

Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism



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Seniors Working Together

24th Annual General Meeting

June 12, 2014

**McClure United Church
Saskatoon, SK**

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AGENDA

2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday June 12, 2014

1:00 p.m.

1. Call the Meeting to Order—Betty Pickering, President
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes of the June 12, 2013 Annual General Meeting
4. President's Report—Betty Pickering
5. Executive Director's Report—Holly Schick
6. Program Reports
 - a. Century Club
 - b. Celebrating Seniors
 - c. Century of Memories
 - d. Housing Task Group
 - e. Creating Age Friendly/Elder Abuse Free Communities
 - f. Seniors Neglect & Abuse Response Line
7. Committee Reports:
 - 7.1 Finance & Audit Committee Report—Andre Nogue
 - a. Auditor's Report: Mintz & Wallace, Chartered Accountants
 - b. Motion to Appoint the Auditor
 - 7.2 Governance Committee Report—Charles Keple
 - 7.3 Membership Committee—Margaret Gailing
8. Other Reports
 - 8.1 Grants Report
 - 8.2 Philips Lifeline Saskatchewan
 - 8.3 ALCOA Representative Report
9. Nominations
10. Resolutions
11. Closing Remarks

SASKATCHEWAN SENIORS MECHANISM
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM - June 12, 2013

AGM Minutes

AGM Minutes
McKenna Hall, Weyburn
June 12, 2013
1 p.m.

Present:

President : Betty Pickering

Voting Delegates

Charles Kelpie, National Association of Federal Retirees

Andre Nogue, National Association of Federal Retirees

Maureen Eckstein, Saskatchewan Federation of Union Retirees

Ron Monk, Saskatchewan Federation of Union Retirees

Fran Passmore, Saskatchewan Federation of Union Retirees

Margaret Gailing, Saskatchewan Senior Fitness Association Inc.

Fred Lowenburger, Saskatchewan Senior Fitness Association Inc.

Ernie Shenher, Saskatchewan Senior Fitness Association Inc.

Betsy Redstone, Saskatchewan Seniors Assoc. Inc.

Isobel Fowler, Saskatchewan Seniors Assoc. Inc.

Lorna Weldon, Saskatchewan Seniors Assoc. Inc.

Line LeRuyet, Lifelong Learning Centre

Line LeRuyet (proxy for Marj Thiessen)

Al Schell, Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan

Mike Kaminski, Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan

Maxine Stinka, Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan

Shirley Arnold, Regina Senior Citizens Centre

Joann Corbett, Regina Senior Citizens Centre

Doris Dietrich, Senior Power

Ray Zelowsky, Senior Power

Wilma Mollard, Saskatoon Council on Aging

Candace Skrapek, Saskatoon Council on Aging

Muriel Baxter, Saskatoon Council on Aging

Brian Huggins, Power Pioneers Association of Saskatchewan Inc.

Staff

Holly Schick

Vivian Lutzko

Lynne Couzens

1. Call to Order

President Betty Pickering called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. Everyone

introduced themselves.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Mike Kaminiski/Andre Nogue that the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried.

Motion: Charles Keple/Ron Monk that everyone have a voice and can speak. Carried.

3. Approval of the minutes

Motion: Isobel Fowler/Maxine Stinka moved the minutes be adopted as circulated. Carried.

4. President's Report – presented by Betty Pickering

Motion: Betty Pickering/Maureen Eckstein that the President's Report be accepted as presented. Carried.

5. Executive Director's Report – presented by Holly Schick

Motion: Charles Keple/Andre Nogue that the Executive Director's Report be accepted as presented/circulated. Carried.

6. Program Reports

- a. Century Club
- b. Celebrating Seniors
- c. Century of Memories
- d. Housing Task Group
- e. Elder Abuse Prevention Network
- f. SMART (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together)
- g. Creating Age Friendly/Elder Abuse Free Communities

Page 46 in AGM Book should be Marj Thiessen not Marj hiessen

Question re: Housing Task Group - How is it going?

- ◇ Housing Task Group planned the conference.
- ◇ Brian Huggins spoke to question –SSM Annual conference a big part of the Housing Task Group's work this year
- ◇ Brian Huggins attended 2013 Housing Outlook presented by CMHC (Regina)
- ◇ Brian Huggins attended the People's Alternate Summit for Regina
- ◇ Written reports were submitted after both events
- ◇ Suggested that Advocacy Committee develop and implement a Mandate & Terms of Reference for the Housing Task Group because topic is so broad

Motion: Mike Kaminski/Fran Passmore that Program Reports be accepted as circulated. Carried.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Finance Committee – presented by Andre Nogue

Finance & Audit Committee is official new name – Changed to meet Revenue Canada specs

Motion: Andre Nogue/Isobel Fowler that Finance & Audit Committee Report be accepted. Carried.

Andre Nogue/Isobel Fowler that the Financial Statements be accepted as presented. Carried.

Auditor's Report prepared by Mintz & Wallace, Chartered Accountants

Motion: Andre Nogue/Maureen Eckstein that Auditor's Report be accepted as printed in the AGM book. Carried.

Motion: Andre Nogue/Maxine Stinka that Mintz & Wallace be reappointed as auditor for 2013/2014. Carried.

Candace Skrapek noted that the Bylaws call it the Finance committee and this should be changed to reflect the new name

7.2 Governance Committee Report- presented by Charles Keple

Motion: Charles Keple/Al Schell that the Governance Committee Report be accept as circulated.

Carried.

8. Other Reports - presented by Holly Schick

8.1 Grants Report

Candace Skrapek noted a typing error on page 57 – Saskatoon Council on Aging funding should be \$19,808.00 not \$419,808.00

8.2 Philips Lifeline Saskatchewan

8.3 ALCOA Report

Motion: Ron Monk/Mike Kaminski that Other Reports be accepted as circulated. Carried.

9. Nominations Committee Report presented by Betty Pickering

Motion: that the Nomination Committee Report be accepted as circulated.
Carried

10. Elections:

Each nominee has the option of appointing a scrutineer.

Each nominee has the opportunity to speak for 2 min.

Betty Pickering presided over elections.

Motion: Fran Passmore/Fred Lowenburger that Ron Monk be the scrutineer. Carried.

Motion: Andre Nogue/Betsy Redstone that Charles Keple & Holly Schick count the election ballots.

Carried.

Nominee for Treasurer: (2 year term)

Andre Nogue

President Betty Pickering declared Andre Nogue as treasurer by acclamation.

Nominees for Secretary: (1 year term)

Isobel Fowler

Margaret Gailing

Margaret Gailing is elected as Secretary.

Members at Large:

Linda Anderson

Shirley Arnold

Isobel Fowler

Margaret Gailing – taken off ballot as elected as secretary

Brian Huggins

Mike Kaminski

Wilma Mollard

Elected for 2 years:

Linda Anderson

Brian Huggins

Mike Kaminski

Wilma Mollard

Elected for 1 year

Isobel Fowler

Motion: CharlesKeple/AndreNogue that the ballots be destroyed. Carried

11. Resolutions - Presented by Betty Pickering

SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION #1 — Tax Compensation

To: SSM Resolution Committee

Date: February 8, 2013

Sponsored by Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan

Moved by: Maxine Stinka

Seconded by: Al Schell

BE IT RESOLVED that the taxation system be used to compensate the surviving spouse (or equivalent) who, when filing income tax, is not in a position to take advantage of such provisions as pension splitting, property ownership sharing and the allocation of charitable contributions or medical expenses as ways of reducing their taxable income.

Maxine Stinka spoke to the resolution especially noting that large numbers of widows struggled financially once their spouse passed away. Carried.

SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION #2 — No Fee Seniors' Drug Plan

To: SSM Resolution Committee Date: February 25, 2013
Sponsored by Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan
Moved by: Mike Kaminski
Seconded by: Al Schell

BE IT RESOLVED that SSM encourage the Government of Saskatchewan to develop a strategy to achieve a no fee Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan.

Background:

Resolution passed by STS:

BE IT RESOLVED that the STS develop a strategy with the Government of Saskatchewan to achieve a no fee Saskatchewan Seniors' Drug Plan.

Mike Kaminski spoke to the resolution noting that the government can find money for football stadiums and for 3 more MLAs to be added to the Legislature so perhaps they can find money for this no fee seniors' drug plan. This would be universal coverage.

Candace Skrapek spoke against universal coverage noting that we need to be careful about what we ask for from the government re: resources are limited. There are a large number of seniors who can afford to pay for their own prescriptions therefore the resolution should be specific to low income seniors.

In favour - 12 Against – 7 Carried.

SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION #3 — Diabetic Supplies

To: SSM Resolution Committee Date: June 5, 2013
Sponsored by Saskatchewan Seniors Association Inc.
Moved by: Lorna Weldon
Seconded by: Maureen Eckstein

BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Saskatchewan provide free of charge all needles, test strips and lancets required for diabetics.

Background:

- The Government of Saskatchewan goes to great lengths to provide injection needles and other supplies to known drug addicts.
- Needles, test strips and lancets are not covered under some of the private health (e.g. Blue Cross) insurance.

Lorna Weldon spoke to resolution.

Mike Kaminski spoke to this resolution noting that diabetics are major portion of people who need podiatrists. Diabetics already have a lot of challenges &

expenses. If we can do something to help, it is of great benefit.

Carried.

SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION #4 — School Taxes

To: SSM Resolution Committee

Date: June 5, 2013

Sponsored by Saskatchewan Seniors Association Inc.

