

OUTREACH



To The Superannuated Teachers
of Saskatchewan

President's Report

Jim Sego

Almost two years ago I opened my message to you with these words: "Whoosh! Another summer come and gone! Everything that's good in our lives speeds by only to be succeeded by opportunities to bring more good into people's lives!"

Now I can look back on the last twenty-two and a half months as your President and say almost the same. All I have left on my plate are two visits – to Sturgis Chapter in Norquay on June 8 and to Assiniboine Chapter in Canora on June 9 – and my term as President will be over!

Time has flown by, in my opinion, because being on the Executive is fun. Being on the Executive is fun for three reasons: the quality people that come to serve on it; the comprehensive, well-thought-out policy that the past Executives and AGM's have put in place; and the superb staff that our Executive has recruited to operate our Office.

This year I had the pleasure of working with two members who have given much to the Executive but are leaving it. Thank you for your years of service Peter Wiebe. We'll miss that smiling face and willingness to work hard for superannuated teachers. Thank you for your years of work on behalf of



President Jim Sego addressing the delegates at the opening of the 37th Annual General Meeting.

superannuated teachers, Michael Gorkoff. I look forward to working with the three new Executive members who have been elected to work for you. This year the election brought three new faces to work on your behalf: George Georget, Jerry Mamer, and Dan Palsich. I'm sure that as in the past our AGM delegates have chosen well. I congratulate Margaret Martin on her election to the presidency. She will serve well in her new leadership role.

As an Ex officio member, I sit on each committee, and can attest to their thoughtful work and their adherence to policy. Below are my impressions of the committees and the major work each does on your behalf.

The Budget, Finance and Audit Committee oversees the financial affairs of the STS. Its efforts have led to a clear audit and a balanced budget proposal with no fee increase. Under their stewardship membership has increased to more than 9100 members.

The Group Benefits Committee has guided the first year of our new three year agreement with Saskatchewan Blue Cross to a surplus which will ensure that the health and dental needs of the members who participate in the plan are met. The Extended Health and Dental plan, an excellent service, meets the needs of members and continues to attract new members to

both the STS and the Group Benefits Plan. The committee continues to adjudicate special needs and unusual circumstances with Saskatchewan Blue Cross if a provision does not make a clear decision possible by policy alone. The members of the committee have an excellent working relationship with Saskatchewan Blue Cross.

The Support Services Committee continues to provide updated information links on the STS website and is expanding the clearinghouse of successful programs that Chapters can access when planning programs for Chapter meetings. It has also engaged Presidents of Chapters to clarify the links with one another to plan programs that small Chapters could not access if they had to depend on their budgets alone. One Chapter has made a successful application for a grant under the Special Support Program.

The Retirement Lifestyles Planning Committee continues to attract interest from teachers. Several Divisions requested information sessions at their conventions and locals this year. Shirley Dyck and her team provide a very informative introduction to what it's like to live as a superannuated person.

STS Councillors continue their good work bringing the perspective of superannuated teachers to the policy and resolution debates of STF Council. We speak retirement issues and bring knowledge of the history behind STF procedures to young Councillors who may not understand the whys and wherefores of many policies that have served teachers well in the past. As well we propounded the needs of retired teachers as the Annual Meeting of Council deliberated a new asking package for negotiations this fall.

The *Outreach* Committee has done an excellent job of providing timely communication of the results of Executive Meetings throughout the year. If you make use of the online web version you can access the Executive news more quickly. The *STF Bulletin* provides a "Spotlight on Superannuates" column that permits us to communicate with you and prospective superannuates. Our thanks go out to our *Outreach* editor, Shirley Henderson, and to Jens Nielsen, *STF Bulletin* editor.

Our Recreation Committee has taken to heart the old nostrum that play makes one sharper and provides a variety of activities to support the need for superannuates to be active.

Thank you to the many Chapters around the province which provide the venues and the willing hands that make our varied recreational opportunities possible and so interesting to those who attend.

Behind the scenes but performing vital roles that manifested themselves at this AGM are the AGM Planning, Archives and Honorary Life Membership Committees.

