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SASKATCHEWAN RETIREES ASSOCIATION

THE

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PLANNING PRIORITIES

The SRA Board recently held a planning session to sort out priorities for the next 2-3 years. Of the many ideas that emerged, the Board agreed that the focus should be on the following:

- Increased engagement with members including
 - gathering members' needs
 - adding new services
 - developing member profiles
 - events for members
 - seeking new volunteers
 - sponsorship
- Develop a plan for future leadership on Committees and the Board of Directors
- Greater public advocacy for older adults needs and interests
- Respond to the interests of our founding members
- Share information from a recently completed pension scan of developments across Canada in both the public and private sector
- Upgrade the accounting system and website with an e-commerce option for payments by members for registration and membership fees

These priorities will now be assigned to develop specific action plans to carry the SRA through 2018-2020.

We would welcome your comments and involvement in the planning process. To get involved, please call 306-584-5552 or send an email to info@saskretirees.org. 🌾

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Board of Directors has completed its reorganization efforts for 2017-18 and recently embarked on a planning process to develop a three year plan for the SRA. The plan is now being expanded with action steps for 2018-2020 so we can continue to learn more about your needs and represent you better when working with our partners, government and other interested groups.



The SRA continues to receive indications of interest from public sector organizations and will review each application carefully so that we are able to fulfill our mandate of expanding the membership while protecting the interests of all members who have built the organization.

Recently, the SRA lost one of the foundational voices with the passing of Graham Tuer. Graham was instrumental in the past in the development of the SRA and was a strong voice to ensure that we did not lose touch with our original direction and purpose. As a strong community leader in Saskatchewan, Graham will be missed by all of us.

We would also remind you that the SRA bylaws, updated in 2016, provide for the identification of Honourary Members. If you know someone that you feel should be considered, please nominate them by contacting me at 306-536-7869 or at info@saskretirees.org. We will have more detail about the process in the fall as we will want to honour these key contributors at the Annual General meeting on May 24, 2018.

We continue to pledge our commitment to the SRA vision 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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If your membership expires at the end of 2017, you will receive a letter asking you to renew your membership. As in the past, you can pre-pay your membership for up to five years.

Membership fees remain unchanged at \$20.00 per year.

The SRA continues to work for you by:

- Monitoring any developments in Canada related to public sector pension plans in order to be prepared to advocate for you to ensure pensions are preserved and enhanced.
- Leveraging our membership in the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism through access to their resources and programming including fraud awareness, age friendly communities, media and ageism research and projects focused on reducing isolationism for older adults.
- Managing the SRA Health and Dental Plans in cooperation with Group Medical Services to provide competitive, affordable medical and dental coverage for our members.

Please watch your mailbox for your membership renewal letter so you can keep your membership up to date and continue to support the efforts of the SRA as a strong voice for you! 🌾



MEMBER'S VOICE

ADVOCACY WORKSHOP

The Saskatchewan Retirees Association, as a member of the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism, is making the following opportunity available to SRA members. The workshop is scheduled for:

Thursday November 16th
Wesley United Church
3913 Hillside St., Regina
9:30 am - 3:30 pm

The purpose for the event is: To provide an opportunity for participants from the 18 SSM Member Organizations to learn about advocacy/political activity for non-profit organizations and to explore ways to collaborate with one another to address issues of importance to older adults.

Guest speaker for the event is Gloria DeSantis, Assistant Professor of Justice Studies at the University of Regina and Founder/Facilitator, Voluntary Sector Studies Network.

The SRA can send as many people as we wish, but you must pre-register by leaving a message at 306-584-5552 by November 8th or by email at info@saskretirees.org. Lunch will be provided.

Mileage costs for the first three participants will be reimbursed by the SK Seniors Mechanism.

Please consider joining us for this important workshop so we can learn more about effective ways to represent your needs and interests in this changing environment. 🗳️



MEMBER COMMENTS

Have a question? Suggestion? Need Information?

Let us know:

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