Moved by: Mike Kaminski

Seconded by: Isobel Fowler

BE IT RESOLVED that SSM lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to also apply a reduced rate (2.67 mills) for seniors paying school tax on home place residential property.

Background:

- Many seniors are having extreme financial difficulties on fixed incomes.
- Seniors have had many increased costs—rents, gasoline, dispensing fees, ambulance, etc.
- Farmland that generates income, has insurance protection, and government programs to ensure annual viability, school taxes on those farmland properties have been reduced to a very low amount (8-10 mills down to 2.67 mills).

Resolution passed by SSAI:

BE IT RESOLVED that SSAI through SSM lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to also apply a reduced rate (2.67 mills) for seniors paying school tax on home place residential property.

Mike Kaminski spoke to the resolution noting that Farm property is commercial and farmers have received large subsidies for flood assistance and disaster subsidy. If government can do this kind of assistance, seniors deserve to be helped also.

Carried.

SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION #5 — Property Tax Exemption for Seniors' Centres

To: SSM Resolution Committee

Date: June 5, 2013

Sponsored by Saskatchewan Seniors Association Inc.

Moved by: Mike Kaminski

Seconded by: Isobel Fowler

BE IT RESOLVED that all senior centres be exempted from all property taxes in the Province of Saskatchewan.

Background:

- A senior depopulation is occurring in rural Saskatchewan.
- Senior centres are facing many financial challenges in keeping their centres operational.

Muriel Baxter requested that resolutions be sent out before the AGM. Holly Schick noted that this year we were in an unusual position and received some of the resolutions at last minute because SSAI's convention was June 5 & 6, 2013. Rather than leave the resolutions for another year, it makes sense to deal with the resolutions while they are fresh. Most organizations have a deadline for resolutions. Board will discuss protocol for resolutions for next year. It was felt that more information was needed, as to the intent and background of the resolution, so it could be more easily understood. Those voting would like time to think over the resolution, as many times it is hard to come to a quick decision. This issue will be brought forward at the Presidents' and Senior Staff gathering in June in order to get feedback from member organizations. Organizations need a certain amount of time to discuss resolutions so voting delegate can come to the AGM with an informed opinion.

Isobel Fowler spoke to the motion noting that many seniors clubs pay \$3000 – \$4000 taxes on their club. Members are getting to be fewer and older and the taxes are getting to be more of a burden.

It was noted that the mil rate in rural SK is less than the mil rate in the urban areas.

Discussed whether this was a municipal issue or a provincial issue and whether it addressed all seniors clubs or only SSAI? Every municipality can exempt municipal portion but not the education tax. The tax base in rural SK is shrinking so it is hard to exempt taxes on anything. Since this is a municipal decision, the policy is inconsistent across the province. Several communities provide a municipality owned facility including utilities for seniors centres whereas in other locations the seniors own their building and have to pay taxes.

Carried.

SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION #6 — Seniors' Housing

To: SSM Resolution Committee

Date: June 5, 2013

Sponsored by Saskatchewan Seniors Association Inc.

Moved by: Isobel Fowler

Seconded by: Lorna Weldon

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism pursue the problem of adequate seniors' housing with more diligence with the Saskatchewan Provincial Government.

Background:

- Seniors housing is totally inadequate in Saskatchewan.
- The number of seniors requiring housing continues to grow each year.

Resolution passed by SSAI:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Seniors Association direct the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism to pursue the problem of adequate seniors' housing with more diligence with the Saskatchewan Provincial Government.

Carried.

SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION #7 — Funding for Seniors' Centres

To: SSM Resolution Committee

Date: June 5, 2013

Sponsored by Saskatchewan Seniors Association Inc.

Moved by: Betsy Redstone

Seconded by: Lorna Weldon

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSM ask the Saskatchewan Government to seriously consider the request of SSAI to give senior centres, that are in need, access to financial grants that are now available to community arenas.

Background:

- The Saskatchewan Government through the Parks and Recreation Department has approved financial grants to assist a number of community arenas, and as our Seniors Association recognizes the important role these facilities play in providing recreational services to our communities we fully support this program
- Our Seniors Association is extremely disappointed that we have been excluded from this grant program. Many of our senior centres are in need of financial support so that they may continue to provide and maintain the activities that our seniors are able to take part in. Some of the smaller clubs have limited resources and are in need of this type of program, such as the one put into place to assist our community arenas.
- Many of the seniors of today were instrumental in the establishment of our present day arenas and deserve a place where they can socialize and participate in activities. They should not be overlooked in their "Golden Years".

Carried.

11. Closing Remarks –Retired Board Members (Kurt Holstein, Betty Nippi-Albright, Tracy Thompson, Kerrie Strathy) were thanked for all their effort.

Motion: Andre Nogue/Ron Monk moved the meeting be adjourned @ 3 p.m. Carried.

SASKATCHEWAN SENIORS MECHANISM

CURRENT BYLAWS

SASKATCHEWAN SENIORS MECHANISM INC.
BYLAWS
May 2012

Preamble

WHEREAS Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism (incorporated on July 24, 1989 under ***The Non-profit Corporations Act***, Saskatchewan) and the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism Charitable Trust (incorporated August 16, 1995 under ***The Non-profit Corporations Act***, Saskatchewan) amalgamated to form the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism incorporated as of June 20, 2011 under ***The Non-profit Corporations Act***, Saskatchewan; and

WHEREAS Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism is empowered under the said ***Act*** to make bylaws;

THEREFORE Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism makes bylaws as follows:

TITLE

Title

1. These bylaws may be cited as the ***Bylaws of Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism, Inc.***

INTERPRETATION

Definitions

2. In these bylaws:
 - 2.1 “Mechanism” and “SSM” mean Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism, Inc.
 - 2.2 “member organization” means an association of seniors which is non-discriminatory in relation to race, religion, sex, physical or mental abilities and which has been incorporated for at least two (2) years for the purpose of supporting and advancing the common interests of seniors.

OBJECTIVES

Aims and Purposes

3. **To promote the well-being and independence of seniors in Saskatchewan by:**
 - 3.1 Providing access to information and support services for seniors;
 - 3.2 Educating and training seniors regarding issues affecting them;
 - 3.3 Conducting research to identify issues affecting seniors, and solutions to address them.

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

- Categories* 4. Member organizations which may be represented on SSM may be province-wide, city-wide or area-wide in terms of membership, goals and objectives, and they will collectively provide a network of programs or services throughout the province.

MEMBERSHIP

- Membership* 5.1 Any organization that meets the definition of a member organization, pursuant to clause 2.2, and which has not been represented by any other existing member organization of SSM may apply for membership in SSM.
- 5.2 Every application for membership shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the SSM.
- 5.3 Any member organization may withdraw from membership in SSM by providing written notice to the Board of Directors of SSM.
- 5.4 After consultation with the member organization the Board has the right to revoke membership for just cause.

SUPPORTERS

- Supporters* 6.1
- 6.1.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4 and subsection 5.1, there shall be a category known as “Supporters of SSM” which is open to any group or organization whose membership is composed primarily of persons who support and advance the interests of seniors.
- 6.1.2 Supporters of SSM may participate in activities of SSM but have no vote.
- 6.2 Every application to become a supporter shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of SSM.
- 6.3 Any organization may withdraw from being a supporter of SSM by providing written notice to the Board of Directors of SSM.
- 6.4 After consultation with the supporter the Board has the right to revoke supporter designation for just cause.

DIRECTORS

- Composition of the Board* 7.1 The Board of Directors of Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism shall be composed of twelve (12) members plus the Past President.
- 7.2 In principle, Directors shall serve for no more than two (2)

consecutive two year terms of office.

**Duties &
Responsibilities**

7.3 The term of office of newly elected Directors shall take effect at the first meeting of the Board held after the Annual General Meeting of SSM.

8.1 Directors of SSM shall:

8.1.1 Act honestly and in good faith, consistent with the best interests of SSM;

8.1.2 Exercise due care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances, to work and provide sound stewardship of the SSM resources entrusted to them; and

8.1.3 Protect confidentiality on matters and information provided to them in confidence at all board and committee meetings.

8.2 Any director who acts in a manner inconsistent with the interests and reputation of SSM shall be deemed in conflict of interest and shall be removed from the Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of ***The Non-profit Corporations Act***, Saskatchewan.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Officers

9. The officers of SSM shall consist of the following:

(a) President;

(b) Vice-President;

(c) Secretary;

(d) Treasurer; and

(e) Past President.

Vacancies

10.1 Except for the Past President, all officers and members-at-large shall be elected for a 2-year term at the AGM.

10.2.1 Upon the prior approval of nomination by a member organization an individual shall be eligible to stand for election as an officer or member-at-large at the Annual General Meeting.

