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SSAI CONVENTION MINUTES - June 6, 2018

Heritage Inn, Saskatoon

1. Called to order at 10AM by Pat Trask – Welcome! Acknowledged Treaty 6 Territory; reminder for clubs to pick up Honorary Life Membership certificates. Master of Ceremonies: Mike Kaminski; Linda Ard led O-Canada
2. Mike convention theme and song “The older I get” by Alan Jackson
3. Warren Kaeding (Sask Party MLA from Melville-Saltcoats) – greetings on behalf of Provincial Government.
4. Lorna Weldon – Seniors Prayer; Moment of Silence for departed members
5. Holly Schick (SSM) – working with gov’t to develop “Seniors Strategy”
6. 10 minute coffee break (10:50 – 11)
7. Faith Rowland and Dave Parkalub (Diabetes Canada)
8. Staff Sergeant Greg Abbott (RCMP)
9. Break for lunch from 12:25 – 1:00pm (52 delegates + 3 speakers)
10. First 50/50 draw winner: Bev Obrigewitch from Luseland \$92
11. Scott Livingstone (CEO of Sask Health Authority)
12. Dr. Micheal Howard-Tripp, Q&A session on authorizing Medical Cannabis with the Deputy Registrar of the College of Physicians and Surgeons
13. Minutes of 2017 Convention – by Shannon Wright. Motion to approve the minutes as prepared/distributed - made by Linda Ard, 2nd by Mike Kaminski. All in favour. Carried.
14. Financial Report – presented by Shannon Wright, SSAI Treasurer. Motion to approve the financial report – made by Lawrence Meier, 2nd by Lorna Weldon. All in favour. Carried.
15. Credential Report – Executive (4), Directors (5), Coordinators (7), Voting Delegates (35), Non-voting Delegates (3) = TOTAL (54)
16. SSAI Website – send in your info to post on the website; currently 240 members on SSAI email contact list
17. Coffee Break
18. Trish McAuliffe (NPF) –
19. Second 50/50 draw winner: Jane Uchacz from Ituna \$82
20. Break 3:45 - Banquet preparation.
21. 6pm – Banquet (58 people)
22. 7pm – Banquet speaker – Alex Wasylycia (Cannimed)
23. 8pm – Dance/Entertainment. Leon Ochs, Landis, Sask.

SSAI Convention Minutes – June 7, 2018

Heritage Inn, Saskatoon

1. 9 – 10:05 - Resolutions (42 voting delegates; 2 visitors)
2. Open Forum
3. Grace Strobel from Waldheim – recognition of Ed Simonar
4. Break 10:30 – 11
5. Walkathon Report – results prepared by Joan Boyer; Previous \$150 donation in memory of Marie-Ange Rancourt was used to install hand railing at their club. Presented certificates for 2017 and 2018.
6. Bowling Report – presented by Lorna Weldon; report also posted on the website. Thanks to Minto Bowl for \$250 Convention Sponsorship.
7. Credential Report – Executive (4), Directors (5), Coordinators (7), Voting Delegates (26), Non-voting Delegates (2) = TOTAL (44) (for the morning)
8. Tammy Vallee (Saskatchewan Genealogical Society)
9. Karen Smith (Better Business Bureau)
10. Third 50/50 draw winner: Bev Obrigewitch \$93
11. Lunch break
12. Kereen Lazurko (Forever in Motion)
13. Terry Damm (MedSask)
14. Nomination/Election of Executive – Call for nominations for 1st Vice. Lorna Weldon lets her name stand. Motion to cease nominations carried. Grace Strobel declares that Lorna Weldon 1st Vice for another 2 year term by acclamation.
15. Swearing in of officers – Led by Marvin Gilbertson (Executive, Directors, Coordinators)
16. Linda Ard announces Silent Auction winners
17. Pat declared the convention closed and thanked everyone for coming.
18. executive, directors, and coordinators – meeting at 4pm

SSAI AGM RESOLUTIONS – 2018

12. Resolutions

Pre New Premier Moe Change - No Action required

TOPIC: PST CHARGES AND SENIORS

1. EXEMPT HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Be it Resolved:

That the Saskatchewan Seniors Association Inc. Lobby the provincial government to exempt health insurance premiums from PST.