Personally Carole and I thank you for the kind invitations, warm welcome, and the new and renewed friendships that journeys to Chapters around the province have blessed us with again. As I have mentioned many times, it is a pleasure to revisit so many areas where I lived as a child and to experience the hospitality that Saskatchewan is famous for.

Finally I must commend our Office staff, Colleen, Heather, and Fred and thank them for their ongoing work. They always have a smile for us face to face or in their voices on the phone. Really, a smile back is so little payment and yet a fitting reward.

Attention Superannuated Teachers

If you withdrew teaching services during a legal strike over the course of your career and as a consequence were required to delay your superannuation in order to accumulate additional contributory service, you may be entitled to a benefit from the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation. Applications will be received until October 29, 2010.

For information, please request an information package from:

Martha Galenzoski,
Administration/Governance
Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation
2317 Arlington Ave.
Saskatoon SK S7J 2H8
Tel: 306-373-1660 or 1-800-667-7762



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Get your 2010-11 STF *Diary*

Pre-order online at www.stf.sk.ca until June 30, 2010.

You may have seen an advertisement in the *Saskatchewan Bulletin* regarding the STF's new individual pre-order process for the 2010-11 *STF Diary*. **Superannuated teachers who are members of STS chapters are not required to pre-order through the Federation website. Your STS chapters have already ordered on your behalf.**

The new pre-order system is intended to address monetary and environmental concerns by reducing waste. The Federation appreciates your assistance in helping to achieve this goal.

Questions about this process? Please contact the Federation's Communications Unit at 1-800-667-7762 or 306-373-1660.

Highlights of the 37th Annual General Meeting

Shirley Dyck & Doug Haroldson

The 2010 Annual General Meeting held in the Travelodge Hotel in Saskatoon on May 11 to May 13 was a huge success.

Registration began at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, May 11 under the direction of our Office Staff of Colleen Bailey and Heather Hase, assisted by delegates from the Prince Albert and the Swift Current Chapters.

There were 187 registered delegates plus 16 executive members representing 43 Chapters, our Executive Secretary and two Office Staff. These Chapters included five delegates from our British Columbia Chapters of Fraser Valley, Victoria and Okanagan Valley.

We again had corporate sponsorship for our AGM. We sincerely thank the Travelodge Hotel, Greystone Managed Investments Inc., the TCU Financial Group, Saskatchewan Blue Cross, ESTI and Deloitte for their generosity.

Tuesday Evening – Galaxy Ballroom

President Jim Segó welcomed the delegates to this 37th Annual General Meeting. Executive Secretary Fred Herron, Chair of the Nominations Committee introduced the candidates for the 2010-11 year.

President Jim introduced our guest speaker Catriona Le May Doan.

Catriona shared her Olympic Story relating her determination and tremendous experience of winning three Olympic medals, two gold and one bronze. Catriona was part of the Vancouver Olympic 2010 bid team to bring the 2010 Olympics to Canada. She also participated in the opening ceremony carrying the Canadian flag and later broadcasting the speed skating event as well as participating in the closing ceremony. Catriona



Bob Wilhelms of Saskatchewan Blue Cross with Catriona Le May Doan, our guest speaker Tuesday evening.



Heather Hase and Colleen Bailey, STS Office Staff assisting with delegate registration.



Members of the Swift Current and Prince Albert Chapters assisting with registration.

stated, “The 2010 Games were unique, and we Canadians became proud of who we are”. She has a fantastic speaking and broadcasting career. She hopes she can continue to inspire anyone to reach his or her goals, especially the young. Everyone enjoyed hearing her heart warming experiences. It was truly rewarding to begin our Annual General Meeting with Catriona. We

truly thank Saskatchewan Blue Cross for making this possible.

Wednesday, May 12

President Jim Segó chaired the Plenary Session held in the Galaxy Ballroom.

The singing of ‘O Canada’ was accompanied by Kate McCorriston playing the flute.

Peter Wiebe asked the invocation. This was followed by a minute of silence to remember our fellow superannuates who have passed away.

Fred Herron dealt with resolution six. “Nominations will be received until four o’clock in the evening of the day prior to the elections for the STS Executive.” This was carried.



Above: Catriona Le May Doan shares her Olympic stories.



Right: Kate McCorriston playing the flute for ‘O Canada’.