10.2.2 All nominations must be received by the Nominations Committee at least 30 days prior to the AGM.

- 10.3 The Past President shall chair the AGM during the election of officers and members-at-large.
- 10.4 Election of officers shall be conducted beginning with the position of President and then continue through Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The person who receives the majority of votes cast (50% + 1) shall be declared elected. If there is no clear majority then a second and subsequent ballot(s) will be held until a clear majority is achieved. In subsequent ballots, the person with the least votes will be removed from the ballot. Individuals who are not elected to one position are eligible to run for other positions.
- 10.5 Elections for members-at-large shall occur following election of officers. Members-at-large will be elected on a single ballot. Those receiving the highest number of ballots will be deemed elected (up to the required number of members-at-large). In the event that any terms are only 1 year in duration the elected member(s)-at-large with the lowest number of votes will serve out the remainder of those terms.
- 10.6 Where an officer vacancy occurs, such vacancy shall be filled by and from the Board of Directors to complete the term.
- 10.7 Where a member-at-large vacancy occurs the Board of Directors may fill such vacancy to complete the term.
- 11.1 *Removals & Expulsions* The Board of Directors of SSM may remove any officer by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the directors whenever, in the judgement of the Board, the best interests of SSM would be served.

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

President

- 12.1 The President shall:
 - 12.1.1 Assume his/her office immediately upon election.
 - 12.1.2 Be the principal executive officer of SSM and it shall be his/her duty to be vigilant and active in promoting the objectives of SSM;
 - 12.1.3 Generally supervise and control the business and affairs of SSM;
 - 12.1.4 Keep the Executive Committee and the Executive Director aware of all undertakings carried out on behalf of the Board of Directors;
 - 12.1.5 Preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee;
 - 12.1.6 Be an **ex officio** member of all committees; and

12.1.7 Perform such other duties which may, from time to time, be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Vice-President

13.1 The Vice-President shall:

13.1.1 Assist the President in the performance of presidential duties and shall act as President ***pro tempore*** in the absence or inability of the President; and

13.1.2 Perform such other duties which may, from time to time, be prescribed by the Board of directors.

13.2.1 The Vice-President shall automatically assume the office of President when the present incumbent is permanently unable to carry out his/her duties.

13.2.2 The completion of the term of office referred to in clause 13.2.1 shall not be considered as a term of office of President.

Treasurer

14. The Treasurer shall:

14.1 If required by the Board of Directors, be bonded for the faithful discharge of his/her duties in such sums and sureties as the board may determine;

14.2 Be responsible for ascertaining the correctness of the financial status of SSM;

14.3 Report the financial status of SSM at all board meetings;

14.4 Perform all other duties incident to the office of Treasurer; and

14.5 Carry out such other duties as may be assigned, from time to time, by the Board.

Secretary

15. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall ensure that minutes are kept.

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Management

16.1 Official cheque signing authorities shall be any two of the executive director, president, treasurer, vice-president, and secretary of SSM.

16.2 As designated officers of the Board, Bylaw 16.1 shall apply to the signing of any deeds, mortgages, loans, contracts or other instruments which are authorized by the Board to be executed.

- Voting Authority** 17. Each director present at a meeting of the Board of Directors shall have one vote.
- Meetings** 18. There shall be at least four (4) meetings of the Board of Directors in each fiscal year.
- Fiscal Year** 19. The fiscal year of SSM shall commence on April 1 of a year and end on March 31 of the following calendar year.
- Quorum** 20. A majority of voting Directors personally present at a meeting of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.
- Conduct of Meetings** 21. Where not otherwise expressly provided for in ***The Non-profit Corporations Act***, or elsewhere in these bylaws, the conduct of meetings of the Board of Directors shall be governed by the latest revised edition of ***Roberts Rules of Order***.

COMMITTEES

- Committees** 22.1 The following standing committees shall be struck at the first meeting of the Board after the Annual General Meeting of SSM:
- 22.1.1 Governance Committee chaired by the Vice President;
- 22.1.2 Finance Committee chaired by the Treasurer;
- 22.1.3 Membership Committee chaired by the Secretary;
- 22.1.4 Nominations Committee chaired by the Past President; and
- 22.1.5 Other Task Groups as needed to carry out the work of SSM.
- 22.2 The Board of Directors may appoint committee members from the members of the Board or may appoint participants from the general membership of any member organization(s).
- 22.3.1 There shall be a committee known as the Executive Committee which shall consist of the:
- (i) President;
 - (ii) Vice-President;
 - (iii) Secretary;
 - (iv) Treasurer; and
 - (v) Past President.

22.3.2 The Executive Committee shall have the authority of the Board of Directors of SSM as circumstances may dictate, but all actions of this committee shall be subject to the approval of the Board at the next Board meeting.

22.4 The Board of Directors may establish *ad hoc* task groups as may be required, and appointments of members to these task groups shall be ratified by the Board.

STAFF OF SSM

Executive 23. The staff position of Executive Director of SSM shall be **Director** an **ex officio**, non-voting member of the Board of Directors and of each committee.

Support Staff 24. The Board of Directors may engage such other support staff as may be deemed necessary to carry out the day-to-day functions and operations of the SSM office.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Annual General Meeting 25. The Annual General Meeting of SSM shall be held within three (3) months of the end of the fiscal year, and in no case shall it be held later than June 30.

Voting Delegates 26. Except as provided in section 29, each member organization shall appoint in writing, the names of three (3) voting delegates for the Annual General Meeting.

Proxy Voting 27. Where a voting delegate representing a member organization expects to be absent during voting called at the Annual General Meeting, each such absent member may, through proxy in writing, transfer his/her voting rights to another member representing a quorum.

Quorum 28. A simple majority of voting members personally present, including proxy holders, at the opening of the Annual General Meeting of SSM shall constitute a quorum.

BYLAWS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO

Directors may make, Amend or Repeal Bylaws 29.1 Voting Delegates of member organizations may, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority at the Annual General Meeting by resolution make, amend or repeal any bylaws that regulate the activities and affairs of SSM **as per terms of "The Non-Profit Corporations Act"**.

29.2 The Board of Directors or any Voting Delegate may submit any Proposed bylaws or any amendments or repeal thereof to the voting delegates at the Annual General Meeting by giving 45 days notice in writing.

The delegates may, by resolution confirm, reject or amend the proposed bylaws, amendments or repeals in accordance with 29.1

29.3 A bylaw, an amendment to a bylaw or a repeal of a bylaw shall be effective from the day of approval at the Annual General Meeting.

WIND-UP AND DISSOLUTION

Wind-up & Dissolution In the event of the wind-up and dissolution of the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism, all the property and assets shall, after the payment of all liabilities, be distributed to one or more qualified donees, and in accordance with the provisions of ***The Non-profit Corporations Act***, Saskatchewan.

SASKATCHEWAN SENIORS MECHANISM

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President's Report
Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism
2014 Annual General Meeting

The past year as President of the SSM has been exciting and busy. The SSM continues its work on senior's issues and building and developing relationships with member organizations, governments, supporters and in communities around the province.

The SSM is reaching out across the Province to seniors. We do that through our member organizations and also through the programs that we run. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Board Members for their support and commitment to the SSM. I would like to thank retiring Board members Charles Keple, Marj Thiessen and Maxine Stinka for the time they have spent on the Board.

I would also like to thank all of our staff. I would like to thank our Executive Director. Holly Schick puts in an amazing amount of time and dedication to the SSM. Through the efforts of our Executive Director we were successful in acquiring new sources of funding. Our Administrative Assistant, Lynne Couzens continues to do an excellent job. Our two new employees, who were hired this past year, Rosemary Flaman and Dianne Barrow, with their energy and interest, are doing excellent work in their program areas on behalf of the SSM. The details are found in reports elsewhere in this book.

I was actively involved in the Home Care Forums. I want to take this opportunity to thank Dawn McNeil, the former Executive Director for Home Care with the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region who retired and then gave of her time to travel the Province with the Home Care Forums. The presentation was excellent and the information invaluable. I also want to thank Robert Wuschenny and Kathy Lye who travelled to communities with the Home Care Forums even with their busy schedules, and Fern Haight who did an excellent job organizing the seniors in Hanley and area to attend the Hanley Forum.

I would also like to thank all of the funding organizations for their continuing support of the SSM.

The Board were very pleased to welcome the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities and Eden Care Communities, Regina as new Supporter Organizations.

I look forward to 2014-15 as an exciting time. We will continue to grow and work together with our member organizations, governments, and supporters across the province as the provincial senior's organization.

Respectfully submitted
Betty Pickering,
President

**SASKATCHEWAN SENIORS MECHANISM
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director's Report

Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism 2014 Annual General Meeting

SSM continues to be a very lively and busy organization. In addition to ongoing work, we have added some new projects. I am pleased to share with you some of the work of the past year. More detailed reports from our committees and on some of our programs and partnerships – Century Club, Century of Memories, Celebrating Seniors, Housing Committee, Creating Age Friendly/Elder Abuse Free Communities, Seniors Neglect and Abuse Response Line, ALCOA, and Philips Lifeline – are included later in this book.

Our previous **Program Coordinator** left us in June 2013 and we hired Rosemary Flaman to fill this position as of the middle of October 2013. We have also hired a **Project Coordinator**, Dianne Barrow, for the Senior Abuse and Neglect Response Line project. We are very pleased to have both of them as part of our staff team.

We held our **Annual Conference** in June, *Finding the Keys – A Summit on Seniors Housing*. It was held in Weyburn. Speakers included the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association President Debra Button, Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities President David Marit, Ministry of Social Services Executive Director of Housing Development Tim Gross, CMHC Senior Research Advisor Anand Mishra, Sun Country Health Region CEO Marga Cugnet, Manager of Home Care West Pat May, Opposition Housing Critic David Forbes, Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry Advocate Peter Gilmer, Karen Zimmer sharing the story of her experiences with her family as their housing needs changed, and Dawn McNeil, Executive Director of Home Care for Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region sharing information on *Home First Quick Response Home Care*, a new Ministry of Health initiative. A highlight of the conference was our luncheon speaker, the Honourable Dustin Duncan, Minister of Health. Evaluations were very positive.

