen

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw 3 – 2.3 be amended to read:

“Should the Past President decline the offer, the position shall remain vacant and the Executive shall appoint a Nominations Committee Chairperson and elect an additional councillor at the AGM”.

– STS Executive

Resolution Fourteen

BE IT RESOLVED the Bylaw 7-7.1 be amended to read:

“A quorum at Executive Meeting shall be the majority of the members.”

– STS Executive

Resolution Fifteen

BE IT RESOLVED that the note under Policy 3 be amended to:

“Any resolutions received after April 30 and not dealt with by the Resolutions Committee shall be designated as Late Resolutions.”

– STS Executive

Resolution Sixteen

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS annual fee for 2010-2011 be \$30.00 per person.

– STS Executive

Resolution Seventeen

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS annual rebate to Chapters for 2010-2011 be \$8.00 per person.

– STS Executive

Resolutions Directed to Provincial Government

Resolution Eighteen

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS lobby the Government of Saskatchewan Ministry of Health to add drugs for the treatment of erectile dysfunction to the Saskatchewan Prescription Drug Plan Formulary.

– Saskatoon Chapter

Resolution Nineteen

BE IT RESOLVED that the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan urge the Government of Saskatchewan to structure a nuclear fuel waste management committee representative of all key stakeholders to consider the feasibility of long term storage of nuclear fuel waste and the possible ramifications of such storage to the public.

– Unity Chapter

Resolutions Directed to ACER-CART

Resolution Twenty

BE IT RESOLVED that STS request ACER-CART to actively lobby the Government of Canada to increase CPP, OAS, and GIS benefits and to take any other measures to ensure that seniors are able to avoid living in poverty.

– STS Executive

Nominations

Fred Herron

As per the *Policy Handbook*, Page 5, Number 1: Nominations are called to elect the following Executive (President, Vice-President, Five Councillors, Seven Members-at-Large, and an ACER-CART Representative).

Nominations will be received until nine o’clock in the morning of the day elections for the STS Executive are held.

Executive Nominations for 2010–2011 (Received to Date):

President/Councillor:
Margaret Martin

Vice-President/Councillor:
Doug Haroldson
Robert Wuschenny

Councillors:
Calvin Bachmeier
Shirley Dyck
Michael Gorkoff
Mike Kaminski
Maxine Stinka

Members at Large:
Elaine Broughton
Shirley Henderson
Roger Marchand
Kate McCorriston
Stella Shulhan
James Slough

ACER-CART Representative:
George Georget
Mike Kaminski

STS Office Notices

1. Requests for STF diaries need to be sent to the STS Office by May 5, 2010. All diaries will be mailed to the Chapter Presidents in September.
2. If there will be a change in your delegates' list for the AGM please notify the Office immediately but no later than May 5, 2010.
3. Chapter Reports need to be forwarded to the Office by April 11, 2010.
4. If your Chapter has awarded any Chapter merit awards, please let the Office know the names of the recipients by April 11, 2010.
5. The list of Chapter Officers for 2010-2011 should be sent to the Office by June 30, 2010.
6. STS pins are only available for sale through each Chapter. The Chapter President is to make the request to the Office, along with payment and the pins will be mailed to the President. The pins cost \$2 each. Pins will not be sold at the AGM.
7. The STS Office will be closed on May 12 and 13 to enable staff to attend the AGM.

Recreation

Calvin Bachmeier



Upcoming Events

Recreational Activities Participation STS Style . . .

Bowling

2010 Host: Moose Jaw Chapter
Date: May 6-7, 2010 (Please see registration form)

2011 Host: Saskatoon Chapter

Golf

2010 Host: Souris Moose Mountain Chapter
Date: June 14-15, 2010 (Please see registration form)

2011 Host: Assiniboine Chapter
Contact: Tom Jordens
Phone: 306-542-3265

Fishing

2010 Host: Nipawin Chapter
Date: June 24, 2010 (Please see registration form)

Kaiser

Date and Location to be determined for 2010

Bridge

2010 Host: Moose Jaw Chapter
Date: October 12-13, 2010
Tuesday evening: Individual
Wednesday a.m.: Pairs
Wednesday p.m.: Teams
\$40 per player
Tentatively Lynbrook Golf Club House, Moose Jaw
Contact: Len Davidson
Phone: 306-693-4756
len.el@sasktel.net

Curling

2010 Host: Parkland Chapter
Date: November 1-3, 2010.
(11 teams already registered)
Contact: Clarence Bowes
Phone: 306-747-6268
General Delivery
Shellbrook, Sk. S0J 2E0

Stitch 'N Quilt

Host needed for 2010 and 2011

If Chapters are interested in hosting provincial events please contact the STS office or a member of the Recreation Committee. We would also be open to any proposals for new events.

STS 2010 Bowling Registration Form

South Hill Bowling Lanes
500 Home Street West, Moose Jaw
Thursday, May 6 and Friday, May 7, 2010

Mail entries to:
STS Bowling 2010
1507 Spadina Street West
Moose Jaw, SK S6H 7E1
Phone: 306-693-5625

- registration deadline is April 22, 2010
- register as a full team, a partial team, or as an individual.

