



# SRA

SASKATCHEWAN RETIREES ASSOCIATION

# THE

SUMMER 2017

# ADVISOR

## SRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members gathered for the SRA Annual General Meeting on May 25, 2017 to discuss the operations of the Association for the 2016 fiscal year. Members considered the various Committee reports, reviewed the financial statements, auditor's report and acclaimed four nominees to join the Board for a three-year term.

Members were very interested in the advocacy role of the SRA and encouraged the Board to consult more actively with the membership to ensure there is better understanding of the interests and direction from the general membership.

A summary of the member survey was provided in the meeting kits as feedback for members that had responded to the survey.

Members encouraged the new Board to develop a longer-term plan to respond to the growing financial surplus with more member development, information sessions and efforts to communicate more regularly.

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

As a result of the recent Annual General Meeting, your Board of Directors has demonstrated their confidence by providing me with another year to help lead the SRA as we look towards more member communication activities to reach you on a regular basis. This will continue to include an increase in the number of issues of the newsletter and more website updates. We continue to investigate the use of online streaming as another way to reach you with information sessions and future meetings.



We have had a successful year with 11% growth in the SRA Health and Dental Plans with positive claims experience, allowing for a reduction in the premium costs to members. Our overall financial situation remains strong and stable. We are now looking for ideas on how to deploy some of our financial resources for the benefit of ALL members. The Board will be holding a planning session in the early fall to consider the next few years of advocacy and special projects related to member information/education. We are always interested in your ideas about how we may use the financial resources that have been built up over the years. Any ideas you have will be considered so please call me at 306-536-7869 if you have ideas that you think could benefit the general membership or email us at [info@saskretirees.org](mailto:info@saskretirees.org).

We will continue to pledge our commitment to the SRA vision and continue to provide leadership to enhance the interests and wellbeing of Saskatchewan public sector retirees!

Warmest regards,



Randy Dove, President

## SASKATCHEWAN RETIREES ASSOCIATION BOARD COMPOSITION: 2017-18

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

|                                      |                 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| President:                           | Randy Dove      |
| Vice President, Finance:             | Linda Clark     |
| Vice President, Development:         | Ken Lozinsky    |
| Vice President, Corporate Secretary: | Charlotte Dusyk |

### PROPOSED COMMITTEE CHAIRS

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Executive:                 | Randy Dove   |
| Finance:                   | Linda Clark  |
| Membership/Communications: | Randy Dove   |
| Group Benefits:            | Ann Donovan  |
| Pensions/Issues:           | Ken Lozinsky |

### MEMBERS AT LARGE

Jack Peterson  
Pat Dean  
Lyle Fluter  
Cindy MacDonald  
Frank May  
Mae Smith  
Christine Fuchs

# MEMBERS' VOICE

Based on the discussion at the May 25, 2017 Annual General Meeting, members felt that the SRA should take a more active role in advocating against the actions of the provincial government. As a result a motion was presented to the members present.

Moved by Florence Pearpoint

Seconded by Linda McCaig

That the SRA support the resolution at the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism Annual General Meeting on June 1, 2017 seeking reinstatement of the Saskatchewan Transportation Company and support the reversal of other budget decisions negatively affecting seniors.

CARRIED

## SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION

To: SSM Resolutions Committee

Date: April 17, 2017

Sponsored by: Board of Directors, Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism

Moved by Randy Dove

Seconded by Brian Harris

**BE IT RESOLVED that:**

**The Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism carry out ongoing and multifaceted advocacy on behalf of its member organizations and older adults in Saskatchewan to demonstrate to the Government of Saskatchewan that the 2017 provincial budget has an adverse affect on the health and wellbeing of older adults.**

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### Background Information:

Age-Friendly Communities encourages older adults to be involved in decision making in their communities, and encourages government leaders at all levels to take seriously the opinions of older adults.

Addressing the current provincial deficit is important. However, it is equally important to ensure that the needs of the people of Saskatchewan, particularly the most vulnerable, are being met. Our measure as a society comes from our ability to provide for a good quality of life for our citizens. Not all decisions can be made based on financial cost - the cost to our physical, mental and spiritual health must also be taken into account.

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# VISION AND VALUES STATEMENT

## VISION:

Providing leadership to enhance the interests and wellbeing of Saskatchewan public sector retirees.

## MISSION:

A volunteer led, non-profit organization of current and retired Saskatchewan public sector employees, working together to improve the quality of the lives of our members.

## CORE VALUES:

- Integrity - acting with openness and honesty
- Open communication - all members are encouraged to openly share their opinions and view
- Unity - working together building relationships to create value for the members
- Respect - treat members with mutual respect and value their contribution
- Passion for results - pride, enthusiasm and dedication in everything we do
- Excellence - dedicated to satisfying member needs and honouring commitments made to them
- Teamwork - supportive of each other's efforts to meet our shared goals
- Accountability - accepting responsibility for one's actions

## MANDATE:

- Speak with a united voice for members.
- Provide a forum for discussion of issues relevant to all members.
- Promote communication, co-operation, and understanding among our members.
- Research and compile information on pension benefits and retirement issues and advocate changes.
- Provide access to retirement programs for members and their families.

## GOALS:

- Organize the resources of the SRA to provide effective, timely service to the membership.
- Advocate improvements to benefits that reflect the needs of the members.
- Make relevant information available to the members or interested parties.
- Make timely presentations to governments and other organizations to advocate positive changes to current retirement benefits.
- Increase public awareness of SRA through marketing and outreach activities.
- Provide opportunities to facilitate social events and communication with the membership.
- Expand SRA membership and engage their talents.
- Actively seek feedback from the members.



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# MEMBER COMMENTS

Have a question? Suggestion? Need Information?

Let us know:

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