Our **Annual General Meeting** was held in June 2013 following the annual conference. This was our second year of electing Board members rather than having a Board composed of representatives of each member organization. The move to an elected Board seems to be a good one. We are in the process of considering how to evaluate this new structure.

As part of our efforts to maintain strong ties with our member organizations, we held a **Presidents and Senior Staff Roundtable** in June 2013. This proved to be an excellent opportunity for discussion. One of the things that resulted from this gathering is the formation of a **Research and Issues Committee**. Their current focus is on Home Care and they held six public forums on Home Care around the province. The Ministry of Health and the health regions were very helpful in providing information and speakers from the regions for each of the forums. We were pleased that Dawn McNeil,

retired Director of Home Care and Palliative Care in RQHR, was able to attend all of the forums and do an overview presentation on Home Care.

We held a **Member Organization Consultation** with each of our Member Organizations being invited to send up to three people. Information was shared on new and ongoing SSM work, member organizations were invited to set up displays, and we discussed involvement of member organizations and resolutions that might come before the AGM. Linda Restau and Andrew Dunn from the Community Care Branch of the Ministry of Health shared information on current seniors' initiatives. Dr. Fern Stockdale Winder who is leading the provincial Mental Health and Addictions Action Plan shared information on older adults and mental health.

We held a conference in February on the **Changing Face of Seniors** which explored the changing needs for services and recreation opportunities that communities and organizations will face as baby boomers get older. Actual numbers of seniors is one factor, but the new generation of seniors also will have varying expectations & interests. Speakers included Jean-Guy Soulière and Ralph Goodale. Approximately 75 people attended and evaluations were very positive.

We held our first **Western Seniors Organizations Consultation** with 3 people attending from BC, 2 from Manitoba, 1 from Alberta and Andrew Dunn from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health, in addition to people from SSM. The group decided to meet again next year and to meet in Regina.

We met with SUMA, SARM, SSM, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health to discuss moving towards "**Age-Friendly Saskatchewan**", including recognition of communities that are age-friendly. We have also met with Health Minister Dustin Duncan to discuss Age-Friendly Saskatchewan. As a result of our discussions regarding this topic, we are moving forward on creating an Age-Friendly Saskatchewan program and website. SARM has become a supporter organization of SSM. SUMA has asked to partner with us on this project.

SMART (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together) was a one year project to plan and hold 4 workshops to promote and encourage an excellent experience for volunteers working with seniors, for seniors who volunteer, and for organizations that draw on senior volunteers. We received funding for this from New Horizons. We held the final 2 of the 4 workshops, in Yorkton and Prince Albert, in April and May 2014.

We submitted a grant application for a project on **Reducing Isolation of Seniors in Rural Communities** and have received word that it has been approved. It will develop a program which can be run by seniors to offer half day programs for seniors in the community. These programs will be designed to be volunteer led thus promoting volunteerism among seniors. The programs will be particularly focused to include older adults who are isolated and at increased risk for mental and physical illness. Isolation is also a significant risk factor for elder abuse.

We have received a New Horizons grant for a **Retirement Transitions** project . We will be working with SFUR on this project. This is a one year project which will take place in 2014-2015.

Sask 211 – Because SSM is a partner in this project, I attended a meeting to show off the website prior to its launch and as of September the website itself was up and running. It is a very helpful resource for older adults and others. We continue to make suggestions for improvements to the information for older adults. The hope is that the phone line will be operational sometime in 2014.

We prepared and sent out four issues of **Gray Matters**, our quarterly publication. We continue to print 28 pages on a regular basis to be able to include all the material we receive and want to include. We have been including articles on fitness, elder abuse and age friendly communities in each issue. We are also pleased that Minister Duncan has been putting in an article on a regular basis.

We continue to do presentations on **Fraud Awareness** for seniors and continue to supply Toolkits and Handbooks to various groups giving presentations, including libraries, police, superannuated teachers and seniors groups.

We have continued with our **Seniors Information Phone Line**, working on our **website** and gradually moving into use of **Facebook**.

We created a new application form and information package to use when talking with possible new supporter organizations. Our **Membership Committee** has developed a set of guidelines that can be used when considering whether to approve applications from potential supporter organizations.

We now have three **Supporter Organizations** – the Saskatchewan Association of Nurse Practitioners, the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, and Eden Care Communities (Regina).

We have been doing more **publicity** about SSM and events including a ½ page ad in the TV Times every 4 weeks in both the Leader Post and Star Phoenix.

We were one of the charitable organizations chosen this year for an audit by **Canada Revenue Agency**. Overall, there was very little that they commented on. They were helpful in giving us information on how to better format the charitable receipts we issue.

Raising awareness of seniors' issues is an important part of our mandate and it involves maintaining lines of **communication with governments** wherever possible. In the past year we have had a number of opportunities to meet with government officials on a variety of topics and to be present at a variety of government events:

- member on Stewardship Committee on Primary Health Care for the Ministry of

Health

- hosted the press conference announcing the Home First Quick Response Project
- met with Cam Broten, leader of the opposition
- member on Regina Home First Quick Response Advisory Board
- participated in Engagement Session on Seniors Continuum of Care in December 2013
- participated in forum on elections accessibility
- participated in meeting with federal Seniors Minister Alice Wong and National Seniors Council to discuss isolation and seniors
- met with Dawn Skalicky-Souliere regarding proposed changes to legislation on licensing and reporting on personal care homes
- met with Human Services Caucus Policy Committee to present information on Age-Friendly Saskatchewan, Senior Neglect and Abuse Response Line and other areas of concern to SSM
- all SSM staff attended a Fair Practices workshop put on by the Office of the provincial Ombudsman
- attended SPRA member input session to gather direction for the upcoming SPRA strategic Plan and the National Recreation Policy
- met with Minister of Health, Dustin Duncan to discuss Age-Friendly Saskatchewan and other projects we are working on
- met regularly with Linda Restau and Andrew Dunn from the Community Care Branch of Saskatchewan Health about our ongoing work
- executive director is a member of the Public Health Agency of Canada's Age-Friendly Communities Reference Group and participates in regular meetings

Workshops, displays and other events – Throughout the year, SSM has had the opportunity to participate in various workshops, events, meetings and tradeshow. These were sponsored by member organizations as well as other groups. Some of these were:

- presentation on SSM and seniors issues we are working on at SSAI convention
- attended Distinguished Canadian Awards Dinner (Lifelong Learning Centre)
- booth at Celebrate 50+ (Regina Senior Citizens Centre)
- supper and annual meeting with supervisor of Philips Lifeline, who we partner with
- spoke about SSM and various projects and seniors issues on community radio, Access Communications, and CTV
- attended STOPS to Violence meetings and made presentation on elder abuse at one of them
- led workshops on Elder Abuse at the annual convention of the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan
- attended meetings of the Saskatchewan Mental Health Coalition
- attended Regina Partnerships for Positive Aging meetings
- corresponding participant with Saskatoon Falls Consortium
- presentation on SSM at Tommy Douglas House coffee club
- display at FSNA annual conference

- attended two sponsorship workshops put on by Partnership Group from Calgary
- provided feedback to media on age-friendly communities, care givers, and response to report on long term care facilities
- TV and radio spots on Celebrating Seniors and Housing Conference
- met with Keith Dewar, CEO of Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region
- booth at Spotlight on Seniors in Saskatoon (Saskatoon Council on Aging)
- presentation on SSM and seniors issues to Sunrise Health Region's Active Aging Program leaders
- attended grand opening of Saskatoon Council on Aging's new office location
- participated in and had booth at event on Seniors Food Security
- held our annual Christmas Party with an excellent turn out including greetings from provincial government, opposition, and City of Regina
- met with SCOA Executive Director and President regarding how we can collaborate on age-friendly communities work
- booth at the Nurse Practitioners Conference and AGM
- attended information session at Regina Floral Conservatory
- attended Alzheimer's care giver presentation with U of R Centre on Aging and Health
- display at Alzheimer's presentation
- booth at trade show in Assiniboia
- executive director continues to act as an ALCOA Board Member

In the last couple of years, **volunteers involved in SSM** committees and projects have increased significantly. We estimate that 1600 volunteer hours are contributed to SSM in a year.

We continue to receive requests to purchase our book ***Precious Memories of Prairie War Heroes***.

We are continuing to strengthen relationships with our member organizations and to build partnerships with a variety of other groups. Working together gives us greater impact as we work on addressing issues of concern to seniors.

In closing, I want to thank everyone connected with SSM for their commitment and hard work. Lynne Couzens, our Administrative Assistant, continues to be a dedicated member of our team and does excellent work in a variety of areas. Our Program Coordinator, Rosemary Flaman and Project Coordinator, Dianne Barrow have both proven to be excellent additions to our staff team. Our Board Members and all the people on various committees and task groups have given their time and wisdom to make our programs and projects possible. I want to thank them for their ongoing diligence and commitment to the work of SSM.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Schick

**SASKATCHEWAN SENIORS MECHANISM
PROGRAM REPORTS**

Century Club

Committee Members: Ken Mitchell
Trevor Quinn
Marilyn Lorence
Jack Boan
Jeanne Alexander
Shelley Brenner

I became involved with The Century Club in November 2013 and it continues to be a rewarding experience. Century Club members are full of life, active, keen of mind, very grateful, and kind. They enjoy the socialization and camaraderie with fellow members.