Background:

The last provincial budget imposed the 6 % PST on all insurance premiums in Saskatchewan including health, life, primary residence, personal use, automobile, recreation property and vehicles, business and commercial vehicles, business and commercial property, agricultural machinery and property and crop insurance.

Arguments:

1. Health insurance premiums increase with age so that seniors are disproportionately affected by the PST.
- 2.. Health insurance is a unique case which may save the provincial treasury money for health care in the long term.

Adopted by SSAI AGM 2018

2. EXEMPT LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Be it Resolved:

That the Saskatchewan Seniors Association Inc. Lobby the provincial government to exempt life insurance premiums from PST.

Background:

The last provincial budget imposed the 6 % PST on all insurance premiums in Saskatchewan including health, life, primary residence, personal use, automobile, recreation property and vehicles, business and commercial vehicles,

business and commercial property, agricultural machinery and property and crop insurance.

Arguments:

1. Life insurance premiums increase with age so that seniors are disproportionately affected by the PST.
2. Life insurance can provide seniors with a mechanism for passing on family savings.
3. Excluding health, life, residential, and primary use vehicles, most other insurance premiums can be classified as an income tax deductible expenditure.

Adopted by SSAI AGM 2018

B. Resolutions to be submitted to Saskatchewan Government

1. EXEMPT PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Be it Resolved:

That the Saskatchewan Seniors Association Inc. Lobby the provincial government to exempt primary residential insurance premiums from PST.

Background:

The last provincial budget imposed the 6 % PST on all insurance premiums in Saskatchewan including health, life, primary residence, personal use, automobile, recreation property and vehicles, business and commercial vehicles, business and commercial property, agricultural machinery and property and crop insurance.

Arguments:

1. Seniors on fixed incomes are disproportionately affected by the PST on their primary residence.
2. Other properties - luxury recreation and commercial - would still have PST applied.
3. SSAI and NPF goals support affordable housing for seniors.
4. Most other insurance premiums are classified as luxury or business expenses.

Adopted by SSAI AGM 2018

2. EXEMPT PERSONAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Be it Resolved:

That the Saskatchewan Seniors Association Inc. Lobby the provincial government to exempt personal use automobile insurance premiums from PST.

Background:

The last provincial budget imposed the 6 % PST on all insurance premiums in Saskatchewan including health, life, primary residence, personal use, automobile, recreation property and vehicles, business and commercial vehicles, business and commercial property, agricultural machinery and property and crop insurance.

Arguments:

1. Seniors on fixed incomes are disproportionately affected by the PST on their personal use automobile.
2. All other vehicles would still have the PST premiums applied.
3. Seniors rely even more on personal use automobiles since the termination of STC.
4. Most other insurance premiums, excepting the ones listed – health, life, residential and personal use automobile would qualify as a tax deductible expense.

Adopted by SSAI AGM 2018

3. SGI – Reducing Isolation through Enabling Transportation for Seniors

Be it Resolved:

That Saskatchewan Seniors' Association Incorporated lobby the government of Saskatchewan to change the legislation to enable SGI to provide liability insurance which would provide the proper liability insurance coverage. Also that this insurance be made more easily available and affordable to ensure participation by authorized, licensed individuals. Further, that SGI review and certify the safe

driving records of authorized, licensed individuals to ensure the safety of the client passengers.

