

Disposition of AGM 2019 Resolutions

Resolutions Directed to the STS (A) (Bylaws)

January 8, 2020

A.1 **Be It Resolved** that the STS annual fee for 2019-2020 be \$30.00 per person.

Response:

The STS annual fee for 2019-20 has been set at \$30.00 per person.

A.2 **Be It Resolved** that the STS annual rebate to each Chapter for 2019-2020 be \$400.00 plus \$8.00 per member.

Response:

The STS annual rebate to each Chapter for 2019-20 has been set at \$400.00 plus \$8.00 per member.

(Non-Bylaws)

A.3 **BE IT RESOLVED that** Guideline 2 – Chapters and Committees Hosting Recreational Events 2.4 read as follows:

Finances

The Local STS Chapter is the body responsible for financing the recreational activity. The Provincial Organization awards a grant for each of the annual events authorized by the STS Executive. An amount of \$1500.00 is awarded for Curling, Golf, Bowling and Stitch 'N Quilt and will be paid in two installments (\$1000.00 on application and \$500.00 upon receiving the final report for the event). An amount of \$750.00 is awarded for Fishing, Horseshoes, Kaiser, Bridge and other activities approved by the STS Executive and will be paid in two installments (\$500.00 on application and \$250.00 upon receiving the final report for the event). These grants are available upon application to the Executive Secretary at the STS Office.

Response: The STS *Policy Handbook* dated July 1, 2019, has been updated to reflect these changes.

A.4 **BE IT RESOLVED that** the STS investigate the inclusion of coverage for C-PAP units in the STS Group Benefits Plan.

Response: This resolution was sent to Saskatchewan Blue Cross. No response has been received to date.

A.5 **BE IT RESOLVED that** the STS investigate the inclusion of coverage for the shingles vaccine in the STS Group Benefits Plan.

Response: This resolution was sent to Saskatchewan Blue Cross. No response has been received to date.

A.7 BE IT RESOLVED that the STS encourage Saskatchewan Blue Cross to consider that a medication substitution initiated by a pharmacy because of inadequate supply not be considered as a new prescription for travel purposes.

Response: This resolution was sent to Saskatchewan Blue Cross. No response has been received to date.

Resolutions Directed to STF (B)

B.1 BE IT RESOLVED that the STS strongly encourage the STF to have all revisions regarding fundamental changes to Portaplan come to the STF Annual Meeting of Council prior to their implementation.

Response: This resolution was sent to the STF Resolutions Committee. No response has been received to date.

Resolutions Directed to ACER-CART (C)

C.1 BE IT RESOLVED that STS work with SSM and ACER-CART to encourage governments to provide income tax credits for seniors who need to access help to be able to remain in their own homes.

C.2 BE IT RESOLVED that the STS together with ACER-CART request the federal government to increase the Pension Income Amount (line 314 on CRA income tax forms) deduction from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

C.3 BE IT RESOLVED that the STS together with SSM, ACER-CART lobby the federal government to withdraw Bill C-27 which would allow defined-benefit pension plans under federal jurisdiction to be converted to target-benefit plans.

Response:

Resolutions C1, C2 and C3 were sent to ACER-CART for presentation at the June Annual General Meeting. A letter was received on June 29, 2019 from Roger Regimbal reporting that all three resolutions were passed. He indicated slight amendments were made to the resolutions that did not alter the intent. Please see attached letter from ACER-CART.

Resolutions Directed to the Government (D)

D.1 BE IT RESOLVED that STS, subject to STF Bylaw 4.5.1 and STS Bylaw 6.2.7.5, work with SSM to lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to establish a Seniors Advocate position for the Province of Saskatchewan.

D.2 BE IT RESOLVED that the STS, subject to STF Bylaw 4.5.1 and STS Bylaw 6.2.7.5, lobby the government of Saskatchewan to invest in attracting, recruiting, training, and retaining of teachers for the North/Northern areas.

Response: Please see the attached letter that was received from the Minister of Education in response to this resolution.

D.3 BE IT RESOLVED that the STS, subject to STF Bylaw 4.5.1 and STS Bylaw 6.2.7.5, lobby the provincial government to fully fund the cost of C-PAP units.

D.4 BE IT RESOLVED that the STS, subject to STF Bylaw 4.5.1 and STS Bylaw 6.2.7.5, lobby the provincial government to add the shingles vaccine to the Saskatchewan Drug Plan Formulary.

D.5 BE IT RESOLVED that the STS, subject to STF Bylaw 4.5.1 and STS Bylaw 6.2.7.5, urge the Provincial government to establish a law that seatbelts, as well as on-board event data recorders similar to those in airplanes to expedite investigations and accurate data collection, be made mandatory on all buses.

Response:

This resolution was referred to the STS Executive. The resolution along with background research provided by the STS was sent to the President of the Weyburn Chapter in the event the Chapter wishes to take further steps.

D.6 BE IT RESOLVED that the STS, subject to STF Bylaw 4.5.1 and STS Bylaw 6.2.7.5, urge the Government of Saskatchewan to add the insulin Toujeo Solostar to the provincial drug formulary.

D.7 BE IT RESOLVED that the STS, subject to STF Bylaw 4.5.1 and STS Bylaw 6.2.7.5, work with SSM to encourage the province of Saskatchewan to hire more geriatricians for the province.

