



## Newsletter

### Focus on Membership

So far, sixty individuals have become members of the Saskatchewan Nurses Foundation in 2011. The SNF Board developed a new policy for this registration year. When new graduates obtain their initial registration as a practicing member of SRNA, the SNF Board will provide them with a complimentary membership in SNF for one year in recognition of their achievement. Five new graduates have been welcomed to the Foundation so far under this new program.

Recruit a new member to the Foundation for 2011 and be eligible to receive your 2012 membership free! Draw date has been extended to May 31, 2011. Be sure to let us know if you recruit someone new so we can enter your name for the draw.

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### Newsletter Spotlight on AGM

The Annual General Meeting for the Saskatchewan Nurses Foundation will be held on Monday, May 9 at 5:00 PM in Regina and Saskatoon. In Regina, it will be held at SIAST, Wascana Campus in Rm 1130. In Saskatoon it will be held in Rm 308.2 (right inside the NEPS general office doors) at SIAST Kelsey campus. For those unable to physically attend the meeting, you will be able to participate by teleconference. Members will be notified of the toll free number to call in for the teleconference by email prior to the meeting.

### Changes in Policy

The Board of the Saskatchewan Nurses Foundation has made some significant changes to the Policies of the Foundation. Programs that will be eligible for bursary funding will continue to include degree programs at the baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral levels. Eligible courses have been expanded to include clinical courses of more than five (5) days, professional development conferences and workshops, and Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) Certification exams. Implementation of these changes will occur in 2012, providing time for the Foundation to advertise the changes and create the application forms and guidelines. Further information will be available at the SNF Annual General Meeting.

A number of bylaw changes were also approved at the March SNF Board meeting. These bylaw changes will be presented to the membership at the SNF annual general meeting for ratification. A document outlining the changes and rationale will be circulated to SNF members prior to the AGM.

For the 2011 year, voting for directors will be conducted using electronic and mail vote. You will receive a ballot by email if you have provided the Foundation with an email address. If the Foundation does not have a record of your email address, a ballot will be mailed to you. Voting will close April 30, 2011.

### Focus on a Board member

Signy Klebeck has been on the board of the SNF since 2008. She is a faculty member in the Nursing Education Program of Saskatchewan (NEPS) at SIAST. Signy received SNF bursaries in 2001 and 2002. She says that “the SNF bursaries were greatly appreciated as they supported me in my pursuit of a Master of Nursing. SNF bursaries play an important role in advancing the education of nurses and moving the profession forward.”

### SNF at the SUN and SRNA Annual Meetings

Watch for the SNF booth at the SUN annual meeting in Saskatoon April 5, 6, and 7, and at the SRNA annual meeting in Saskatoon May 4 and 5. We will be having a 50/50 draw each day. Proceeds will go to fund the bursary program. Memberships will also be available.

### Did you know?!

A resolution from Council at the SRNA annual meeting in 1979 called for the creation of a trust fund “with the power to receive donations and invest same, and disburse funds to members of the SRNA for continuing education”. It carried and planning began for the Saskatchewan Nurses Foundation. The first donation was received from Peggy Rosso in June, 1979.

### Update from the Board of Directors

The SNF Board met in January and March of 2011. Significant time was devoted to increasing the visibility of the Foundation, fundraising efforts to support the expanded bursary program, and to policy and bylaw revision. All policies were reviewed and significant changes were made to many, including those related to bursaries as noted on page one. Bylaw changes will be brought to the AGM for ratification. Planning is in the beginning stages to resume the SNF Founders’ banquet and live auction later in the year. The SNF website is in the process of being re-designed. Watch for the launch coming in the next few weeks. The brochure is also in the process of being updated. President Glenn Donnelly, Board member Larry Christie, and Executive Director Robin Evans were interviewed on Dave Morgan’s Listen Up program at 91.3 FM CJTR Regina community radio on March 1. The audio of the interview will be posted on the new SNF website.

### Looking to Participate?

SNF is looking for individuals who are interested in letting their name stand for election to the Board of Directors. There are two director positions that will need to be filled. This is an exciting time for the Foundation as many changes are in the works. The only requirement is that you be a member of SNF and interested. The Board meets 5 times per year, usually by teleconference. If you are interested in setting the direction for the Foundation please forward your name to [snf@accesscomm.ca](mailto:snf@accesscomm.ca). Deadline for receipt of nominations is April 15, 2011.

### More options for Membership Renewal

SNF is making it easier and more user friendly to become a member. SNF now accepts membership fees through PayPal. Simply go to the membership page of the website, complete the electronic application form and submit it electronically. Then click on the “Pay Now” icon to submit your application fee.