

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

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This year has been one where we as an organization have begun to regain a greater sense of normalcy as the myriad of COVID impacts have begun to diminish.

The Executive Secretary has three broad areas of general responsibility and is specifically responsible to the Provincial Executive to:

1. Provide leadership, direction and overall supervision of STS activities;
2. Ensure the STS is managed with strong financial accountability and integrity; and,
3. Build and maintain positive organizational and individual relationships.

These are responsibilities that I take seriously and together with the dedicated Provincial Executive and Committees, I'm pleased to report the following highlights:

- In-person Provincial Executive and for the most part Committee meetings have begun to occur again.
- An in-person Chapter Presidents' Meeting occurred in fall, which in many cases was my first opportunity to meet with these important local leaders.
- The Provincial Executive was able to follow through its plans to reduce paper use and associated environmental impacts by moving to a largely "paperless" format for Executive meetings. This has required different office procedures to prepare for meetings as well as some technological learning for our Provincial Executive!
- Technological security and security of sensitive information has become a growing societal issue and steps have been taken to upgrade and enhance the security of the information the office handles.
- The 50th Anniversary of the STS in 2023 has been an exciting time as various provincial plans as well as local Chapter plans take shape.
- Enhanced communications through a renewed website, the initiation of an STS Facebook page and planning towards a refreshed *Outreach* magazine adds to the excitement.
- The continued integration of the member survey results into our organizational planning is occurring. A summary report of these survey results is contained in this booklet.
- The discussion and proposed renewal of parts of the STS Constitution as well as Bylaw 2 and 3 as part of the longer-range Governance and Handbook Review process.
- A new, two-year agreement was negotiated with Saskatchewan Blue Cross and initiated on July 1, 2022. This agreement continues to provide general Health and Dental insurance at a reasonable premium level and includes a one-time Health Spending Account for members as a result of some unanticipated surpluses in the Plan due to COVID.
- The restructuring of the STS finances continues after the approval of Bylaw 4 – Financial Affairs at AGM 2022. The hiring of the firm of Connor, Clark and Lunn as the STS investment manager was approved by the Provincial Executive and the transition of the various reserve funds into the new structures has begun.
- The continued sound financial position of the STS Operations as well as the Health and Dental Plan is a pleasure to report.

Lastly, it continues to be a pleasure to work with three outstanding individuals within the STS Office. Much of the work of Colleen Bailey, Office Manager, Heather Hase, Assistant Office Manager, and MJ

Krips, Administrative Assistant, goes unnoticed, but is essential to keep the organization running as smoothly as it does. They are a talented and effective team and a privilege to work with.

Respectfully submitted,
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