The Century Club was formed to honour seniors who reached the age of 90 and who are determined to continue living in as full and active a lifestyle as possible to the age of 100 and beyond. The Club provides a network for nonagenarians who wish to establish new friendships and provide mutual support. Approximately 250 people are members of the Century Club. The Saskatoon Council on Aging facilitates the operation of the Saskatoon Chapter of the Century Club.

We dedicate two pages in *Gray Matters* to the Century Club. Every club member receives a copy of *Gray Matters* on a quarterly basis. They also receive a birthday card each year and those who turn 100 years receive a special birthday certificate honoring this wonderful event in their life. We have continued printing biographies & 'memories' submitted by Century Club members in the *Gray Matters* publication. This is in conjunction with our project 'A Century of Memories'. This project of collecting stories, poems or recollections of early life in Saskatchewan from those who are 90+ will soon come to a close, early October 2014. After this the task will be preparing for the publishing of the book.

Since November we have had a few events which have included the Christmas Party at the Renaissance, Robbie Burns Day at Wintergreene Estates, Celebrating Spring at the Telephone Pioneers Activity Centre - hosted by the SaskTel Pioneers Chapter 59 and, most recently, a tea at Government House with Her Honour the Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofield, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan. Her Honour recognized Century Club members and others from the southern part of Saskatchewan who served in the Canadian or British military.

We continue to receive notes, phone calls and face-to-face appreciation for the opportunities the Century Club affords those who participate in these events as well as those who come as their guests.

Thanks to fellow SSM Century Club Committee members Ken Mitchell, Trevor Quinn, Jack Boan, Marilyn Lorence, Jeanne Alexander and Shelley Brenner for all the time and energy they devote to this piece of our work. Thank you Lynne & Holly for your guidance.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Flaman

Celebrating Seniors

Committee Members: Wayne Rutten (Chair)
Chuck Ames
Fern Haight
Lynn McCaslin
Dale Williams
Kathy Lye

The fourth annual SSM Celebrating Seniors Awards was held at the Delta Regina Hotel on October 6th, 2013. These awards pay tribute to the volunteer work that seniors do and provide opportunity for Saskatchewan people to be made aware of the contributions of seniors in all aspects of life and of work in the province.

The evening began with a reception where each of the 28 nominees received a corsage, a gift bag and a certificate. They each had their photo taken individually and with the Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Vaughn Solomon Schofield, who presented each with a pin.

Honourable Ralph Goodale introduced our guest speaker Lloyd Robertson. Attendees enjoyed Lloyd's stories of this many experiences he had during his career and he read excerpts from his book, *The Kind of Life It's Been*.

The MC for the award ceremonies was Glenn Hagel who welcomed everyone to the event. Other guests presented greetings: Honourable Dustin Duncan, Minister of Health, on behalf of provincial government, councilor Bob Hawkins on behalf of City of Regina and Charles Keple, vice-president of SSM.

The 2013 Celebrating Seniors Award recipients were:
Centenarian – John (aka Jack) Boan
Community Leadership (urban) – Jessie and Gary Carlson
Community Leadership (rural) – Michael Wasyl Chorney
Arts & Entertainment – Joe Bernhardt
Fitness – Margaret Gailing-Stepp
Heritage and Culture – Norma Barr
Lifetime Achievement – Arliss Dellow
Teamwork – Regina Beach/Southey Primary Health Care Team
Senior Friendly Business – Saskatoon Public Library

A special thank you is extended to all of the sponsors who provide support to the awards program.

To the staff at SSM and awards committee, thank you for your input, commitment and dedication to ensure another successful Celebrating Seniors Awards function.

Respectfully submitted
Wayne Rutten
Chair

Century of Memories

We continue to work towards producing a book called ***A Century of Memories*** which will include stories and recollections of Saskatchewan residents 90 years of age and older. We are also inviting the submission of stories or memories written by people who have passed away but who would be 90+ if they were alive today. Original funding for the collecting of the stories is through New Horizons for Seniors, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada.

We have had many wonderful stories submitted and we have used a number of them in *Gray Matters*, in presentations to groups and on radio. In this way we are able to acknowledge and share the wisdom, history, joys and sorrows contained in those stories. We are inputting all the stories into the computer (almost all of them come to us as hard copies) in preparation for the book. We are also now in the process of sorting them into various categories so we can create chapters based on subject.

We are still collecting stories, but we believe we now have enough to go ahead with publishing the book. We are planning to do that during the next year.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Schick
Executive Director

Housing Task Group

Committee Members: Brian Huggins, Chair
Chuck Ames
Kurt Holstein
Andre Nogue
Al Schell
Jackie Sutyla

During the last year the committee met on 4 occasions.

The Housing Committee worked on formalizing its mandate and goals. The Board approved the following:

SSM Housing Committee Mandate & Terms of Reference

The purpose of the Committee is to provide its findings and recommendations to the SSM Board that will represent the SSM's position(s) regarding improvements to the Saskatchewan seniors' housing environment. The Committee shall be supported administratively and coordinate its work through the Executive Director's office. The Committee shall consider the following principles when prioritizing which seniors' housing issues to investigate and make recommendations; 1. seniors' access to affordable, safe and secure housing is a right, regardless of economic status, 2. the focus of the Committee shall be on the areas of greatest gap between need, versus access, to affordable, safe and secure housing.

Key Goals

1. In the areas where the greatest gap between need and access is identified, investigate, document and provide recommendations in support of closing the gaps between seniors' housing needs versus access.
2. Recommendations should focus on:
 - removing barriers to accessing affordable, safe and secure housing
 - encouraging innovation
 - promoting positive interchange between stakeholders

The committee was responsible for organizing the SSM Annual Conference at Weyburn in June 2013. (*Finding the Keys, A Summit on Seniors Housing*).

When we talk about housing for seniors, it includes many types of housing – living independently in your own home, various in home supports such as home care, assisted living, personal care homes, and long term care. This year the committee is focussing on Long Term Care and will be holding a consultation on this topic in the fall of 2014.

Creating Age-Friendly/Elder Abuse Free Communities

Committee Members: Robert Wuschenny (chair)
Ron Monk
Linda Anderson
Marj Thiessen
Kerrie Strathy
Betty Nippi-Albright
Betty Pickering

Age-Friendly Communities is a world-wide movement whose purpose is to make communities that are healthy and safe for people of all ages, from all walks of life, with diverse needs. Age-Friendly Communities are ones where isolation is reduced, thereby often creating a reduction in elder abuse.

The SSM Age-Friendly/Elder Abuse Free Committee has chosen to work with smaller communities as projects of this nature are perhaps more manageable in smaller communities. The Committee was cognizant of the fact that we did not want to undertake more than we could comfortably handle so thought it wiser to start in smaller communities.

We are in the second year of working with Buena Vista and Regina Beach to help them help themselves become Age-Friendly Communities. As many of the citizens of these two resort communities are “snow birds” who spend the winter in warmer climates, progress has been a bit slow. Following initial meetings and a survey plus survey analysis last year, the communities have formed their own Age-Friendly Committee to lead them toward their goal of becoming even more Age-Friendly than they already are. Our SSM Committee remains supportive of their endeavours and encourages the Buena Vista/Regina Beach Committee as they work towards their goal(s).

In an effort to get more communities involved, we are holding four regional gatherings in various locations around the province. The first of these is in Humboldt on June 5th.

This past year, our Committee held exploratory meetings with the community of Fort Qu’Appelle and area to see if we could engage them in becoming an Age-Friendly community. Fort Qu’Appelle is also a resort community so progress there has been slow as well. Discussions pertaining to Age-Friendly communities have also been held with the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) and the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) as well as representatives from the Regina-Qu’Appelle Health Region.

Certainly, our Committee has a number of nearby role models upon whose expertise we are able to draw. Our neighbouring province, Manitoba, has already designated a number of its communities as Age-Friendly. Several other Canadian provinces have also

made significant progress in moving toward more Age-Friendly communities. As well, the Saskatoon Council on Aging (SCOA) has done much work to make the city of Saskatoon a more Age-Friendly community and is a source of knowledge and expertise. The Lifelong Learning Centre and Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region are working on aspects of this work in Regina.

I wish to thank SSM for the opportunity to attend the 2nd International Age-Friendly Cities Conference in the fall of 2013. It was amazing to learn that over 60 countries were represented at the Conference, most of whom have Age-Friendly communities. Indeed, we are not alone in striving for more Age-Friendly communities in our province.

I wish to thank the Age-Friendly/Elder Abuse Free Communities Committee for your work in helping communities help themselves to be more Age-Friendly. We have only just begun!

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Wuschenny
Chair

Seniors Neglect and Abuse Response Line

Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism

2014 Annual General Meeting

Committee Members: Jan Thorson
Don Gmeinwesor
Vicki Bird
Rod McKendrick
Betty Pickering
Holly Schick
Dianne Barrow

This project is specifically intended to position us to create a framework that will be needed to move forward with the development of a seniors' abuse and neglect victim's crisis response line.

The key stakeholders include Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism, Life-long Learning Centre, Saskatoon Council on Aging, Victim Services-Ministry of Justice, Public Guardian and Trustee, Police, Mobile Crisis Services (Regina, Saskatoon and Prince Albert), HealthLine, and Ministry of Health. These stakeholders represent the agencies that have the best overview of what is currently happening in the area of senior's neglect and abuse. It was concluded that there is a clear need for a specific crisis response service for victims of senior abuse and those who suspect the same and that we gather and analyze information needed to justify the need.