Vice-President Margaret Martin reviewed the announcements and introduced President Jim Segó.

President Jim delivered his Presidential Address.

Fred Herron, Executive Secretary, then brought forward the slate of nominees.

He then presented the budget. The committee reports were tabled until Thursday.

Shirley Dyck, AGM Co-Chair, discussed the Annual General Meeting format.

Delegates broke into five groups to discuss the resolutions.

In the afternoon delegates could attend three of the five Interest Sessions offered:

- Basic Perennials and “Claude Monet’s Giverny” – Sara Williams
- Circle of Rhythm – Drumming Circle – Cathy Chicoine
- Intersection of Youth Criminal Justice and Education – Kearney Healy
- Luck and Loss: Exploring the Impact of Gambling – Rachel Clare
- Preparing for the Worst (Death of Spouse and Power of Attorney) – Karen Tzupa TCU Financial Group

Wednesday Evening

On Wednesday evening, the delegates, Honorary Life Members, Past Presidents, and guests enjoyed the banquet held in the Galaxy Ballroom. President Jim Segó introduced the head table, the Executive and Office Staff, the Honorary Life Members and the Special Guests.

The Archive Committee of James Slough, Robert Wuschenny and Jim Segó presented Membership Growth Awards to 12 chapters. Margaret Martin read the list of superannuates who had received a Chapter Award in 2009-2010.

James Slough, Chair of the Honorary Life Membership Committee, bestowed this prestigious award on

three worthy candidates: Siegrid Schergel, Peter Wiebe, and Willmer Willems. Please read the more detailed report in this issue of *Outreach*.

Margaret Martin introduced the musical group “No Hurry”. We thoroughly enjoyed the musicians Greg Hoiness, Greg Solie and Brad Ehr from Saskatoon. They delighted the audience with their rendition of songs ‘Only the Lonely’, ‘You were Always on my Mind’, ‘I Can’t Help Falling in Love with You’, ‘Dreams’ and many more. Their wonderful voices and great harmony blended with humorous entertainment completed our evening. I have heard nothing but positive rave reviews about “No Hurry”.



Thursday, Plenary Session

STF President – Dianne Woloschuk



President Jim Segó introduced Dianne Woloschuk, President of the Saskatchewan Teachers’ Federation, who brought greetings on behalf of the Saskatchewan Teachers’ Federation.

In her address Dianne provided an update about Federation priorities and activities this year.

She stated, “The provincial education environment has for some time been characterized by wave after wave of changes affecting students, teachers and many major components of the system. In many school divisions, on-going curriculum renewal has been accompanied by increased attention on student assessment and testing programs. At the provincial level, the Ministry of Education has introduced new initiatives intended to ensure safe, caring schools as well as physical fitness in all students. In addition, the Ministry has made significant changes to the professional discipline processes for teachers who are non-STF members and it has proposed changes to teacher certification and classification procedures. A year ago in March, the provincial government centralized education funding by removing the authority of school boards to set their own mill rates. These examples reflect the scope, significance, and pace of change in the education system. Change is, in and of itself, a part of life and a part of systems and processes. However, these kinds of recent developments in education also invite reflection and discussion about the purposes, value and ultimate cumulative impact of these changes on children, youth, teachers, parents, and our entire community. On behalf of its members, the STF has been asking serious questions at Ministry and partnership tables about the long-term direction and goals of publicly funded education in our province, as well as the sustainability of these changes. It is important for the voice of teachers to be strong and consistent about these issues.”

She went on to say: “In accordance with its mandate, the STF carries out a wide range of advocacy work that is guided by the policies that teachers, through their elected representatives at Council, have adopted throughout the organization’s history.”

She also said, "We are committed to being recognized as professional teachers in every way that professionalism can be understood and valued. Advocacy, professionalism and purposes of education, these have been a major focus of our efforts during this past year."

In closing Dianne stated, "This is the last time I will address your Annual General Meeting as STF president. Over the past three years, I have very much enjoyed participating in your annual meetings and spending time with superannuated teachers. You can be rightly proud of your achievements, both as active teachers building your Federation and as superannuated teachers building the STS. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of the STS councillors and the valuable perspectives, wisdom and insight they bring to our discussion sessions at Council meetings. Thank you for your continuing contributions to the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation and to the next generation of teachers."

