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Dear Member:

I realize it has been quite some time since SRA published a Gazette or newsletter for the membership. Without trying to make any excuses, there are 2 main reasons for this situation – one being the cost of producing and mailing such documents, as our \$10.00 membership fee does not go too far these days and secondly the news related to our court case has been sparse to none at all. However, it is time to now communicate certain facts:

1) **Legal Claim**

As most members are aware, on November 4, 2008, your representatives (Ron Reavley, Frank May and Alf Zimmerman) along with Mr. Kuski and others of the legal team, met with Judge Catherine Dawson and the Government's legal team. After separate discussions with the Judge, we were advised that the Government Team was asked to provide the Judge with some specific information and as well to add to their team someone that had the authority to make financial decisions. The Judge also indicated to us that she may need an amount of time to not only get the information she asked for but also to meet with and have discussions with the Government Team prior to reconvening both sides together again.

We are aware that the Government Team has been in contact with the Judge and provided her with at least some of the information she requested. We also understand that a senior Finance Official has been added to the Government Team.

Your representatives have been waiting patiently, some 6 months for the Judge to reconvene the two sides. Our lawyers believe that an "Out-of-Court" settlement is the best option available to us rather than a long drawn out trial. For this reason, our lawyers recommend that we need to be patient and give the judge ample time to do her work.

While we have been prepared to provide reasonable time, the waiting cannot go on indefinitely. Our lawyers recognize this and have indicated that if they sense an “Out-of-Court” settlement is not a possibility, then they will immediately press to move the matter forward to the court.

As things happen, every effort will be made to provide timely updates of the progress on the SRA Internet web site. To access the web site and get this information, please go to – [www.saskretirees.org](http://www.saskretirees.org) and click on NEWS UPDATES.

Our web site will have displayed on it, as quickly as we can get it processed, the most recent information and news about our lawsuit. Please access the web site for the latest information and keep informed on what is happening respecting our legal claim.

## 2) **Benefit Programs:**

As most members are aware, the SRA Bylaws and the legal contract with Group Medical Services require that membership and participation in SRA Group Benefit or other programs requires a current or paid up membership in the SRA. It has been brought to my attention that quite a number of memberships have elapsed and that benefits for these members may be in jeopardy. If these memberships are not made current these members may be required to pay a reinstatement fee before any benefits for them can be re-established.

*While this action may appear severe*, you will be aware that the SRA does not have any permanent staff or paid staff to monitor memberships. It is for this reason that your membership card has your membership expiry date on it and that members are expected to take some responsibility to ensure their membership remains current. To assist members, and whenever possible, the SRA will print membership expiry dates on the labels for Gazettes or Newsletters mailed to them. Unfortunately this is not always possible and thus the members must take hold of the responsibility to ensure their memberships are current. To limit this problem as much as possible, members have been asked to pay their membership some 4 or 5 years in advance. When this has been done, the membership concern will be largely eliminated.

Please take the time to check your membership card and ensure your membership is up to date. If your membership is not current, please use the form on the backside of this letter to submit your membership fee and again become a member in good standing with the entitlement to all the associations programs and services. You may also wish to look on the address label of this letter. Efforts are being taken to try again to have your membership expiry date listed on the top right side of the label.

### 3) **SRA Annual Meeting:**

Arrangements have been made to hold the annual general meeting for SRA on **Friday June 5 starting at 12:00 Noon**. As in past years, the meeting will take place in the **SGEU Hall located at 1440 Broadway Avenue, Regina**. It is the intent of the Board that this letter will serve as the official notice for this meeting.

Agenda topics and discussions at the AGM may include:

- Update and questions and answers on our legal claim by our legal counsel Gordon J Kuski.
- A discussion regarding the costs of our legal claim, including the donations and legal expenditures to date.
- Possible amendments to our bylaws to provide for Honorary and/or Life appointments for services to the SRA.
- Discussion of opening Group Benefits, Dental and other program memberships to non-government employees or retirees.
- Review of the July 1, 2009 Group Benefit and Dental plan changes including the changes in premiums.
- Discussion on the future direction and role of SRA (post law suit) and the importance of a survey questionnaire.

Please remember the Annual General Meeting scheduled for June 5 starting at 12:00 Noon. If you can, please try to attend and hear what has gone on with the SRA and what is planned for the future. Please come early, enjoy a coffee and/or donut and reminisce with friends before the meeting starts.

Hope to see you all there.

Alf Zimmerman  
President, SRA.