



Prince Albert and Area Teachers' Association

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...from the President's desk

April has been a very busy month for our association. Out 13 councillors attended Spring Council from April 23-26 in Saskatoon. As you will see from our new councillor's report there is always lots going on. Our Superannuation Committee is busy organizing our banquet on June 11th. The Nominations Committee has sprung into action for the upcoming election of next year's executive. If you are at all interested in becoming more involved in your local association and learning more about the STF, I would encourage you to contact Randy Krammer, Linda Klughart or Aline Cederwall and let them know you are interested. We are beginning to look at next year's budget and our Convention Committee is busy at work making plans for our 2009 Convention.

Both Division's LINC's are in the process of working out local agreements. We wish them well throughout their negotiations.

All this business can only mean one thing. Spring is finally here and we've begun the slippery slope leading to the end of another school year. It seems once we hit this time of the year the next 2 months just seem to fly by.

I would like to encourage everyone to consider attending the May General Meeting where we will be perhaps declaring a new executive or calling for an election to determine our executive.

Congratulations to our 17 members who have made the decision to Superannuate this year. We all wish you the best in whatever comes next.

- Debbie McPherson

PAATA

Superannuation

Banquet

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Marlboro Inn

5:30 cocktails

6:30 supper

7:30 program

Tickets - \$25.00

See your PAATA school rep for

Thank you to all the donors of door prizes.

Carlton Carpentry Shop

Debden School

Debbie McPherson

Sarah Bendig

Mario Kaun

General Association Meeting

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

John Diefenbaker School

4:45 p.m.

Nominations/Election

ALL MEMBERS INVITED

Reminder - Convention Meeting

Wednesday, May 14 - St. Mary High School - 4:15 p.m.

STRP Board Vacancy

The STF provincial Executive is inviting applications for a vacant position of the board responsible for the oversight of Saskatchewan Teacher's Retirement Plan. The term of this appointment is for one year with the opportunity to reapply for an additional three-year term. Applications must be received by the General Secretary no later than **May 10, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.**

For more information about the governance of the

ICP Board Vacancy

The STF Executive is inviting applications for a vacant position on the board responsible for the oversight of STF Income Continuance Plan. The term of this appointment is for three years. All appointments are served on a volunteer basis, with reimbursement for travel and sustenance to attend board meetings and board related educational opportunities, according to STF and Board politics.

Applications must be received by the General Secretary no later than **May 16, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.** Letters marked "Application" should include applicant's educational qualifications, related experience and Federation involvement, and interest in the position. Direct applications to: Gwen Dueck, General Secretary,

STF SPRING COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS - PAATA presented 3 resolutions to Spring Council

#1 dealt with amending the STRP Plan Text to allow for buying back pensionable time through the transfer of spousal RRSP funds. THIS RESOLUTION WAS DEFEATED BECAUSE OF THE COST TO THE PLAN TO IMPLEMENT.

#2 dealt with aligning their mailing and fax lists so that when a person holds a variety of different positions they would not receive multiple copies. PASSED.

#3 dealt with providing only single copies of Special Meeting of Council and Annual Meeting to Council documents to

Confirmed Superannuates of 2008

<i>Theresa Amyotte</i>	<i>Betty Fitzpatrick</i>	<i>Kerry Hubel</i>	<i>Theresa Lorer</i>	<i>John McIvor</i>
<i>Vicki Bender</i>	<i>Caroline</i>	<i>Patrick Jones</i>	<i>Celine Major</i>	
<i>Karen Erickson</i>	<i>Harrison</i>	<i>Linda Klughart</i>	<i>Jean Markowsky</i>	<i>Denis Poulin</i>

STF Spring Council 2008 Report

The following are the impressions of our 2 newest councillors after attending their first Spring Council.

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- * evening of April 23 - attended a great social sponsored by TCU. I won a door prize!
- * great evening; no prize.
- * April 24 - Speeches by Learning Minister Krawetz, LEADS, SSBA, STF Executive Director and President. I started to miss being in my Grade 3 class at Riverside!
- * one loooooong speech; all fluff no stuff.
- * Election Speeches - Speakers were held to a four minute time frame.
- * Wished previous speakers had only 4 minute limits.
- * Small group resolutions debates Thursday p.m., Friday a.m., Friday p.m. Wow! What a lot of resolutions to consider. I disliked most the Governance section! I enjoyed most the session on the Health Plan.
- * Group sessions at the heart of council where we: Could decide on issues but not monetary ones. Head the word fiduciary at least 12 times per session. Felt like a detective, due to so many motions to investigate.
- * Friday evening banquet - Excellent dinner and table company! Arbos Awards were presented to two very worthy educators.
- * Nice evening...what was this hospitality room stuff all about.
- * Saturday Plenary Session - The final voting on resolutions. All went smoothly. The CTV 6:00 p.m. news reported on the Resolution to encourage more males to enter the profession.
- * Doesn't CTV have more important items to report?
- * Hospitality rooms were great! (I won two more door prizes!)
- Meeting colleagues from all over the province was great! Learning more about how the STF operates was great!
- * Didn't win a thing, minority male discrimination. Look forward to doing it again next year. Maybe the road will be finished.

(Watch the Bulletin for more detailed report on the Spring Council) - Elaine Serfas and Dave Schneider

Nominations

Deadline for nominations: May 20th

All positions up for re-election.
Please fax nomination forms to:
Randy Krammer, St. Francis School - 922-7561



P.A.A.T.A. Nomination Form

I, _____, shall be a candidate for the position of _____ at the forthcoming election.

The signatures of my nominators appear below:

1. _____

2. _____

Date
Signature of Candidate