Hotel reservations: Check www.discovermoosejaw.com

Tournament Fees:	___ X \$50 = \$ ___
<i>(Includes bowling, 1 banquet, 1 luncheon)</i>	
Extra banquet ticket	___ X \$18 = \$ ___
Extra luncheon ticket	___ X \$10 = \$ ___
TOTAL ENCLOSED	= \$ ___

Make cheques payable to: STS Moose Jaw Chapter

Name:	_____
Address:	_____
Postal Code:	_____
Phone:	_____
Email:	_____
Team Registrations:	
Team name:	_____
Team Members:	
1)	_____ Phone: _____
2)	_____ Phone: _____
3)	_____ Phone: _____
4)	_____ Phone: _____
5)	_____ Phone: _____

STS Provincial Golf Tournament

June 14-15, 2010 Golf Kenosee
STS Golf Tournament 2010

PRE-REGISTER BY JUNE 1, 2010

- Cost: \$100.00 includes 2-18 hole rounds: a banquet at Club 19 at Golf Kenosee on Monday night.
- Extra banquet tickets are available at \$20.00 each.
- Cart rentals are available.

Accommodations:

- Kenosee Lake:
Kenosee Inn 306-577-2099
Kenosee Mini Mart 306-577-2264
- Carlyle:
Skyline Motor Inn 306-453-6745

Camping:

- Kenosee Lake:
Moose Mountain Provincial Park 306-577-2611
- Carlyle
Carlyle Lions Campground
306-577-0198
306-453-6156

Note: Names of interested participants will be noted if received by phone or email, but registration requires the receipt of the \$100.00 fee.

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Extra Banquet tickets ___ X \$20.00 each.

Senior Division (must be 70+)

Cart Rental required

Return completed registration form and fees to:

Leo Grossman
Box 252
Carlyle SK S0C 0R0
306-453-6156

Please make cheques payable to:
STS Golf Tournament 2010

5th Annual STS Provincial Fishing Derby

June 24, 2010

Hosted by the Nipawin STS Chapter

To be held at the Resort Village of Tobin Lake

10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon – Registration
12:00 noon-4:00 p.m. – Fishing
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. – Happy Hour
6:00 p.m. – Fish Fry

Accommodations and Boat Rentals (book early)

1. Shorebird Inn, Resort Village of Tobin Lake
306-862-4272
2. Silver Tip Outpost Cabin and Boat Rentals
306-862-5954
3. Tobin Lake Marina Ltd. for cabins and boat rentals
306-862-4976
4. Tobin Lake Hilltop Campground – 306-862-4444
www.hilltopcampground.ca

Note: Additional information will be sent to those who register.

Pre-register by June 1, 2010

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Cost of Registration	Numbers
\$20.00 per fisher (includes a Fish Fry Supper)	_____
\$10.00 – supper only	_____
Total	_____

Please make cheques payable to STS Nipawin Chapter
c/o Kate McCorrison, Box 814, Nipawin SK S0E 1E0

Congratulations

Phyl Mackay was inducted into the Prince Albert Council Of Women's Hall Of Fame.

100th anniversary

There will be a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Souris School in Weyburn. The event is scheduled for May 21-23, 2010 and is being held at the school. For more information please email Pat at sourisschool100@gmail.com.

Reunion

The Walter Murray Collegiate Class of 1970 is holding its 40th Reunion September 17-19 in Saskatoon. We invite all our former teachers to attend. If you have not already been contacted and wish more information about the event, please contact Ann McNeill at ann-mc@shaw.ca. We look forward to having you join us.

STS Executive 2009-10

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Executive Secretary	Fred Herron, Saskatoon Chapter
Councillors:	
Calvin Bachmeier	Maple Creek/Medicine Hat Chapter
Shirley Dyck	Swift Current Chapter
Michael Gorkoff	Red Deer River Valley Chapter
Doug Haroldson	Maple Creek/Medicine Hat Chapter
Mike Kaminski	Assiniboine Chapter
Peter Wiebe	Regina Chapter
Members At Large:	
Elaine Broughton	Saskatoon Chapter
Shirley Henderson	Prince Albert Chapter
Roger Marchand	South Central Chapter
Kate McCorrison	Nipawin Chapter
James Slough	Regina Chapter
Maxine Stinka	Assiniboine Chapter
Robert Wuschenny	Yorkton Chapter
ACER-CART	
Fred Herron	Saskatoon Chapter

From The Editor's Desk

As I sit here we have a false sense that spring is trying to make its way to the Prairies. We have been fooled before.

We are gearing up for the upcoming AGM. I hope you have your list of delegates into the STS Office.

As a reminder, please consider sending in an article for "Spotlight on Superannuates". This does not necessarily have to be about one person. How about a short synopsis about the history of your Chapter? How did it come into being?

I hope to see some of you at the AGM.

May spring arrive at your home, soon.

Shirley



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