Background:

- 1.SGI communications consultant Marie Schultz said “As the vehicle insurance provider, SGI can provide an insurance solution that would meet the needs of (transportation network companies) to ensure that all vehicles are adequately insured, and that the rates charged reflect the risk these types of business represent. province is responsible for insurance, driver licensing and vehicle plates,
- 2.The province is responsible for insurance, driver licensing and vehicle plates.
- 3.Seniors are encouraging the province to establish a provincial regulatory framework. The same safety rules should apply in small town Saskatchewan as in Regina, and the provincial government can make that happen.
4. Under Saskatchewan legislation, in order to charge for transportation, a motorist must obtain a Class licence and \$1 million in liability insurance. The Class 4 licence requires a separate road test and oral and written tests. Any vehicle used to transport passengers for money must also have a Class PT licence plate.

Arguments:

1. The discontinuance of STC services had a very severe impact on seniors trying to maintain a quality of life while living in rural Saskatchewan.
2. Rural Saskatchewan does not have the services of taxis, UBER or any other ride-sharing company.
3. There is no provision in licensing or SGI insurance to protect individuals who are serving as caregivers and trying to assist seniors or handicapped in living with dignity in the small urbans throughout the province.
4. Communities would then be able to advertize and promote the transportation services in their communities.

Adopted by SSAI AGM 2018

4. DRUGS – MEDICATION FOR DIABETICS

Be it Resolved:

That Saskatchewan Seniors' Association Incorporated lobby the Ministry of Health and the Saskatchewan Health Authority to provide all the diabetic supplies and medications required to ensure that all diabetics would have better control over their disease.

Background:

1. The Saskatchewan government supplies known drug addicts with filled needles and other supplies.
2. All diabetics need their needles, supplies and medication just to survive, but in many cases cannot afford them.
3. The provision of Diabetic supplies and medication would result in reduced hospitalization and thereby save the Ministry of Health considerable resources.

Adopted by SSAI AGM 2018

5. DRUGS – SHINGLES VACCINE

Be it Resolved:

That Saskatchewan Seniors' Association Incorporated lobby Government of Saskatchewan and Ministry of Health to make the shingles vaccine available at no charge for seniors in Saskatchewan.

Background Arguments:

1. Shingles is a horrible disease causing great discomfort and is becoming more prevalent in Saskatchewan
2. There exists a vaccine for this disease costing approximately \$200.00 for a treatment. Seniors cannot afford it and thus take a chance regarding contraction of the disease.
3. Seniors who do get shingles incur personal costs and in addition,
4. Seniors who do get shingles incur personal costs and in addition, a cost to the Health Care System of about a \$1000.00 per day for hospital care.
5. Seniors should not have to suffer unnecessarily when a vaccine is available.

Adopted by SSAI AGM 2018

6. EYEGASSES FOR SENIORS

Therefore Be it Resolved that Saskatchewan Seniors Association Incorporated lobby the Government of Saskatchewan and Federal Government to provide free eyeglasses for Seniors whose income is below the Poverty Line.

Background Arguments:

Eyeglasses are a necessity for those who require them and as the cost of eyeglasses is beyond the means of Seniors living below the Poverty Line.

Adopted by SSAI AGM 2018

7. INCREASING INCOME LEVELS FOR SENIORS

Therefore Be it Resolved that Saskatchewan Seniors Association Incorporated lobby the Government of Saskatchewan and Federal Government to bring the income level of Seniors up to at least the Poverty Line.

Background Arguments:

6. The cost of living is continually increasing thereby increasing hardships on Seniors.
7. Seniors are being forced to make difficult choices between food, medicine, necessities of life important medical aids and medicine.

Adopted by SSAI AGM 2018

8. HEALTH AND WELLNESS CLINICS IN RURAL SASKATCHEWAN

Therefore Be it Resolved that Saskatchewan Seniors Association Incorporated lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to reinstate the operation of regular Health and Wellness Clinics in rural Saskatchewan.

Background Arguments:

1. Rural Seniors wish to live as long as possible in the communities in which they have invested their time, their money, and their intellect.
2. It is the responsibility of government to serve the most vulnerable members of society.

