

# ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS



October 27, 2009

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**Admin VP Report** – Budget summary net worth – Auditor line has been expended  
- Auditors report – all revenues and expenditures accounted for – A+

**President's Report** – Moving documents to electronic transmissions – cost saving and greening the office. Types of contracts discussed, if any questions please call the Executive Assistants with the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation. Information on types of contracts can be found at:  
[http://www.stf.sk.ca/services/advice\\_assistance/employment\\_contracts/types\\_of\\_contracts/index.html](http://www.stf.sk.ca/services/advice_assistance/employment_contracts/types_of_contracts/index.html)

**CEO** – Ratification of the following Substitute Councillors: Michelle Baillee, Fern Fischer, Jeannie Gall, Dale Harvey, Verone Charington, and Dan Gallays

**Directory** – Delay due to a change in printing practices led to exploring other printers in Saskatoon. Contracted Globe Printers to create the directory. Cost overage will be approximately \$1,000.00. Directories expect to be delivered at the end of the first week in November.

**Constitution** – Ratification of the following committee members: Roland Nordick (chair), Shirley Goodrich, Cara Alsop, Carol Dean, Stu Forrester.

**STF Report** – New STF website and enhanced member portal. Access to chats, discussions, bargaining information will be through the portal. Plans are in place to add current usage of Health benefits, etc. Need to use T-mail to access the portal. Firstname.lastname@saskteachers.ca (mine would be stewart.forrester@saskteacher.ca). Passwords, etc can be obtained on the web site. Substitute teachers will have full access to T-mail, but limited access to bargaining items, etc.

Reviewed the Councillor Conference, a new process was used to gain understanding and consensus regarding commitments and narratives. These will be used to assist in the creation of the asking package. Informed reps about the Special Meeting of Council. Went over resolutions that were passed, defeated and tabled.

**PR/PI** – Election newsletter on the STA website (under latest downloads – front page)

**Superannuation** – Ratification of the following committee members: Shirley Goodrich, Diane Anderson (co-chairs), Carol Dean, Cathy Forester, Marcia Cook, Tracy Jackson, Keri Nakoneshyn, Marcia Galbraith, Belinda Bellegarde, Janice Serafini-Dillon

**World Teachers' Day** – Donations this year to go towards 'Teachers Without Borders'. Introduced Tracy Laverty – teacher at Bedford Road Collegiate who is the Saskatchewan rep for "Teachers Without Borders" campaign. Thanks to all the teachers for their donations to this cause.

**Service Recognition Award** – reminder to members deadline for nominations is December 19th. Ratification of the following committee members: Roland Nordick, Connie Cuff, Jeff Kenney, John McGettigan, Arlene Kembel, Stu Forrester

**Convention** - Theme for this year: Values /Money presented. Ratification of the committee: - John McGettigan (chair), Kate Day, Ken Ens, and Tom Paterson

**Newsletter** - online, next newsletter will be in January with a convention theme.

### Catholic Section

- Committee chairs are finalized and an updated list will be presented at the November meeting.
- The role of Catholic System reps on division committees was clarified with respect to being the only recognized voice to speak for all teachers within the system.
- LINC had thier first bargaining session and will continue. Concerns regarding the Provincial limits on local taxation were raised.
- PD funds were transferred from the board into the respective accounts. The High School Account will be used up as early as Dec., the Elementary Acct. needs more teachers to apply for funds.
- The superannuation committee is looking for an emcee for the formal event. Please contact Shirley Goodrich to volunteer.
- Superintendants Al Boutin and Brendan Bitz have accepted an invitation to address our Assembly during our Feb 9th meeting.

### Public Section

- The discussion focused on our upcoming Liaison Meeting on Nov. 2nd  
The topics that will be discussed were shared with Assembly and include:
  - 1)Service Delivery of programs for hearing impaired and EAL programs
  - 2)Teacher PD choices and levels of Satisfaction
  - 3)An Update on H1N1procedures and plans for sub teachers
  - 4)Communication to teachers about policies and procedures -Successes and areas of concern
- Tom discussed several areas of interest around Linc and teacher leaves.
- Election of STA members for the Extended Professional Leave Committee were held.  
STA members elected were: Scott Farmer, Scott Tunison, Sara Stone, Stacey Hanson