Displays

We were pleased to have displays from the McDowell Foundation, the TCU Financial Group, and the STF Memorabilia. Several draws were made from the TCU Financial Group. We wish to thank this group for their generosity. Congratulations to the lucky winners.

The Annual Meeting

The minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting were presented by Executive Secretary, Fred Herron. These minutes were adopted as amended.

Election of Officers

Siegrid Schergel presented the nomination slate. Siegrid conducted the election of officers. The report on elections is printed later in this issue of *Outreach*.

Committee Reports presented and adopted were:

- Executive Secretary** – Fred Herron
- Office and Staffing** – Fred Herron

- ACER-CART** – Fred Herron
- Budget, Finance and Audit** – Margaret Martin
- Councillors** - Margaret Martin
- Outreach** – Margaret Martin
- Group Benefits** – Shirley Henderson
- Archives** – Robert Wuschenny
- Support Services** – Calvin Bachmeier
- Recreation** – Calvin Bachmeier
- McDowell Foundation** – Maxine Stinka
- SSM** – James Slough
- Lifestyle Planning** – Shirley Dyck

Robert Wuschenny, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, presented the resolutions.

Fred Herron, Executive Secretary, presented the 2010-2011 budget. An auditor was appointed for next year.

Margaret Martin presented the courtesy resolution.

President Jim sego presented the gavel to incoming President Margaret Martin.

In closing President-elect Margaret Martin, thanked Jim Seggo for his many years of service to the STS.

President Jim thanked everyone for attending and then adjourned the 37th Annual General Meeting.



President Jim Seggo passing the gavel on to Margaret Martin, the President-elect for 2010-11.



Shirley Dyck, Margaret Martin, Jim Seggo, Fred Herron at the Annual General Meeting.

Thank you to all of those members who allowed their names to stand for election to the Provincial Executive.

Budget, Finance and Audit Report

Margaret Martin

The Proposed Budget July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 published in the March-April 2010 issue of *Outreach* was approved by the delegates to the STS 37th Annual General Meeting held in Saskatoon May 11-13, 2010. This budget is based on an annual fee for

2010-2011 of \$30 per person with an annual rebate of \$8 per person to Chapters. This same annual fee has been in place since 2006. Deloitte has again been appointed as the auditor for the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan for the 2010-2011 year.

Group Benefits Report

Shirley Henderson

Points to keep in mind:

- We have completed the first year of the new contract with Saskatchewan Blue Cross. The Committee is keeping a vigilant eye on the plan experience.
- The Client Drug Reimbursement Card was introduced.
- You may choose to have the reimbursement electronically deposited into your bank account. Please make these arrangements with Saskatchewan Blue Cross.

- Every member was sent a statement of premiums paid which can be used for income tax purposes.
- When your dependent reaches the age of 21 and is still a full-time student, please notify the STS Office to have the dependent remain on your Group Benefit Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to Chair this Committee.

Retirement Lifestyles Planning Report

Shirley Dyck

This year members of our Committee made presentations at the following Conventions:

Prairie South, Prairie Valley, Prince Albert, Holy Trinity, Tri-West, and Chinook where we presented at both their Spring and Fall Convention. The Cornerstone Teachers' Association had an evening presentation.

If Chapters are interested we have a Post-Retirement presentation and we would be willing to respond to your request.

A sincere "Thank You" to the presenters for doing such a great job at these Conventions.

The evaluations we received from teachers told us how much we were appreciated.

Also a very sincere "Thank You" to all who participated in making this another successful year for Retirement Lifestyle Planning.

Honorary Life Members

James Slough

Congratulations!

Peter Wiebe

- Provincial Executive member 2005-2010
- Has served on various provincial STS committees
- Has held various positions on the Regina Chapter Executive, including Chapter President, 2003-2005. Has attended provincial AGM's since 1997

Siegrid Schergel

- Provincial Executive member 2001-2009
- Served as STS President and Past-President, plus numerous provincial STS committees
- Joined the Moose Jaw Chapter in 1997 and served as Chapter President in 2000

Willmer F. Willems

- Has attended 23 provincial AGM's. Has acted as liaison between the Saskatoon Chapter and the Provincial organization
- Has held various Saskatoon Chapter Executive positions, including President
- Helped develop and maintain the Saskatoon Chapter website



Honorary Life Membership recipients (from left) Peter Wiebe, Siegrid Schergel, Willmer F. Willems.