3. Access to regular health and wellness opportunities is essential to the well-being of those vulnerable Seniors of a society
4. A significant number of rural seniors have been attending Wellness Clinics where their parameters such as blood pressure and blood sugars are monitored, where the heart is listened to, and regular monitoring was provided..
5. Timely medical services are essential to the well-being of senior individuals.
6. Prevention and early detection are far more affordable than expensive acute care.

Adopted by SSAI AGM 2018

9. RESTORATION OF CHAPLAINCY SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED That the Saskatchewan Seniors Association Incorporated urge the Government of Saskatchewan to restore funding for Chaplaincy services immediately.

Background Arguments:

In times of illness, trauma, and loss, a person's beliefs, values and feelings are important aspects of healthcare.

Without the funding in place, the list of names of those who want spiritual care from local faith visitors and volunteers is no longer available.

Medical care is not just medicine and doctors. It is the whole gamut. It is spiritual, mental, emotional and physical. There is a whole team to work together and spiritual care is a part of that team.

If health care institutions in Saskatchewan want to maintain the highest standard of care as outlined by Accreditation Canada spiritual care must be a part.

Overall health and wellbeing includes access to spiritual care, and should be available to all people in hospital in long term care facilities/hospices and their families.

The Government of Saskatchewan budget cut of funding for Chaplaincy services affects the sick, vulnerable and those facing times of crisis in their lives.

Adopted by SSAI AGM 2018

C. Resolutions to be submitted to National Pensioners' Federation

1) CRTC – Pressured Overselling

Be it Resolved:

That Saskatchewan Seniors' Association Incorporated through the National Pensioners Federation through PIAC (Public Interest Advocacy Centre), lobby the CRTC to intervene in the overselling pressures by service providers.

Background:

There have been a variety of stories in the news lately reporting that

1. Customers have been sold television, phone services they do not need or mislead about the terms of the service they are receiving.
2. Recently, some of the employees selling TV, phone, and Internet services have admitted to the media that they are signing seniors up for products they do not need.
3. Sales people also admit that they sometimes fail to disclose important details, like installation charges, in order make the sale.

Arguments:

1. Seniors and low-income persons are taken advantage of through a practices which verges on the edge of being fraudulent.
2. Many seniors cannot afford the additional costs of these services when rental and medication expenses are a much higher priority. Upon review of such cases PIAC realizes that Seniors and low-income persons seem to be particularly affected.

Adopted by SSAI AGM 2018

2. THE TRAFFIC IN SENIORS' CARE: Should Seniors in Residential Care be Traded as Commodities?

Therefore Be it Resolved that Saskatchewan Seniors Association Incorporated lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to stop or at least slow down the privatization of seniors ' care.

Background Arguments:

1. The ongoing trend to hand over the care of the most fragile seniors to the free market is the situation confronting seniors
2. Governments are replacing publicly owned long- term care residences with single privately built and operated long-term care residences .
3. Fragile seniors who need extensive care are becoming pawns in these transactions.
4. Since the cost of providing care for seniors in long term care is the covered by the provincial government which pays a fixed amount per resident to the operator, it is a prized source of guaranteed income for investors.
5. This situation raises an important question for all seniors: Is the publicly-paid provision of health care for the frailest seniors going to continue to be turned over to private operators that can buy and sell these facilities complete with occupants without accountability to taxpayers?
6. From the current experience one can conclude that:
 - 1)The decision that the quality of care in for-profit seniors' long-term care is inferior to publicly owned care and that these residences can be traded among large corporations based in other countries;
 - 2) The privatization of seniors' health care services and thus unequal access to quality care for seniors is increasing;
 - 3) Communities are not being consulted by health authorities about the privatization of long- term care;
 - 4) The voices of most affected seniors are being ignored.
7. There is a larger question that needs to be considered: Is the out-of-hospital out of home care of fragile seniors in facilities considered a necessary part of a publicly funded, publicly accountable, quality health care system?

