

Disposition of AGM 2019 Resolutions

Resolutions Directed to the STS (A) (Bylaws)

April 21, 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. Their response is as follows:

The only coverage for a CPAP machine would be through a Government program.

There is a document on the Government website that states Patients will have access to the loan of a CPAP machine through the Saskatchewan Aids to

Independent Living (SAIL) Respiratory Equipment Program for a program fee of \$275. The loan of a CPAP machine will include repairs as needed during the useful life of the machine. The bulletin is Extended Health Benefits Information Bulletin September 29, 2017. For residents in Saskatchewan, this can be shared with them as an option versus buying a machine outright.

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. Their response is as follows:

This item regarding the inclusion of Shingles vaccine is a complicated one. This is a vaccine and vaccine coverage is not available. It would open a large exposure to include vaccines into the plan coverage and would expose the STS to significant financial risk to do so.

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. Their response is as follows:

Medication that is substituted because of an inadequate supply is still a concern to travel coverage as there may be complications as a result of changing medication. It is best to advise the pharmacist of the concern as this may have an impact on travel coverage. In addition, we recommend when possible, to call other pharmacies to see if they may have the medication as another pharmacy may have supply. This issue will be brought forward as a concern from the STS to our travel assistance provider.

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.

Response:

A letter was sent to the Honourable Warren Kaeding, Minister responsible for Seniors. No response has been received to date. A follow up letter was sent to the Minister on April 21, 2020.

- 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.

Response:

A letter was sent to the Honourable Jim Reiter, Minister of Health. No response has been received to date. A follow up letter was sent to the Minister on April 21, 2020.

- 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.

Response:

A letter was sent to the Honourable Jim Reiter, Minister of Health. No response has been received to date. A follow up letter was sent to the Minister on April 21, 2020.

- 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.

Response:

A letter was sent to the Honourable Jim Reiter, Minister of Health. No response has been received to date. A follow up letter was sent to the Minister on April 21, 2020.

- 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.

Response:

A letter was sent to the Honourable Jim Reiter, Minister of Health. No response has been received to date. A follow up letter was sent to the Minister on April 21, 2020.

- 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:

A letter was sent to the Honourable Jim Reiter, Minister of Health. No response has been received to date. A follow up letter was sent to the Minister on April 21, 2020.

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.

The STS has sent letters to the Minister of Health, Minister of Education and Minister Responsible for Seniors.



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Fred W. Herron, Executive Secretary
Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan
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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.

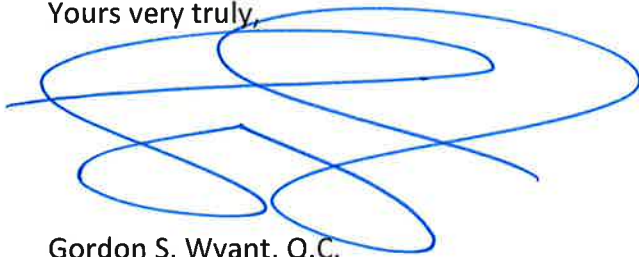
Fred W. Herron, Executive Secretary
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As a part of the Government of Saskatchewan's investment into northern teacher recruitment and retention plans, housing supplements and northern teacher allowances are also funded. This includes the addition of six 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,



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 (STS-C1)

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 (STS-C2)

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 (STS-C3)

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