An Advisory Committee is in place to guide the project, made up of representatives from Mobile Crisis Services, Victim Services – Government of Saskatchewan, and Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism.

For the first year of the project five key actions have been identified:

1. Build relationships with project partners, stakeholders and community networks:
 - ◇ On-going discussions are held with project partners, stakeholders, and potential service providers to inform the project and partners, seek understanding of roles and responsibilities, potential working relationships, and specifically looking at ways and means to move the project forward.
 - ◇ Research, investigate and compare various models of senior's abuse response including community networks, protocols and practices; provincial, national and international.
 - ◇ The anti-violence networks as well as mental health services in Saskatchewan are key supports and resources for the project.
 - ◇ Identify responders throughout Saskatchewan and support develop-

- ◇ ment of capacity to provide services for seniors in their communities
 - ◇ Research re: resources and support services in Saskatchewan via development of a comprehensive potential support services data base.
 - ◇ Attending conferences, workshops and train the trainer opportunities to build capacity within the project and to enable the project to develop and provide appropriate awareness and responder education.
2. Identify best practice methods to respond to seniors in need of services.
- Environmental Scan and documentation of literature, research and reports/identification of gaps in services and support systems, as well as promising practices in the following areas:
- ◇ Prevention (awareness campaigns; engage responders from targeted demographics; identification of barriers and challenges; support programs for caregivers, family and friends; formal education, training and continuing education for professionals; community development and outreach; Age-Friendly Communities)
 - ◇ Intervention (1-800 number; trained responders; resources and tools; interdisciplinary community response teams/networks; housing and shelters)
 - ◇ Rebuilding and Healing (legal and para-legal services; advocacy; counselling/support groups; financial management)
 - ◇ With respect to gaps in services and support systems, there is a critical need for a holistic approach to senior neglect and abuse, a provincial and national action plan including legislation and government funding is required.
3. Collect data (statistics) from partners and stakeholders with respect to calls reporting neglect or abuse of seniors
- ◇ Currently calls go to a variety of organizations and service providers. This creates a situation where the response to victims is fragmented and inconsistent. Some agencies do document these calls for statistical purposes. Some agencies do not have the systems to specifically identify calls from seniors, as well some agencies have not identified the need to document calls from seniors.
 - ◇ A draft protocol is in development and currently in the hands of the Advisory Committee. The intent of the protocol is to establish a common in-take form to document key data respecting calls from seniors or others reporting alleged senior abuse.
4. Develop awareness and advertise Mobile Crisis Services as first responder to crisis calls from seniors until a dedicated centralized 1-800 number is established
- ◇ Partners and stakeholders informed of Mobile Crisis Services as first responder.
 - ◇ Information pamphlet developed and distributed. A poster is in development.
 - ◇ In collaboration with project partners, develop and implement awareness training for community “gatekeepers.”

Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism received one year of funding for the project effective October 2013 from Department of Justice Victims Fund. Pending results (quantitative and qualitative), further funding will be available for an additional two years.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Barrow
Project Coordinator – Seniors Neglect and Abuse Response Line (SNARL)

**SASKATCHEWAN SENIORS MECHANISM
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance & Audit Committee Report

Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism 2014 Annual General Meeting

Committee Members: André Nogue, Chair
Betty Pickering
Maxine Stinka
Les Lye

The committee met periodically, in anticipation of SSM Board meetings, for the purposes of obtaining clarifications on the monthly financial reports before their presentation to the Board. The Committee also met with the Auditor to receive and discuss their preliminary findings and recommendations.

During the year, the Committee looked at a few areas where administrative guidelines and controls needed review and adjustments. Some of the areas considered were the Travel Directives, the use of the Global Payment Card and the Health Insurance Premiums refund policy. Recommendations were made to the Board.

The Committee reviewed and adjusted the budget proposal prepared by staff for the 2014-2015 year of operation before presenting it for approval to the Board. The Committee also participated in the Grants Review Committee which reviewed the project applications received from member organizations for funds obtained from Saskatchewan Lotteries. The committee's recommendations for the allocation of the program funds subsequently went to the Board.

I want to recognize the dedication of the committee members and thank Holly and Lynne for all the support and guidance they provide to the committee. Our thanks also go to our bookkeeper who provides us with timely and accurate monthly financial reports.

Respectfully submitted
André Nogue
Treasurer

Note: Auditor's Report 2013-2014—See Appendix A

Appointment of Auditor
Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism
2014 Annual General Meeting

Motion: Mintz and Wallace be reappointed as auditor for 2014-2015

Moved by : Andre Nogue

Seconded by:

Governance Committee Report

Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism

2014 Annual General Meeting

Committee Members: Charles Keple, Chair
Kerrie Strathy
Robert Wuschenny
Betty Pickering
Maxine Stinka
Les Lye
Wilma Mollard

The SSM Vision is to provide leadership, integrity and service to address seniors' issues in Saskatchewan.

The SSM Mission brings together seniors' organizations to contribute to a better quality of life by:

- *research and action on issues affecting seniors*
- *being a unified voice advocating for seniors*
- *giving direction and support to member organizations*
- *creating awareness & co-ordination of resources and services for seniors*
- *partnering with member organizations and others*

The Governance Committee is one of the four standing committees with the role to review and recommend revisions of SSM policies and bylaws, and to research and recommend new policies, if and when required. The committee is tasked to review the Bylaws annually, and to make recommendations to the Board at least three months before the Annual Meeting.

Comments

The 2013/14 Committee was not as productive as it might have been, owing to ill health of key members, and difficulty in scheduling and preparing for face-to-face committee meetings.

The policy for Grant Applications Criteria (originated in March 2012) was completed, and a Policy on Political Activity was recommended to the Board in November 2013. These assignments were completed primarily by electronic means, based on guidance from the Board.

A Committee meeting was finally arranged on 22 May 2014, long after the annual deadline for AGM consideration. However there were useful discussions for consideration by the incoming 2014/15 Committee, including:

- The possibility of several *specific* Bylaw amendments to clarify implementation procedures
- The compelling need for a policy manual (or Directors' manual or an equivalent reference document) where anyone can easily and quickly search for policy, or procedures or regulations now located separately.
- The utility of a general policy review to standardize committee terms of reference, to promote SSM branding, and to clarify terminology.
- The development of an Annual Work Plan so that the committee can achieve prioritized deadlines in the context of the relatively demanding schedule of annual SSM activities.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Keple, Chair

Membership Committee Report
Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism
2014 Annual General Meeting

Committee Members: Margaret Gailing, Chair
Jeanne Alexander
Isobel Fowler

The Mandate of the Committee is as follows:

- To strengthen communication with and amongst member and supporter organizations, and to promote the role and services of the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism;
- To broaden the network of senior organizations that make up the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism.

Activities of the Committee:

- identify potential supporters and members of SSM;
- contact potential member or supporter organizations;
- attend meetings of potential member or supporter organizations or meet with their leadership to give information about SSM;
- review member and supporter applications in preparation for the Board;
- ensure there is communication with all member and supporter organizations
- News from SSM, events, Gray Matters.

The Board of Directors approved the following two supporter organizations:

SARM
Eden Care Communities

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Gailing
Chair

SASKATCHEWAN SENIORS MECHANISM

OTHER REPORTS

Grants Report
Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism
2014 Annual General Meeting

Core Funding:

Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism receives its core funding from:
 Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association
 Saskatchewan Health

Funding from these sources provides money for day-to-day operations and the delivery of certain core programs for seniors. Core SSM programming includes such things as: the quarterly publication of our newsletter *Gray Matters*, a Seniors Information Line, research & action on seniors issues, an annual conference to raise awareness about seniors concerns, bringing seniors groups together to facilitate opportunities to work together, the Century Club, events, retreats, and many others.

CORE FUNDING for 2013-2014:

Member Organizations' Program Funding:

Saskatchewan Health	\$48,214
Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (Sask. Lotteries)	\$194,062

A portion of the funding from Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation supports member organizations' programs that focus on active living.
 In 2013-2014 those grants were distributed as follows:

In 2012-2013 those grants were distributed as follows:

Saskatchewan Senior Fitness Association: 55 Plus Games / Workshops, Clinics & Meetings / Walking Program	\$15,880
Lifelong Learning Centre: Aboriginal Grandmothers Caring for Grandchildren, Wellness Wed. forums on health, health presentations, and intergenerational activities	\$27,650
Saskatchewan Seniors Association Inc.: Member Newsletter	\$9,000
Saskatoon Council on Aging: Saskatoon Century Club	\$19,500
Regina Senior Citizens Centre: Celebrate 50+ Showcase	\$10,000
Fédération des Aînés Fransaskois: sessions for older franco-phone adults in rural communities to promote a healthy, active life-style & engage them in their community	\$5,000

SSM Program Funding:

In addition to the Core Funding, SSM has received a variety of grants over the year which have enabled particular programs and projects. In 2013-2014 the following grants enabled specific pieces of work:

Senior Neglect and Abuse Response Line (federal government Department of Justice Victims Fund) – to do research and begin the process of developing a dedicated toll-free phone number with the purpose of responding to instances of senior abuse \$83,749