8. How has it come about that our oldest citizens can now to be traded as commodities that earn profits for big corporations?

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Background Arguments:

- i. The cost of living is continually increasing thereby increasing hardships on Seniors.
- ii. Seniors are being forced to make difficult choices between food, medicine, necessities of life important medical aids and medicine.

Adopted by SSAI AGM 2018

D. Resolutions referred to SSAI

1. DRUGS – SHINGRIX - SHINGLES VACCINE

BE IT RESOLVED That the Saskatchewan Seniors Association Incorporated urge the Government of Saskatchewan to fund the vaccine Shingrix for all adults 50 and older.

Background Arguments:

An estimated 130,000 Canadians get shingles every year and the older you are, the more likely you are to get it and to suffer severe health effects.

Shingles is a brutally painful infection that anyone who has had chickenpox is at risk of getting. It is caused by the same virus as chickenpox, which can lie dormant for years. It tends to reactivate when the immune system is compromised, in the form of shingles.

For some people, shingles develops into a more serious condition called post-herpetic neuralgia, with burning pain that can last for years. For some seniors, it can mean the difference between living independently and having to move into a long term care facility because of its long-lasting effects.

The new vaccine Shingrix shows efficacy against shingles above 90%, regardless of a person's age. Shingrix is now available in Canada, patients require two separate shots given a few months apart costing up to \$400 in total.

Studies suggest protection from Shingrix may extend beyond five years. Shingrix is approved and recommended for people age 50 and older, including those who've previously received Zostavax.

Shingles can be a financial burden on individuals, their families, and the health care system, in addition to the physical pain people suffer

Adopted by SSAI AGM 2018

Saskatchewan Seniors Association Inc.

Profit & Loss Standard

	April 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019	April 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018	April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017	April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016
Income				
Bowling Tournament				
Bowling Tournament Other				\$ 500.00
Bowling Tournament 2015				\$ 9,620.00
Bowling Tournament 2016			\$ 7,995.00	
Bowling Tournament 2017		\$ 350.00	\$ 6,029.50	
Bowling Tournament 2018		\$ 6,346.00		
Total Bowling Tournament	\$ 8,204.00	\$ 6,696.00	\$ 14,024.50	\$ 10,120.00
SSAI Lottery Raffle Tickets	\$ 13,026.00	\$ 4,350.00	\$ 18,342.00	
SLG lottery grant (25% of net revenue)	\$ 3,558.52		\$ 2,788.74	
Convention Income:				
Canada 150 pins		\$ 140.91		
Roughrider raffle plus SLGA topup		\$ 1,500.00		
Sponsors	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00		
Tradeshow vendors		\$ 80.00		
50/50	\$ 309.00	\$ 303.50	\$ 319.00	
Silent Auction	\$ 695.00	\$ 1,088.50	\$ 610.00	
Convention Registrations	\$ 1,970.00	\$ 2,625.00	\$ 3,555.00	\$ 3,869.50
Donations	\$ 50.00	\$ 611.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 800.00
Total Convention Income	\$ 4,774.00	\$ 8,098.91	\$ 4,834.00	\$ 4,669.50
Fundraising / Donations	\$ 200.00			\$ 1,150.00
Interest Income	\$ 927.53	\$ 162.93	\$ 188.46	\$ 199.17
Per Capita Dues - Memberships	\$ 20,275.00	\$ 22,803.00	\$ 20,948.00	\$ 28,385.00
Sask Mechanism- Grants	\$ 9,850.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Total Income	\$ 60,815.05	\$ 51,110.84	\$ 70,125.70	\$ 53,523.67
Expense				
Accounting	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 550.00
Bank Charges	\$ 148.50	\$ 58.50	\$ 154.90	\$ 65.60
Bond / Insurance				\$ 300.00
Bowling Expense 2015				\$ 187.00
Bowling Expenses 2016			\$ 35.88	\$ 8,160.04
Bowling Expenses 2017			\$ 5,835.18	
Bowling Expenses 2018		\$ 6,466.72		
Total Bowling Tournament	\$ 8,437.12	\$ 6,466.72	\$ 5,871.06	\$ 8,347.04