D.8 BE IT RESOLVED that STS, subject to STF Bylaw 4.5.1 and STS Bylaw 6.2.7.5, work with SSM to encourage the province of Saskatchewan to work with the Saskatchewan College of Massage Therapy to move legislation forward to regulate massage therapists in this province.

Response – Resolutions D1-D4, D6-D8

In accordance with policy, a letter was sent to the STF requesting permission to advocate to the provincial government as directed in resolutions D1-D8.

A letter was received from Randy Schmaltz indicating that the STF Executive passed a motion at its August 21, 2019, meeting to grant permission to the STS to advocate with the provincial government as requested regarding resolutions D1-D8.



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Minister of Education

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Regina, SK Canada S4S 0B3

Fred W. Herron, Executive Secretary
Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan
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SASKATOON SK S7J 2H8

Dear Fred Herron:

Thank you for your letter regarding a resolution on northern teacher recruitment and retention recently passed by the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan at their annual general meeting. I apologize that I could not be in attendance.

The Government of Saskatchewan acknowledges the issue regarding the recruitment and retention of teachers in northern Saskatchewan. We will continue to collaborate with school divisions affected to ensure that goals to fill vacant positions will be met.

This includes increasing the investments in teacher education programs in northern Saskatchewan. As of the fall of 2019, four teacher education programs are offered in Northern Saskatchewan. Dene Teacher Education Program, Cree Teacher Education Program (CTEP), Northern Saskatchewan Indigenous Teacher Education Program (NSITEP) and Northlands College Bachelor of Education (NCBE) are funded by the ministries of Education and Advanced Education.

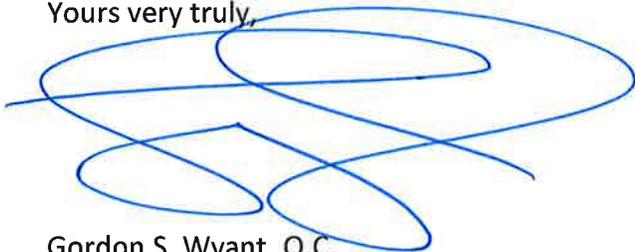
These programs follow traditional curricula with the infusion of northern and Indigenous cultural components and Indigenous language. We will continue to work collectively with our partners in education to provide support in meeting the local needs in northern Saskatchewan.

As a part of the Government of Saskatchewan's investment into northern teacher recruitment and retention plans, housing supplements and northern teacher allowances are also funded. This includes the addition of six new units to be built in La Loche in 2020 as a result of a partnership between the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Social Services, Northern Lights School Division, Methy Construction and the Village of La Loche.

If you have any further questions, please contact Thomas Sierzycki, Northern Education Advisor, at thomas.sierzycki@gov.sk.ca or 1-306-425-4382.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and lines, positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Gordon S. Wyant, Q.C.
Minister of Education

cc: Thomas Sierzycki, Northern Education Advisor, Ministry of Education



**Association canadienne des enseignantes et des enseignants retraités
Canadian Association of Retired Teachers**

June 29, 2019

Fred Herron Executive Secretary
304 – 717 Victoria Avenue,
Saskatoon, SK S7N 2T5

Dear Fred,

STS has submitted three resolutions to the AGM and has requested a follow-up on their disposition. All three were adopted with slight amendments that did not alter the intent.

M-4, it was felt by the assembly that since we were a national body we should intervene only at the federal level, and encourage provincial associations do the same locally.

M-6, the Legislation committee suggested that we replace C-27 by the following wording. Because of the upcoming elections, C-27 has died on the roster and it was felt that your aim would be best accomplished by asking not to reintroduce target benefits in the future. This suggested change was presented to STS Director Marie, which she presented as such.

M-4 2019 STS

BE IT RESOLVED that ACER-CART encourage the Federal government to provide Income tax credits for seniors who need to access help to be able to remain in their own homes and that we recommend to Members to do so in their respective provinces.

IL EST RÉSOLU l'ACER-CART encourage le gouvernement fédéral à accorder des crédits d'impôt sur le revenu aux personnes âgées qui ont besoin d'aide pour demeurer dans leurs demeures et de recommander aux Membres de faire de même dans leurs provinces respectives.

M-5 2019 STS

BE IT RESOLVED that ACER-CART request the federal government to increase the Pension Income Amount (line 314 on CRA income tax forms) deduction from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

IL EST RÉSOLU qu'ACER-CART demande au gouvernement fédéral d'augmenter la déduction du montant du revenu de pension (ligne 314 sur les formulaires d'impôt de l'ARC) de 2 000 \$ à 5 000 \$.

M-6 2019 STS

BE IT RESOLVED that ACER-CART lobby the federal government not to allow defined-benefit pension plans under federal jurisdiction to be converted to target-benefit plans.

IL EST RÉSOLU qu'ACER-CART fassent pression sur le gouvernement fédéral afin qu'il ne permette pas la conversion des régimes de retraite à prestations définies relevant de la compétence fédérale en régimes à prestations ciblées.

We want to thank you for submitting resolution to our AGM. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you



Roger Régimbal
Executive director

c. c. : Marie Leblanc-Warick, ACER-CART Director STS
Bill Berryman, President ACER-CART