

# ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS



September 22, 2009

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**Admin VP report** – Audit statements will be presented at next meeting

**President's report** – Welcome to our 119 new members, regular H1N1 updates will be on our website, there are some difficulties with our numbers in the new phone book – SaskTel is aware and will update electronic version. STA goals for the year – center on increasing the effectiveness of communication.

**CEO** - Election of Non-Exec Councillors – Congratulations to Gary Augustyn, Pam Beatty, Laurel Clark, David Crowell, Debbie Durand, Luciene Poole, Syd Figora, Krista Hayes, Kenton Hicke, Tom Hickey, Nicole Lazeski, Meaghan Loster, Yvonne Musey-Johnson, Robert Rudy and Greg Wihak.

**Directory** – shortly reps will be receiving a final copy of information for publication in the directory. Teachers will sign off (initial) the information. This is what will be in the directory.

**New Teachers** – Feb 2, 2010 – mark the date for members to the STA.

**Superannuation** – Please forward all inquires to Shirley Goodrich, co-chair in the catholic system, and/or Diane Anderson, co-chair in the public system. Committee positions requested from both the public and catholic systems.

**World Teachers' Day** – donations this year to go to 'TeacherswithoutBorders', same format as last year.

**Resolutions** – the following resolutions related to Provincial Collective Bargaining were passed.

*BIRT that an increase in salary be the highest priority in the next round of bargaining.*

*BIRT that the Provincial Bargaining Committee and Provincial Executive not agree to any tentative agreement with the government without a minimum of a 5% salary increase in each and every year of the contract being negotiated.*

*BIRT that the STF develop and operate an on-line forum for members specifically to facilitate communication among members throughout the current bargaining process.*

*BIRT that a tentative agreement that surpasses one year must include a salary increase that exceeds CPI by a minimum of 4% for each and every year of the term of the contract.*

*BIRT that the Provincial Executive use resources available to lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to remove teachers from public sector salary mandates and bargain salaries as professionals.*

*BIRT that the vote -to ratify a tentative Provincial Collective Bargaining Agreement- be held a minimum of one month after reaching the tentative Provincial Collective Bargaining Agreement.*

Catholic Section – Committee Development

LINC committee introduced with co-chairs Dale Kelly and Corrine Koller.

Dale issued a request for a high school teacher to join a sub-committee regarding prep time. Please contact Dale or Norbert Engel.

Teachers Relations Committee chair Shelley Lord introduced. A list of members interested in joining the committee was developed.

PD committees introduced

Superannuation chair introduced (Shirley Goodrich) with a request for a high school rep for the committee. Please contact Shirley or Norbert Engel.  
All other committees will be completed by Oct 27.

Public Section – Election and ratification were done of the following committees

- Liaison: Ken Ens -Chair Vince Mamer -Chair Carol Dean, Paul Bezin Webster, Derrick Lee, and Evan Cole
- Board of Review: Rob Fraser, Pam Beatty, Ev Devlin elected. Ken Ens made a motion to have a member elected at large if one of the Review Board must recuse themselves due to conflict of interest. Ken Ens elected
- Travel Grant Committee: Paul Bezin Webster, Lezlie Goudie-Cloutier, Connie Cuff
- Harassment and safety contacts: the 2 Liaison Chairs
- Award of Excellence: Barry Charington
- LINC team chair: Tom Paterson. Nothing new was reported from LINC.
- Next meeting a Professional Leaves Committee will be elected
- Discussion and correspondence shared re: H1N1 Student clinics are in the planning stages
- Grid of teacher absences for the past 3 years shared by Ken and will be posted on the STA web page