Convention Expenses				
Convention Hotel	\$ 4,895.47	\$ 1,936.77	\$ 5,414.92	\$ 6,196.52
Convention Meals		\$ 7,254.00		\$ 439.91
Convention Mileage				\$ 2,721.17
Convention Miscellaneous	\$ 2,292.13	\$ 2,080.60	\$ 1,718.57	\$ 944.00
Total Convention expenses	\$ 7,187.60	\$ 11,271.37	\$ 7,133.49	\$ 10,301.60
Gray Matters / SSAI Newsletter	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 7,300.00
Hotels	\$ 3,326.04	\$ 996.75	\$ 1,931.55	\$ 1,478.30
Inkind			\$ 2,577.00	\$ 4,984.00
Administration	\$ 8,542.50	\$ 6,832.50	\$ 5,385.00	
Meals	\$ 834.07	\$ 679.30	\$ 1,602.89	\$ 993.32
NPF Membership	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 943.64	\$ 700.00
Mileage	\$ 12,449.98	\$ 10,470.85	\$ 9,945.36	\$ 6,939.70
National Pensioners Convention	\$ 625.00	\$ 2,836.26		\$ 1,112.95
Office Expenses	\$ 193.12	\$ 144.74	\$ 500.87	\$ 1,834.84
Postage	\$ 1,310.80	\$ 1,446.94	\$ 1,993.91	\$ 2,015.15
Lottery Raffle Expenses				
Raffle 2014				\$ 80.22
prize winners	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 5,000.00	
25% rebate to clubs	\$ 4,202.00		\$ 4,519.50	
Raffle 2016			\$ 635.93	\$ 820.00
Raffle 2018		\$ 590.91		
Total Raffle Expenses	\$ 6,702.00	\$ 590.91	\$ 10,155.43	\$ 900.22
Rent	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 2,400.00
SSM Convention	\$ 95.00		\$ 270.00	\$ 650.84
Telephone		\$ 50.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 312.60
Printing	\$ 1,339.09	\$ 1,764.46	\$ 684.60	
Website	\$ 110.86	\$ 110.86	\$ 109.86	\$ 109.86
Advertising / Press Release			\$ 52.50	
ISC fee	\$ 15.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 10.00	
Walkathon	\$ 220.92	\$ 153.58		
Other	\$ 439.14	\$ 165.00	\$ 612.27	
Spotlight on Seniors	\$ 105.00			
carry-over expense from previous year		\$ 32.00		
Total Expenses	\$ 59,731.74	\$ 52,170.74	\$ 58,229.33	\$ 51,296.02
Net Income	\$ 1,083.31	\$ (1,059.90)	\$ 11,896.37	\$ 2,227.65
ASSETS	of March 31, 2019	of March 31, 2018	of March 31, 2017	of March 31, 2016
Main Account at Delisle Credit Union	\$ 30,930.74	\$ 24,350.64	\$ 51,490.50	\$ 47,831.54
Main Account at Esterhazy Credit Union			\$ 1,591.42	
Lottery Account at Delisle Credit Union	\$ 6,855.56	\$ 13,279.88	\$ 28,763.34	\$ 22,565.07
Term Deposit @ Esterhazy Credit Union			\$ 6,788.79	\$ 6,912.44
Shares @ Esterhazy Credit Union			\$ 56.37	\$ 56.37
Term Deposit @ Delisle Credit Union	\$ 50,927.53	\$ 50,000.00		
TOTAL	\$ 88,713.83	\$ 87,630.52	\$ 88,690.42	\$ 77,365.42

SSAI Resolutions 2019

Resolutions from SSAI Executive

1. SSAI to urge SSM to affiliate with NPF

SSM - NPF MOTION AFFILIATION

Be it resolved the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism amend their policy to include the provision to become an affiliate member of the National Pensioners Federation.