Age Friendly/Elder Abuse Free Communities (federal government New Horizons for Seniors – Elder Abuse Awareness) – to raise awareness among older adults and communities to help make their communities better, healthier, and safer places \$316,816 (over 3 years)

SMART – Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together (federal government New Horizons for Seniors) – to promote good experiences for senior volunteers and volunteer organizations \$25,000

Please note that this listing relates to work that occurred all or in part in the 2013-2014 fiscal year. In some cases the grant money and/or the work overlaps more than one year.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Schick
Executive Director

Philips Lifeline Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism

**Terri Berglund
Program Manager
Lifeline Saskatchewan xc236**

Total Active Subscribers: YTD March 2014: 1130

2013 Achievements

Strong rapport has been established with our partner, Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism, for over 14 years and has resulted in an increase in referrals and organic growth. Executive Director, Holly Schick has given me the opportunity to present new innovations from Philips Lifeline and distribute marketing material to board members twice in 2013-14. Holly, Lynne, Rosemary, and Diane continue to refer people in need of the service via phone, email, and walk-ins as well as promoting our service at all events they attend. SSM board members and their organization members have also referred clients to the Lifeline service resulting in installations. SSM's Annual Conference in Weyburn in June 2013 and "Celebrating Seniors" in Oct 2013 were both great successes and gave me the opportunity to educate new attendees as well as update existing ones on the Lifeline service. One page ads in Gray Matters in all quarterly editions and our upgraded link to the SSM webpage have given Lifeline increased exposure and installations. I am proud to educate people in my travels about the value of the SSM and to support the SSM with partnership fees and rental fees paid quarterly.

Ongoing:

Continue to build rapport with VAC (Veterans Affairs Canada) with sales calls and updates in Regina office only to 2.5 client service agents as the Saskatoon office closed in Feb 2014 – this has drastically reduced the number of referrals of vets to Lifeline.

Royal Canadian Legion- continue to build rapport with the 244 Legions in SK. Since Philips Lifeline's partnership with the Royal Canadian Legion nationally in Jan/08 Lifeline continues offering the legion members 2 months free for the Lifeline service for themselves, family, or friends. Lifeline had a display at their conference in North Battleford in Oct/13 and Lifeline will have a display at their conference in 2015.

I attended and had display booths at numerous national, provincial and local conferences, and education days for a variety of healthcare professionals-SAOT (SK

Association of Occupational Therapists), SRNA (SK Registered Nurses Association), Diabetes Association Tradeshow, Nurse Practitioners.

Displays at numerous conferences and trade shows locally and provincially, attended primarily by seniors organizations, seniors and their families/caregivers but also healthcare professionals.

Total of 50 Healthcare Professional in services completed in 2013.

A total of 21 seniors' presentations in 2013.

Displays at wellness and falls prevention clinics/ fairs in seniors' centers and residences urban and rural.

Developing and maintaining provincial and community relationships through visits, emails, phone calls, and meetings to:

- All hospitals and health centres (healthcare professionals-nurses, nurse practitioners, physicians, therapists, social workers, discharge planners) in SK Health Authorities
- Provincial Home Care
- Community Health Nursing Services in First Nations Communities
- Private Home Health Care Services
- Seniors Healthy Living Program
- Private Duty nurses-primarily Regina and Saskatoon
- Community Clinics/Family Services
- Physicians' offices
- Podiatrists
- Footcare clinics
- Pharmacies
- Day Programs/Convalescent care, Extending Care/Transitional and Quick Response Units
- Allan Blair Cancer Centre
- Veteran Affairs Canada (VAC) Regina and Saskatoon offices-latter til end Feb 2014
- Saskatchewan Safety Council
- Emergency Medical Services
- HealthLine
- Mental Health and Addictions Services
- VON-Saskatoon and Moose Jaw
- Schools of Nursing
- Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Clinics in Community
- Caregiver Support Groups-Saskatoon and Regina
- Seniors Education Centres
- Other health-related organizations: Parkinson's Foundation, Canadian Diabetes Association, Alzheimers Society, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Arthritis Society, ALS

Society, Osteoporosis Society, Saskatoon Balance and Dizziness Clinics, Post Polio Regina, Gerontology Association, CNIB, Stroke/Caregiver Education Program, Saskatchewan Voice of People with Disabilities, SK Aids to Independent Living

- Other groups-various seniors centres and groups in seniors complexes and churches.
- First Nations: In services and sales calls to bands in SK, Directors and Home Care nurses have resulted in installs, many being funded by the bands from the Community Development Corporation and the local casinos.
- SFIPS (SK Falls Injury Prevention Strategies) I have been a board member since its inception in Nov/06 to develop provincial strategies for prevention of seniors' falls.
- Regina and Area Partnerships for Positive Aging Committee member

Philips Lifeline Marketing Resource Team: assisted with multiple pilot projects in introducing new marketing tools to referral sources and gathering information from referral sources to discover their needs.

Home Service Representatives (Lifeline installers): recruited prospects, collected resumes, and completed face to face interviews and orientation training. I have also trained some of my Home service Representatives (Lifeline installers) to man Lifeline displays at tradeshows and present at seniors buildings.

Assisted with training of 2 new Philips Lifeline Community Representatives from BC. Celebrating my 15th year of service with Lifeline in 2014 and will celebrate 15 yrs of partnership with SSM in Nov 2014.

Thank you SSM for the many opportunities you have given me to grow the Philips Lifeline program in Saskatchewan providing the people of SK with a better quality of life and saving lives!



ALCOA Representative Report **Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism** **2014 Annual General Meeting**

I continue to serve on the Active Living Coalition for Older Adults (ALCOA) Board of Directors and have participated in their regular teleconference meetings. Our relationship to ALCOA continues to be an important partnership in which we have opportunities to share ideas on possible activities and resources, seeking to work together with other organizations across the country where possible.

ALCOA, like many non-profit agencies, is dependent on grants and sponsorship revenue to support its activities. Finding adequate funding continues to be a challenge for ALCOA and lack of funds has meant it is difficult to maintain a staff presence. Patty Clark, the Executive Director, is paid part-time and gives many volunteer hours to maintaining ALCOA. In December 2013, a fundraising campaign was launched, reaching out to members, individuals and groups who have enjoyed the services and resources offered to them by ALCOA for the past fourteen years.

ALCOA continues to produce an online publication, in both French and English, called ***Silver Times***. It has some excellent content and can be viewed at www.silvertimes.ca SSM, as one of ALCOA's member organizations, has an ad on the Silver Times website.

A CD Tool Kit for community leaders has been developed to support the new Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines for Older Adults - 65 Years & Older and Your Personal Passport to Healthy Living. It is available in English and French, free of charge from ALCOA. The Tool Kit has been developed for non-clinical community leaders and it provides each leader with everything they need to lead a workshop in their community — to help older adults achieve optimal health and keep the independence they value. The workshop is designed to support use of the Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology's *Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines for Older Adults - 65 Years & Older* (2011) and ALCOA's *Your Personal Passport to Healthy Living* (2011) as the handbook for the participants. The CD contains all the necessary course material, advice for leaders, background information, posters, handouts, exercises, videos and a wide range of references and resources for leaders to be able to guide participants in step by step 6-week workshop modules for an evidence-based healthy living workshop for older adults.

Two new **Active Living Tip** sheets have been completed and are posted on the web site. These are on *Healthy Eating and Regular Physical Activity: A Winning Combination for Older Adults* and *Preventing Falls in Older Adults*.

For more information you can visit the ALCOA website at www.alcoa.ca

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Schick
ALCOA Representative

**SASKATCHEWAN SENIORS MECHANISM
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Nominating Committee Report

Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism 2014 Annual General Meeting

Committee Members: Les Lye, Chair
Betty Pickering

At the Saskatchewan Seniors' Mechanism's Annual General Meeting to be held on June 12, 2014, the election of the following officers and directors will be held:

President
Vice President
4 Directors

Nominations must be received by the nominations committee at least 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

The elections, if needed, will be held by a paper ballot. Candidates will be allowed to speak for two minutes each and will be allowed to select two scrutineers.

Respectfully submitted,
Les Lye
Chair

Nominees

Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism 2014 Annual General Meeting

President

Betty Pickering

Vice President

Robert Wuschenny

Members at Large

Jeanne Alexander

Shirley Arnold

Randy Dove

Isobel Fowler

**SASKATCHEWAN SENIORS MECHANISM
RESOLUTIONS**

SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION #1 — Home Mail Delivery

To: SSM Resolution Committee

Sponsored by Canada Post Heritage Club Golden Sheaf Chapter

BE IT RESOLVED That SSM oppose the Canada Post decision to imminently remove home delivery and encourage Canada Post to consult widely in order to consider alternative solutions for mail delivery.

Background

- recently Canada Post announced a decision to eliminate Home Mail Delivery over a period of time
- seniors wish to remain in their own homes as long as possible (SSM Housing Survey, 2011)

SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION #2 — Seniors' Property Tax Deferral

To: SSM Resolution Committee

Sponsored by SSM Board

BE IT RESOLVED That the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism urge the Government of Saskatchewan to explore the feasibility of a Seniors' Property Tax Deferral Program similar to that administered by other provinces.

Background

The Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association passed the following resolution at their 2012 convention:

Be it resolved that the SUMA urge the Government of Saskatchewan to explore the feasibility of a Seniors' Property Tax Deferral Program similar to that administered by other provinces.

