



SRA

SASKATCHEWAN RETIREES ASSOCIATION

THE

ADVISOR

SUMMER 2021

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - HIGHLIGHTS

Seventy-seven members gathered virtually on May 26, 2021, to participate in the SRA annual general meeting. With a theme of “brighter futures” the Board of Directors reported on a variety of achievements during the 2020 fiscal year.

2020 was a turbulent year, starting with great expectations of more member engagement and a planning initiative to propel the organization forward for the next three years. Much of the momentum was stalled by the pandemic with many plans and activities postponed for over a year.

The Board did complete a three-year planning process with renewed focus on member engagement and building connections with the many public sector employers that are supporting the SRA. As we move forward, we will be looking at plans and activities that relate to education, wellness and finance, key commitments to guide the Board into the future.

Group Benefits and Pensions and Issues were Committees that were very active over the year, working to ensure the SRA Health and Dental Plans continue to meet member needs. More effort has been started to build relationships with like minded organizations including SSM (Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism) related to the positive aging and home support initiative. Renewed contact with PEBA (Public Employees Benefit Agency) has been started to build bridges as we share the same members and potential members from provincial government organizations.

The Membership Committee continued its activity, working with interested retirees to help them join the SRA and enrol for the benefits plan. With over 300 new members in 2020, the SRA continues to grow and build a solid foundation of new, younger members that will secure the future for the SRA.

2021 will see a “brighter future” with the impending end of restrictions with the increase of vaccines, a start of a “new normal” for all members across the province and beyond.

To our 3500 members, the Board of Directors is expressing our sincere thanks for your support during the last year. With “strength together” we will move forward, continue to build the SRA into the premiere organization for retiring public sector employees in Saskatchewan!



THE SRA WELCOMES THE 2021 HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBER: FRANK MAY



Frank May spent 35 years working for the people of Saskatchewan in various positions related to Education, Science and Technology in Prince Albert, Saskatoon and Regina.

With his retirement in 1987, Frank soon found another opportunity to continue his contribution to Saskatchewan.

As part of the Saskatchewan Government Superannuates Association, which later was renamed the Saskatchewan Retiree Association, Frank began a lengthy period of successful volunteerism. His contributions to the SRA are many, with years as a director, committee member and through his stewardship of the financial operations of the organization.

Frank served as the Treasurer/VP, Finance for over a decade where he managed the operations with care and diligence as the SRA membership expanded, and the Board of Directors began to transition to new leaders.

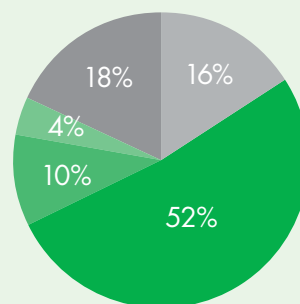
With changing times, Frank continued to participate, helping new directors understand the mandate of the SRA and reminding many of the view of the founders from 1975. He has served as a leader, mentor and counsellor to ensure that the direction and purpose of the SRA stays focused on the needs of all members across Saskatchewan.

While Frank chose to step back somewhat in 2020, he continues to be an able historian that can be relied upon for advice, ideas and good humour as he always has the interests of SRA close to his heart.

MEMBERSHIP CONTINUES TO GROW

During the last three months, the SRA has been monitoring the sources of new members. The following represents the sources of members that have joined the SRA:

Exec Govt	16%
Crowns	52%
Agencies	10%
Education	4%
Health	18%
Total	100%



The Board continues to monitor the composition of our membership as we want to have a diverse membership from all approved organizational members.

3 PEPP PERKS FOR PEPP RETIREES



IF YOU ARE A PEPP RETIREE, CONGRATULATIONS ON REACHING THIS MILESTONE!

As a valued PEPP member, your financial wellness is our top priority – including in your retirement years. So, here are three PEPP perks to keep in mind – whether you’re settling into retirement or have been retired for years.

1. PLANet

PEPP recently launched an online tool to make it easier for you to stay up-to-date on your PEPP account. You can quickly view your current PEPP account balance, your personal rate of return, transaction details and earlier member statements.

PLANet also allows you to process an inter-fund transfer, update your address and beneficiary information, set your communication preferences and access our online retirement planning tool.

Soon, you’ll be able to process your own payment requests and payment schedule changes. You can register for PLANet today to manage your PEPP account anytime and from anywhere.

2. Your Path to Retirement workshops

You can attend one of our virtual workshops – specifically, our ENJOY workshop. This workshop continues to guide you on your financial wellness by keeping you informed. Topics include PEPP investments, other retirement options, retirement income sources, estate planning and tax planning.

It’s easy to register! Just find the workshop you’re interested in by visiting the PEPP website and completing the online registration form for an upcoming workshop.

3. Access to PEPP’s team of Retirement Information Consultants

As a retiree, did you know you still have access to consultations with **CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER®** and **QUALIFIED ASSOCIATE FINANCIAL PLANNER™** professionals at no cost? At PEPP, we call them Retirement Information Consultants, or RICs for short. Brenda, Jessica, Mimi and Ruth are all happy to meet and help answer your questions.

If you’re unsure of what investment fund you should choose, what retirement option to pick, or whether to consolidate your assets into PEPP, just give us a call to set up a one-on-one session to discuss your options. It will put your mind at ease and help you to make the decision that is right for you!

Whether you’re looking to register for PLANet, one of our workshops or just want some additional information, simply visit PEPP’s website at www.peba.gov.sk.ca/pensions/pepp/home.html.



COMMITTEES 2021-22

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President:	Randy Dove
Vice President:	Harold Hugg
Treasurer:	Chris Oleson
Secretary:	Charlotte Dusyk

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Executive:	Randy Dove
Finance:	Chris Oleson
Membership/ Communications:	Randy Dove
Group Benefits:	Laverne Williams
Pensions/Issues	Ken Lozinsky/Harold Hugg
Nominations	Christine Fuchs/Charlotte Dusyk

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance	Chris Oleson, George Meredith, Cindy MacDonald
Group Benefits	Laverne Williams, Ann Donovan, Mae Smith, Bill Lawson
Membership/ Communications	Randy Dove, Lyle Fluter, Penny Hendrickson, Shane McLellan, Rolli Bachelu
Pensions/Issues	*Ken Lozinsky/Harold Hugg, Mae Smith, Christine Fuchs, John Mowbray, Dale Schoffer
Nominations	*Christine Fuchs/Charlotte Dusyk, John Mowbray

MEMBERS AT LARGE:

Lyle Fluter
Shane McLellan
Brian McKay
George Meredith
Mae Smith

*Co-Chairs



MEMBER COMMENTS

Have a question? Suggestion? Need Information? Let us know!

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