Background:

The National Pensioners Federation (NPF) is a national, not for profit, non partisan, non sectarian organization of 350 seniors chapters, clubs, groups, organizations and individual supporters across Canada with a collective membership of 1,000,000 seniors and retirees devoted entirely to the welfare and best interests of ageing Canadians.

The NPF strives to work with our members and like minded organizations to promote positive change for aging Canadians. NPF recognizes the importance of communicating with members and supporters regarding current issues that affect them. As ageing Canadians, NPF provides a clear, unified, national voice to influence government policy and legislation. Senior organizations working together, can accomplish the basic goals for a better life for all ageing Canadians.

When we focus on a vision, differences will not divide us...

Affiliation does not require an affiliate to change or compromise the policies or principles which may or may not reflect the policies of NPF. Most organizations memberships develop policies through a process of discussion and decision about who they are and the beliefs they represent. As affiliated organizations we must respect that process that we each use to create our autonomy.

We respect affiliates autonomy while we unit together in advocacy, education, and networking to produce a clear and sound message for direction and change. Lobbying our Federal Government ministers and developing campaigns to advance our purpose and improvements for

ageing citizens from coast to coast to coast creates even stronger voices for our provincial affiliates.

1. **Organizations across Canada are evolving according to the politics of the provinces and country. A united voice voicing concerns on common issues is much stronger than voices which are many, but not united. In Saskatchewan, the united voices of seniors' organizations under the umbrella of SSM in regards to developing a Seniors' Strategy will have far more impact than each of the organizations working individually. The commonality is the focus of the advocacy regarding an advocacy strategy uniting the seniors of the province.**
2. **The Federal Government has appointed a Minister of Seniors. This is good news at a time when there are a lot of issues common to seniors across Canada. NPF has set three goals leading into this election year – Pharmacare (cost of drugs and overprescriptions), Primary Care (affordability & care of seniors in nursing homes, and housing, etc.) and Pension Priority (protections of pensions and guarantees). While each topic has a number of components, the strategy is to advocate for these items in a comprehensive Seniors' Strategy nationally. This does not imply any support for a particular political party, but rather, for Seniors across Canada.**
3. **By affiliating with NPF, SSM would be joining a number of other affiliates who have united for this common purpose. These others include superannuated teachers from BC and Ontario, ACER – CART – the national association of retired teachers, COSCO – similar to SSM, but much larger in operations, Unifor – labour seniors from across Canada, and the Canadian Federation of Pensioners.**

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2. Be it Resolved that SSAI urge SSM to place a higher priority for funding allocations from the SLGA grant to Provincially based organizations serving seniors in rural Saskatchewan.

Background:

- a) SSFA, SSAI & FAF receive only 42.5% of the total allocation from SLGA, while the other, non-provincial organizations receive 57.5%.
- b) Costs in the provision of services, awareness and activities for seniors in rural Saskatchewan are much higher than in the cities.

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May 10, 2019

Pat Trask,
President, SSAI

Dear Pat,

The SSM Board had an opportunity to consider the two resolutions that SSAI submitted at their May 1st meeting. With regard to the motion on placing a higher priority on Member organization grant funding to organizations serving seniors in rural Saskatchewan, the Board will take this into consideration as we work on future budgets.