- many low income seniors aged 65 and over in Saskatchewan do not possess the disposable income to offset the rising costs of home-ownership
- many of those seniors own their residences and would prefer to remain in their homes (SSM Housing Survey, 2011)
- seniors remaining in their homes may provide a means to free up the low inventory of affordable housing for other residents
- it is important to have a provincial program in order to provide consistency over all provincial municipal jurisdictions
- a provincial program can address the education tax portion of property taxes
- a provincial program is needed to address the size and scope of this sort of program

SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION #3 — Child Rearing Dropout Provisions

To: SSM Resolution Committee

Sponsored by Saskatchewan Seniors Association Incorporated

BE IT RESOLVED That SSM lobby the Government of Canada to allow up to ten zero contributory years when determining CPP benefits.

**SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION #4 — Additional Voluntary
Contributions to CPP**

To: SSM Resolution Committee

Sponsored by Saskatchewan Seniors Association Incorporated

BE IT RESOLVED That SSM lobby the Government of Canada to allow Canadians to make voluntary contributions to the Canada Pension Plan,
in addition to the mandatory contributions.

**SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION #5 — Contributions & Interest to be
Paid to Estate or Alternate Beneficiary**

To: SSM Resolution Committee

Sponsored by Saskatchewan Seniors Association Incorporated

BE IT RESOLVED That SSM lobby the Government of Canada to ensure that when there is no partner/spouse, contributions and interest earned on the contributions made by the deceased, be paid to the estate or
designated alternate beneficiary.

SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION #6 — Seniors Physical Activity Deduction

To: SSM Resolution Committee

Sponsored by Saskatchewan Seniors Association Incorporated

BE IT RESOLVED That SSM lobby the Provincial Government and the Government of Canada to allow tax deductions for fees associated with seniors' physical activity-based programs.

Background

- similar tax credit program currently exist for children and youth

The following resolution was also received from the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan

Tax Deductions for Seniors' Physical Activity-based Programs

BE IT RESOLVED that Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism advocate with the Government of Saskatchewan to allow tax deductions for fees associated with seniors' physical activity-based programs.

SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION #7 — Seniors' STC Bus Pass

To: SSM Resolution Committee

Sponsored by Saskatchewan Seniors Association Incorporated

BE IT RESOLVED That SSM lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to provide a Seniors' Pass on STC for \$10 per month.

Background

- medical facilities and specialists are becoming more centralized in the province
- demographics indicate that more seniors throughout the province are living longer and require more medical support as they age
- some older seniors are not able to drive great distances or at all for specialized treatments
- seniors wish to remain in their own homes as long as possible (SSM Housing Survey, 2011)

SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION #8 — Seniors' Promo Discounts

To: SSM Resolution Committee

Sponsored by Saskatchewan Seniors Association Incorporated

BE IT RESOLVED That SSM petition the business associations/
Chambers of Commerce to maintain seniors' discounts

**SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION #9— Transportation for Seniors as a
Key to Maintaining Independence**

To: SSM Resolution Committee

Sponsored by Saskatchewan Seniors Association Incorporated

BE IT RESOLVED That SSM urge the Government of Saskatchewan to host forums to discuss and explore solutions to seniors' transportation needs.

Background

- transportation is key to the independence, social, physical and mental health of seniors
- some communities have strategies to meet the transportation needs of seniors

SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION #10 — Limited Access to Public Home Care Services

To: SSM Resolution Committee

Sponsored by Saskatchewan Seniors Association Incorporated

BE IT RESOLVED That SSM lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to ensure that the citizens across the province are receiving full access to Public Home Care services.

Background

- The breadth and quality of care provided by Public Home Care has been reduced and this has created a gap which is often being filled by Private Home Care Services for those who can afford it
- Public Home Care is currently underfunded
- Seniors residing in our communities have a crucial need for support services through Public Home Care if they are to remain self-sufficient in their homes Families who are caring for those with special needs require the support of Public Home Care services as a seamless resource in order to satisfy continuity of care. For many, they rely upon this access to get through the day.
- The Public Home Care services are an essential component of quality health care

SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION #11 — Homecare Program with Community Supports

To: SSM Resolution Committee

Sponsored by Saskatchewan Seniors Association Incorporated

BE IT RESOLVED That SSM continue to advocate with the Government of Saskatchewan to develop a long-term commitment to work with community agencies and stakeholders so that more seniors live safely and independently at home with proper community and individual supports rather than in care facilities.

Background

SSM is already involved in the following:

- passed a motion supporting the CURC statement on Home Care
- held public forums on Home Care, Long-Term Care and Pensions in 2012
- participated in the Ministry of Health Engagement Session on Seniors Care in December 2013 where we were able to be part of developing provincial strategy which included expansion of Home Care services
- arranged a presentation on Home Care for the CURC national convention in 2013
- held public forums on Home Care in 2014

The following resolution was also received from the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan:

Seniors Living Safely and Independently at Home

BE IT RESOLVED that Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism advocate with the Government of Saskatchewan to develop a long-term commitment to work with community agencies and stakeholders so that more seniors live safely and independently at home with the proper community and individual supports rather than in care facilities.

SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION #12 — Home Care

To: SSM Resolution Committee

Sponsored by Saskatchewan Seniors Association Incorporated

BE IT RESOLVED That SSM lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to add the provision of Home Care to the guaranteed services provided and funded through Medicare.

Background

- the provision of and access to Home Care is not covered as a guaranteed service provided by Medicare
- independent living for seniors and retirees in their homes would ease the demand for seniors' accommodations in hospitals, nursing homes, and institutional facilities.

The following resolution was also received from the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan:

Seniors Home Care Programs and Seniors Home Support Programs

BE IT RESOLVED that SSM urge the Government of Saskatchewan to develop plans to expand and improve Seniors Home Care Programs and Seniors Home Support Programs to assist seniors to remain in their homes.

**SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION #13 — Healthy Homes Renovation
Tax Credit**

To: SSM Resolution Committee

Sponsored by Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan

BE IT RESOLVED That SSM encourage the Government of Saskatchewan to provide a Healthy Homes Renovation Tax Credit for seniors.

Background

For example, in Ontario the Healthy Homes Renovation Tax Credit is a permanent, refundable, personal income tax credit for seniors and family members who live with them. Qualifying applicants can claim up to \$10,000.00 worth of eligible home improvements on their tax return. The amount of money they get back for these expenses is calculated as 15% of the eligible expenses claimed. This tax credit is intended to help with the costs of improving safety and accessibility in the home.

SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION #14 — Comprehensive Health Accord

To: SSM Resolution Committee

Sponsored by Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan

BE IT RESOLVED That the SSM, in co-ordination with the STF, STS, and ACER-CART, urge the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to negotiate a new comprehensive health accord that protects, transforms, and strengthens Canada's national health care system in accordance with the five principles as laid out in the Canada Health Act, and that a national seniors health care plan and a national pharmaceutical strategy be created.

SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION #15— Senior Housing Grants

To: SSM Resolution Committee

Sponsored by Saskatchewan Seniors Association Incorporated

BE IT RESOLVED That SSM lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to make available the already established grant program for home repairs for seniors to enable them to live in their own homes.

Background

- most seniors want to live in their own homes
- the homes require maintenance and remodelling to meet their changing needs
- most seniors are on a fixed income and require extra funds to retrofit their homes or put in ramps for greater mobility access
- the existing grant program is currently not accepting applications

SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION #16 — Health Care Insurance for Seniors

To: SSM Resolution Committee

Sponsored by Saskatchewan Seniors Association Incorporated

BE IT RESOLVED That SSM urge the Government of Saskatchewan to provide a public funded extended health insurance plan for seniors who do not or cannot afford private insurance plans.

Background

- the cost of health care needs of citizens is increasing, while many seniors are on fixed incomes which do not keep pace with increasing costs

SASKATCHEWAN SENIORS MECHANISM

OTHER

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VOTING DELEGATES

SSM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2014

1. Roger Aessie 2. Kathy Lye 3. Bill Taylor	National Association of Federal Retirees
1. Marguerite Hounjet 2. 3.	Fédération des aînés francsaskois
1. Shirley Arnold 2. Linda Perry 3. Evelyn Nister	Regina Senior Citizens Centre Inc.
1. Randy Dove 2. Alf Zimmerman 3.	Saskatchewan Retirees Association
1. Fern Haight 2. Isobel Fowler 3. Lorna Weldon	Saskatchewan Seniors Association Inc.
1. Louis Wood 2. Kerrie Strathy 3. Marj Thiessen	Lifelong Learning Centre
1. Margaret Gailing 2. Sheldon Kraus 3. Ollie Marciniuk	Saskatchewan Senior Fitness Association Inc.
1. Elliot PausJenssen 2. Candace Skrapek 3. June Gawdun	Saskatoon Council on Aging
1. Ray Zelowsky 2. Doris Dietrich 3.	Senior Power

1. Al Schell
2. Robert Wuschenny
3. George Georget

Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan

1. Janice Bernier
2. Ron Monk
3. Jim Bitinsky

Saskatchewan Federation of Union Retirees

1. Wayne Rutten
2. Dale Richardson
- 3.

SaskTel Pioneers Chapter 59

1. Ivy Hall
2. Joanne Lerat
3. Norma Key

Women of the Dawn

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Canada Post Heritage Club – Golden Sheaf Chapter

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Moose Jaw & District Seniors Association

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Power Pioneers Assoc. of Saskatchewan Inc.

Appendix A