

# CONTACT

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SUN proudly supports the Farmland Legacies "Legacy of One" project in their mission to support community food banks through sustainable land use and agriculture. See page 3 for details.

## 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 - DECEMBER 11 & 12, 2013

### BOARD DECISIONS & DISCUSSIONS

- The Board approved engaging members in conversations around province to discuss the emerging trends in the regions. These Strategic Regional Conversations (January 2014) will give SUN the opportunity to provide more information to members about the Minister of Health's directive for a moratorium on registered nurse abolishment, the role of the tripartite and the political environment. Members continue to be called to action to submit cases that highlight situations of patient risk and patient harm due to the abolishment of registered nurse positions, replacement of registered nurses by other healthcare providers and/or vacancy management.  
Note: Fourteen (14) meetings in twelve 12 locations, took place throughout the month of January 2014.
- As per Membership Policy 017-B-2007, five (5) Board members and five (5) members were selected to attend the 2014 CLC Convention in Montreal.
- The Board members selected are:
  - Denise Dick, First Vice-President
  - Lorna Tarasoff, Region 2 Representative
  - Janis Hall, Region 6 Representative
  - Leslie Saunders, Region 5 Representative
  - Barb Abele, Saskatoon Base Hospital Representative
  - Maureen Arseneau, Region 4 Representative
- Members selected by random draw to attend the CLC Convention are:
  - Leah White
  - Rikki Skiffington
  - Shauna Hugg
  - Pat Smith
  - Linda Shyluk
- During the November 2013 Board Meeting, the Board approved the decision to fund the President, one (1) Vice-President, and five (5) Board members to attend the Global Nurses United founding Convention to be held in Las Vegas in September 2014. The selected Board members are:
  - Paul Kuling, Second Vice-President
  - Laurelle Pachal, Base Hospital Representative Regina
  - Lorna Tarasoff, Region 2 Representative
  - Maureen Arseneau, Region 4 Representative
  - Leslie Saunders, Region 5 Representative
  - Jason Parkvold, Region 3 Representative
- The SUN/CFNU Scholarship recipient is Brooke Kwochka. Brooke is the daughter of SUN member Tammy Kwochka of Weyburn.

### FINANCIAL DECISIONS

- The Board approved a donation to the Canadian Nursing Students Association (CNSA) for \$1,000 for each Saskatchewan chapter/educational site for the National Conference in January 2014 in Vancouver to a maximum of four (4) sites.

### PRESENTATIONS

- The Board heard a presentation by Norma Wallace based on her experience in the Lean 3P event in the Saskatoon Health Region around Safety. For further information on Norma's involvement in the 3P project, please refer to "Stop the Line" article in the February 2014 issue of SUNSpots.
- The Board and Staff had the opportunity to learn more about the role of Ombudsman Saskatchewan, their promotion of fair practices for government organizations and their process in handling complaints about unfairness in government services. The session was presented by Janet Mirwaldt, Acting Ombudsman, and Kelly Chessie, Assistant Ombudsman.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING - JANUARY 14 & 15, 2014

### BOARD DECISIONS & DISCUSSIONS

- The Board approved the guest list for the Annual Meeting.
- The Board approved the Presidents vacation for February 10 to March 3, 2014.
- The Board approved a recommendation by the Director of Patients and Families First and Government Relations' to postpone the Innovators Conference for 2014 and re-evaluate the decision in 2015.

### FINANCIAL DECISIONS

- The Board approved donations to the Canadian Health Coalition (\$2,500), The Saskatchewan Health Coalition (\$2,500), and the CCPA Saskatchewan (\$2,500), utilizing the 2013 surplus.
- The Board approved a \$500 donation to the Regina Public Interest Research Group National Conference.
- The Board approved a \$400 donation to the United Way Luncheon.
- Given the unprecedented number of new local presidents in the Region 6 area, Janis Hall, Region 6 Representative, recommended the Board provide funding for a workshop to support the members in their new role. The Board approved Hall's recommendation; the workshop will take place in February 2014.
- Following a presentation about the Home Quarter Project developed by Farmland Legacies in Weyburn, the Board approved a \$9,000 donation and an annual donation to be determined through the annual budget cycle. For more information on Farmland Legacies, refer to the "Healthy Communities" article in the February 2014 issue of SUNSpots.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Local Treasurers' Workshop (Saskatoon)	12 Local Treasurers' Workshop (Regina)	13	14	15
16	17	18 & 19 Board of Directors Meeting (Regina)		20 BOD/SDC Meeting (Regina)	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	SASWH Annual Meeting				

### NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

The next Board of Directors' meeting will be held on March 18 & 19, 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  
 Leslie Saunders, Region 5 Representative  
 Janis Hall, Region 6 Representative  
 Fred Bordas, Region 7 Representative  
 Laurelle Pachal, Regina Base Hospitals  
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