The resolution regarding NPF Affiliation was also considered. As you may know, the Board has considered the question of membership in the NPF in the past and decided not to become a member. The Board has affirmed that position, for the same reasons as in the past:

- SSM doesn't have the resources (personnel, funds) to actively participate and the Board doesn't think we should join an organization we can't actually be active in
- NPF deals with a wide range of issues, on a federal level, that are well beyond anything SSM has any ability to comment on or has direct interest in as a provincial organization e.g. trade agreements, Bank of Canada, Overhaul of Canada's Environmental Assessments
- The strong union presence in NPF provides a different focus in terms of the issues addressed that does not strongly align with SSM's focus and values
- There is concern about the joining an organization that is involved in lobbying the federal government to the extent that NPF is, particularly when SSM's focus is primarily provincial

The Board also noted that the resolution asked the SSM "amend our policy". SSM does not have a policy, rather it is simply a direct decision of the Board to not participate in NPF.

Thank you for submitting these resolutions. We look forward to any other issues SSAI may wish to raise in the future.

Best wishes,

Randy Dove,
President

Holly L. Schick
Executive Director

Submitted for discussion and adoption at District/Regional Meetings

3. **Be it Resolved** that SSAI encourage the Government of Saskatchewan to hire more geriatricians for the provision of services in the province of Saskatchewan.

Region H

4. **Be it Resolved** that SSAI work with NPF to encourage the Provincial and Federal governments to provide Income Tax Credits for seniors who need to access help to be able to remain in their own homes.

Background:

1. The retirement income security issue becomes very critical for seniors in their later years when they must hire help to carry on maintenance services, and the utility costs have increased without a corresponding increase in pensions or supports.

Region H

5. **Be it Resolved** that SSAI encourage the Government of Saskatchewan to work with the College of Massage Therapy to develop the legislation necessary to regulate massage therapists in the province.

Background:

1. Members of the public need to be ensured that anyone calling themselves a Massage Therapist or a Registered Massage Therapist is a member in good standing of SCMT (Saskatchewan College of Massage Therapy) which will be the regulatory board.
2. This would allow patients to be able to claim massage therapy treatment expenses as a tax deductible medical expense.

Region H

6. **Be it Resolved** that SSAI through NPF request the federal government to increase the Pension Income amount (line 314 on the CRA form) deduction from \$2000.00 to \$5000.00

Region H

7. Be it Resolved that SSAI urge the Government of Saskatchewan, Ministry of Health, to add the shingles vaccine to the Saskatchewan Drug Plan Formulary.

Background:

- 1) The timing of this is very important since the federal government is beginning to develop a new formulary under the provisions of the Pharmacare program.
- 2) Saskatchewan also needs to ensure that its formulary includes this drug in its Pharmaceutical Information Program.

Region H

8. Be it Resolved that SSAI, through NPF call on the Government of Canada to take the necessary steps to establish a universal dental care program so that all Canadians have access to medically necessary dental care.

Background:

- a) 32 per cent of Canadians have no dental insurance at all, and six million Canadians avoid visiting the dentist every year due to cost;
- b) Poor dental health is linked to serious health conditions, including cardiovascular disease, dementia, diabetic complications, and premature birth;
- c) The omission of dental coverage from our universal health-care system is both a pressing public health concern and a social justice issue;

Region H

9. Whereas, a good number of Saskatchewan seniors are in need of quality and affordable assisted living and nursing care and,
Whereas, a good number of these seniors are living at or below poverty levels having not been able in the past to find employment that paid a living wage and, therefore, having not been able to save enough for their care and,
Whereas, quality affordable care costs are increasing but seniors' revenues are not,

Be it moved that the SSAI lobby our provincial government to increase the level of subsidies given to seniors in assisted and nursing care to reflect the needs of these seniors and the dignity that they deserve.

Region H

St. Joseph Seniors' Club, Inc. #208861
151 River Street, St. Louis, SK S0J 2C0

10. Be it Resolved that SSAI, urge the Government of Saskatchewan to include all the supplies and medications required to manage both Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes in the provincial formulary.

Background:

Although some diabetes-related items are covered, many seniors and low-income family members are forced to negatively compromise their level of care due to the cost of supplies like testing strips and some new drugs which are not covered.

Region H

St. Brieux New Horizons

Saskatchewan Seniors Association Inc.

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