

## **SRA - CHANGES DURING THE PANDEMIC**

During these changing times, the SRA has made a number of changes in the way we operate. Our volunteers have been social distancing like everyone else in Saskatchewan as we work hard to keep the curve flattened for our collective safety.

Most of our Board and Committee meetings and activities have shifted to either telephone conference calls or video supported calls through Zoom. These formats have proven to be effective in allowing us to continue to respond to your needs and provide information as needed.

We have also shifted much of our interaction with Group Medical Services (GMS) to communicate electronically. More often new members are using the e-transfer option to pay registration fees as they join the SRA. Enrolments for the SRA Health and Dental Plans are now being sent to GMS electronically to limit contact and speed up the process.

The Board has also temporarily amended our bylaws to provide for virtual Board meetings and to facilitate our **Annual General Meeting**. With the state of emergency still in place across Saskatchewan, the expectations for timing and filing were relaxed in the Non Profit Corporations Act so that organizations can plan a safe annual meeting at a time when the pandemic may have lessened. However, all indicators are suggesting that there may be a surge in the fall,



so the Board has decided to move forward with an online annual meeting on **September 24, 2020**. More information will be provided in the coming weeks so that you can plan to attend from your homes, no matter where you reside across Canada. We believe that this will assist us in reaching a larger audience using the current technology that's available.

We are also planning a **Town Hall** meeting to assist in creating awareness of issues facing older adults in Saskatchewan. This will be an open meeting on **September 10th**. We hope you will join us as we all prepare for the provincial election in October. Our goal will be to provide you with information if you have opportunities to talk to candidates and understand their views related to retiree needs and interests.

We continue to believe that we will build "strength together" through these meetings. More information will be made available in August.





## VIRTUAL TOWN HALL 2020

### Positive Aging – Saskatchewan Needs A Plan!

## SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 | 2:00 PM

This event will provide an opportunity to learn more about developments with new pension options. Information will be presented on recent research about important issues for older adults. The session will help build your awareness of the need for a longer-term plan for older adults in Saskatchewan so you are equipped to talk to candidates in the upcoming provincial election on October 26, 2020!

## **EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Register at: https://live.webcastcanada.ca/go/sra-townhall

# The SRA Board of Directors is recommending the following members as 2020 Honorary Lifetime Membership Nominees:

#### **MARIAN BROWN**

After many years of service to the Ministry of Health, it was a natural transition for Marian to join the SK Retirees Association Board of Directors and continue her contribution to improve others lives. Through her involvement at the Board and the Group Benefits Committee, Marian demonstrated her compassion, dedication and future focused thinking to assist the success of the SRA.



#### **JACK PETERSON**

With a background of service in Executive Government, Jack has been actively involved in the continued development and modernization of the SK Retirees Association. His leadership at the Board level and in chairing the Group Benefits Committee ensured that the current benefits plans remained relevant and continued to meet the needs of the many retirees of the provincial public sector.



## VIRTUAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 | 10:30 am

The Annual General Meeting will review the achievements and financial results of the 2019 operational year, elect new directors and approve honorary lifetime member nominees.

**Open to all SRA members across Canada!** 

Register at: https://live.webcastcanada.ca/go/sra-agm

# **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Have a question? Suggestion? Need Information?

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