

# CONTACT

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*May health, happiness, peace and prosperity be yours to share  
with others this holiday season.*

### **Our Mission**

SUN exists to enhance the social, economic and general well being of our members, and to protect high quality, publicly funded and delivered health services.

### **Our Vision**

Healthy Members, Healthy Union, Healthy Communities

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING - OCTOBER 22 & 24, 2013

### BOARD DECISIONS & DISCUSSIONS

- The Board approved the Bargaining Principles package as presented by the Bargaining Committee.
- The Board approved a recommendation by the Finance Committee to approve the 2014 Budget.
- The Board heard a presentation on the results of the Public Polling, presented by Cam Cooper.

### FINANCIAL DECISIONS

- The Board approved a donation to Doctors Without Borders for \$1,000 for their work in Syria and its neighbouring countries affected by the ongoing civil war and the growing gap between the urgent humanitarian needs and the inadequate response by the international community.
- The Board approved a donation to the Kids Help Phone for \$1,000 to support their valuable work.
- The Board approved a donation of \$250 to sponsor the Saskatchewan Citizens Hearings on Climate Change to be held in Saskatoon on November 1 & 2, 2013.
- The Board approved an annual donation of \$5,000 to the Broadbent Institute. The Institute is designed to be politically engaged and to be an aggressive and effective advocate for progressive policy. With the increased attack on Unions and the image of Unions, their work becomes even more relevant. The Institute has recently done research on why unions are critical to economic growth, a positive reason to support the work they undertake.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING - NOVEMBER 20 & 21, 2013

### BOARD DECISIONS & DISCUSSIONS

- The Board approved a motion to fund the President, one (1) Vice-President and five (5) Board members to attend the California Nurses Conference on September 22-26, 2014, including the Global Nurses United inaugural meeting on September 26, 2014.
- The Board approved the President's vacation request.
- The Board heard a presentation on the Gateway [On-line] system by 3sHealth.

### FINANCIAL DECISIONS

- The Board approved a donation of \$10,000 thru Oxfam for support of the people of the Philippines affected by Typhoon Haiyan

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## BOARD/SDC CHAIRS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - OCTOBER 23, 2013

- Tim Williams, Executive Administrative Coordinator presented SUN's Public Survey results conducted this fall.
- Amber Alecxe, Director of Patients & Families First and Government Relations, and Aidan Conway, Research/Policy Analyst, presented on SUN's work around "Patient Safety Concerns" and the presentations given to Government officials in this respect.
- Beverly Balaski, Nurse Research and Practice Advisor, presented on "Effective Communication Through WSRs", and reminded folks of the importance of documentation and keeping the emotion out of the documentation and focusing on the facts.
- Kelly Miner, Director of Labour Relations, presented on "Preserving SUN's work" as it relates to the replacement of registered nurses, Bill 85 and collective bargaining.
- Jean Sinclair, Education Officer, and Erin Thomsen, Communications Officer, gave a presentation entitled "Your Leadership is Required" focusing on the different types of leadership and membership engagement.
- Tracy Zambory, President of SUN involved the SDC Chairs in the work concerning Strategic Goal #3 "Rejuvenating SUN's Structure" through table discussions and feedback on specific questions.
- Brenda Groves, Rolling Southwest SDC Chair reported on the project she has completed as part of the Labour College of Canada course she took this year. Groves presented the work from her project, which was a survey with the results presented in the form of a picture, hand painted by herself. Following the description of the picture she presented the picture to Tracy Zambory, President. For those who would like to see the picture and the explanation of its meaning it is hanging in the entrance hall at the Regina SUN office.

## SDC TREASURERS' WORKSHOP - OCTOBER 23, 2013

- Lorna Bingaman, Accountant, and Denise Dick, First Vice -President, conducted a workshop with SDC Treasurers to assist them in learning, completing and submitting the SDC Grant Submission for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Resolutions Deadline 16:30 hours	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Board of Directors Meeting (Regina)	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Nominations Deadline 16:30 hours	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

### NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

The next Board of Directors' meeting will be held on January 14 & 15, 2014, in Regina.

## SUN LEADERSHIP

Tracy Zambory, President  
 Denise Dick, First Vice-President  
 Paul Kuling, Second Vice-President  
 Barb Fisher, Region 1 Representative  
 Lorna Tarasoff, Region 2 Representative  
 Jason Parkvold, Region 3 Representative  
 Maureen Arseneau, Region 4 Representative  
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