Membership Growth Awards 2010

Chapter Name

Humboldt and District Chapter	Plaque + 3rd base
Kindersley Chapter	Plaque + 2nd base
Last Mountain Chapter	Plaque + 2nd base
Midlakes Chapter	Plaque
Moose Jaw Chapter	Plaque
Nipawin Chapter	Plaque + 2nd base
Outlook & District Chapter	Plaque
Parkland Chapter	Plaque
Prince Albert Chapter	Plaque + 3rd base
Saskatoon Chapter	Plaque
Shaunavon Chapter	Plaque
Weyburn Chapter	Plaque

Chapter Award Recipients 2010

Prince Albert Chapter

Mona Berg

Regina Chapter

Elaine Giroux-Sylvestre
Roger Sylvestre
Terry Gabriel (2009)

Saskatoon Chapter

Marie Hammer
Marlene Iachella
Willmer F. Willems (2009)
Terry Manley (2009)

Swift Current Chapter

Vivian Sedgwick
Beryl Robinson (2009)

Tisdale Chapter

(ten year membership)

Sylvia Dion
Jim Hoffart
Selena Kowal
Jeanne McCorrison
Mae Moritz
Cheryl Weenk
Bill Zorn

(twenty year membership)

Ron Eremko
Dorothy Hobbs

Victoria Chapter

(thirty year membership)

Mary Shadick

Weyburn Chapter

Blaine Morrison

Nominations Report

Siegrid Schergel

Executive positions for 2010-2011:

President/Councillor: Margaret Martin	Saskatoon Chapter
Vice-President/Councillor: Robert Wuschenny	Yorkton Chapter
Past-President/Councillor: Jim Segó	Unity Chapter
ACER-CART Representative: George Georget	Saskatoon Chapter
Executive Secretary: Fred Herron	Saskatoon Chapter

Councillors:

Calvin Bachmeier	Maple Creek-Medicine Hat Chapter
Shirley Dyck	Swift Current Chapter
Doug Haroldson	Maple Creek-Medicine Hat Chapter
Mike Kaminski	Assiniboine Chapter
Maxine Stinka	Assiniboine Chapter

Members at Large:

Elaine Broughton	Saskatoon Chapter
Shirley Henderson	Prince Albert Chapter
Gerald Mamer	Saskatoon Chapter
Roger Marchand	South Central Chapter
Kate McCorrison	Nipawin Chapter
Dan Palsich	Lloydminster Chapter
Jim Slough	Regina Chapter

50th Anniversary

Mount Royal Collegiate
(Saskatoon) Celebrates 50 Years

September 24, 2010 from
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Formal Program, Refreshments,
Mustang Car Show, Tours
All former staff & students
invited.

Visit www.mountroyal50.com

Recreation

Calvin Bachmeier



Upcoming Events

Recreational Activities Participation STS Style . . .

Bowling

2011 Host: Saskatoon Chapter

Golf

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

Fishing

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

Kaiser

2010 Host: The Battlefords and District Chapter
Date: October 14, 2010
Contact: Stella Ewanchuk
Phone: 306-445-6721
9004 Deans Cres.
North Battleford, SK S9A 3H7

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

Stitch 'N Quilt

2010 Host: Weyburn Chapter
Date: November 4, 5, 6 2010
Contact: Marilyn Mead
Phone: 306-459-2831
Email: f.mmead@sasktel.net
(more details to follow)

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

First 16 teams to pay registration fee (\$160.00) will receive the acceptance and informational registration form.

2011 Host: Swift Current Chapter
Contact: Ross Orth
Phone: 306-773-1055

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.

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 p.m. – 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.

Please indicate how many will need a boat ride: _____

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*

STS Resolutions 2010

Robert Wuschenny

Resolutions Directed to the STS

Resolution One

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.

Carried

Resolution Two

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).

Carried

Resolution Three

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

Carried

Resolution Four

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.

Defeated

Resolution Five

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.

Defeated

Resolution Six

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".

Carried

Resolution Seven

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 an additional Councillor shall be elected at the AGM".

Carried

Resolution Eight

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

"A quorum at Executive Meetings shall be the majority of the members."

Carried

Resolution Nine

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

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

Carried

Resolution Ten

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

Carried

Resolution Eleven

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

Carried

Resolutions Directed to the STF

Resolution Twelve

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.

Carried

Resolution Thirteen

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

Defeated

Resolution Fourteen

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.

Defeated

Resolution Fifteen

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

Carried

Resolution Sixteen

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

Carried

Resolution Seventeen

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 super-

annuation 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%

Carried

Resolutions Directed to ACER-CART

Resolution Eighteen

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. **Carried**

Resolutions Directed to Provincial Government

Resolution Nineteen

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. **Carried**

Resolution Twenty

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. **Carried**

Late Resolutions

Late Resolution One

BE IT RESOLVED that Blue Cross medical insurance include insulin pump and supplies, continuous glucose monitoring transmitters and sensors. **Defeated**

Late Resolution Two

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS request the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation revise their policy

regarding STF fees so that a retired teacher who teaches .45 of an academic year is not penalized financially by having to contribute an entire year of STF fees. When a retired teacher teaches for one semester, STF fees need to more fairly reflect the actual numbers of days taught. **Defeated**

Late Resolution Three

BE IT RESOLVED that the coverage for hearing aids under the STS Extended Health Plan be increased. **Defeated**

Councillor's Report

Margaret Martin

Our eight STS Councillors, Calvin Bachmeier, Shirley Dyck, Doug Haroldson, Mike Gorkoff, Michael Kaminski, Margaret Martin, Jim Sego, and Peter Wiebe attended the 77th Annual Council of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation in Saskatoon on April 21-24, 2010. We participated in the large and small group sessions dealing with the 22 Resolutions and nine Notices of Motion. We also listened to addresses from the Honourable Ken Krawetz, Minister of Education, Sandi Urban-Hall, President of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association, Don Hoium, President of LEADS, and Mary-Lou Donnelly, President of the Canadian Teachers' Federation. Gwen Dueck, the STF General Secretary, presented the Treasurer's Report and the General Secretary's Address. Dianne

Woloschuk, the STF President, also addressed the Councillors.

At the dinner on Friday evening, April 23, 2010, George Georget, David Friesen, and the late Ken Marland were honoured as the 2010 recipients of the Arbos Award. Steven Allen was elected as STF President and Sonja Susut was elected as STF Vice-President on Friday, April 23, 2010.

The Proposals for Teachers' Provincial Collective Bargaining were also approved by Councillors. The proposal seeking 100% indexing for superannuation allowances for the Saskatchewan Teachers' Superannuation Plan is included in these proposals. The present STF Provincial Collective Bargaining Agreement expires on August 31, 2010.

Reminder – STS Group Benefit Primary Plan holders

If you qualify for the Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan and have not already done so, please send a copy of the confirmation letter to the STS Office in order to receive the reduced premium for the Extended Health Plan. Please contact the STS office if you are no longer eligible for the Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan.

Spotlight on Members



Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting



From The Editor's Desk

As I sit here contemplating what to write, various thoughts run through my head.

What an exciting time with the election at this AGM. It was great to see and certainly kept all of us on our toes. I wish to thank each and every one of you who supported me and voted for me.

A most successful AGM has just been completed. Please read the reports in previous pages of this issue. The great work of the co-chairs Shirley Dyck and Doug Haroldson made it happen. Fred Herron, Colleen Bailey and Heather Hase provided the behind the scenes work which resulted in a terrific AGM. THANK YOU!

The business year for the STS will be completed June 30, 2010. Again we have completed another successful year.

To the people who talked to me about "Spotlight on Superannuates", thank you. I look forward to receiving this information for future issues. Please consider writing something for this page.

Shirley

STS Executive 2009-10

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Vice-President/Councillor	Margaret Martin, Saskatoon Chapter
Executive Secretary	Fred Herron, Saskatoon Chapter
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