

EDUCATION SECTOR

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EDUCATION SECTOR AGM RESULTS



The Education Sector held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on October 22, 2016 in Saskatoon at the Radisson Hotel.

Members from across the province attended the meeting, including representation from;

- ◆ Gabriel Dumont Institute
- ◆ Sask Polytech
- ◆ NORTEP/NORPAC
- Regional Colleges:
 - Cumberland
 - Great Plains
 - Carlton Trail
 - North West
 - Northlands
 - South East



In attendance were 51 members and 4 guests. The guests were Roseann Strelzki, SGEU Secretary/Treasurer; Kathy Mahussier, LRO for Regional Colleges and Sask Polytech; Bonnie McRae, LRO for Northlands and Nortep/ Norpac; and Karen Halliwell, AA Saskatoon.

Election results:

Shawna North – VP/Sector Chair

Marney Robinson – Sector Secretary

Bonnie Bond – Sector Treasurer

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee	Designate	Alternate
Anti-Privatization	Chris Isted – Sask Polytech	Jennifer Rooke – North West College
Education & Publicity	John Lancaster – Northlands College	Bonnie Bond – Sask Polytech
FAIR	Sheena Yew – GDI	Peggy Chartier – GDI
MC&L – 4 year term	Marney Robinson – North West College	Brigitte Monteith – Great Plains College
OH&S	Diane Langlois – Sask Polytech	Wanda Weber – North West College
Provincial Grievance – 4 year term	Lynette Gerski – Cumberland College	Marney Robinson – North West College
Women’s	Lisa Pedersen – Northlands College	Tanya Turner – Sask Polytech

FUNDING CUTS TO NORTEP-NORPAC

The future looks bleak for a long-running and highly successful teacher training program in northern Saskatchewan, due to provincial government funding cuts.

Since it was founded in 1976, the Northern Teacher Education Program (NORTEP) has trained hundreds of educators – mostly from First Nations and Métis backgrounds – who went on to teach in the North. The Northern Professional Access College (NORPAC) added to this success in 1989, when it began offering arts and sciences courses that are required for many professional university degree programs.

In September 2015, the provincial government signed a five-year agreement to fund NORTEP-NORPAC. Now, just over a year into that agreement, the ministry has announced it will terminate the organization’s funding in July 2017.

NORTEP-NORPAC has greatly enhanced education and professional opportunities for northern residents. But, in a short-sighted move, a government looking for “efficiencies” is shutting down the program and taking away opportunities from young northerners.

[Watch SGEU member Cal](#) share his experiences at NORTEP-NORPAC and the importance of the work of the union in promoting reconciliation and equality.

If you are interested in sharing your story about your experiences at NORTEP-NORPAC, please get in touch with SGEU Communications by emailing comm@sgeu.org.

TRY-A-TRADE DAY AT NORTH WEST COLLEGE



**NORTH WEST
CAREER
DEVELOPMENT
PARTNERSHIP**



**North West
College**



Annually, North West College and the North West Career Development Partnership aims to bring students from the Living Sky School Division, Light of Christ Catholic School Division, Northwest School Divisions, Prairie Spirit School Division and North West College students to one venue to showcase different careers in trades. Participants experience a variety of interactive booths showcasing trades including welding, electrical trades, hairstyling, institutional cooking, scaffolding and much more. Through the delivery of this yearly event we have served over 8,000 students across the region.

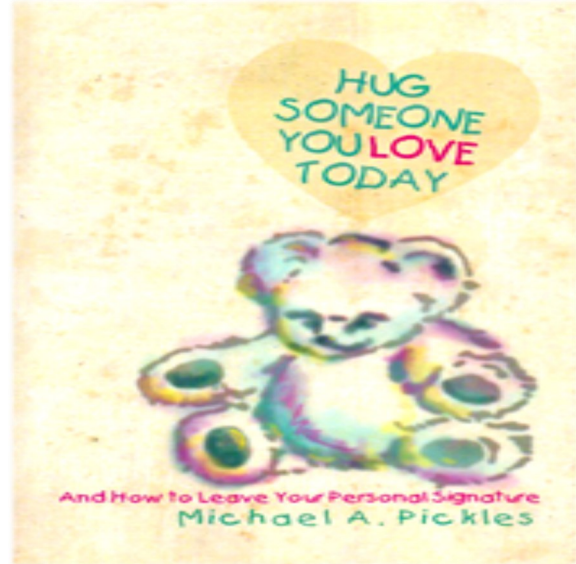


The 6th Annual Try a Trade was a success, and was held on October 26th 2016 at the NationsWEST Field House in North Battleford. It was a great event, with 46 booths, 3 larger exhibits, and just over 1300 students attending. The canteen produced a profit of just over \$1000 for the Try a Trade Scholarship Fund. Thank you so much to all who came out, everyone who volunteered their time, and to all who showed such enthusiasm and interest. It's truly a wonderful feeling working for an organization that provides opportunities for students across the region to explore different career paths, network with tradespeople, and explore educational goals.

Submitted by Jennifer Whyte, North West College

HUG STORIES WANTED

Although I'm an educator of 23 years, I am also a published author of a book called **"Hug Someone You Love Today."** It's a motivational book about how hugs can positively change your life. My first book may be purchased through amazon.ca or chapters.ca.



Furthermore, I am in the process of writing my second hug book, which will be going to my publisher at the end of November. If any SGEU members would like to submit to me their hug story, I'd gladly include it in my second book.

Thank you and here's to changing the world one hug at a time,

Mike

Mike Pickles - MEd, BEd, BA
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GREAT TIME AT EDUCATION SECTOR AGM

On Saturday, October 22 in Saskatoon, on Treaty 6 territory and in the homeland of the Métis Nation, I attended the SGEU Education Sector Annual General Meeting.

It was my first time attending in the 6 years I've been at Sask Polytech, and in retrospect I waited too long. The event was beneficial and an opportunity to:

1. Connect with Sask Polytech colleagues
2. Meet colleagues from other post-secondary education institutions throughout the province
3. Get informed about the provincial council standing committees, such as Occupational Health & Safety; Education and Publicity; Fostering Acceptance of Indigenous Rights; as well as Awards.
4. Receive a stipend and win prizes

While I didn't win the Fit Bit or the Hillberg & Berk bracelet, I joined 10 SGEU members from Sask Polytech at the event where we had a voice in reviewing our sector budget, scholarship opportunities, as well as voting privileges for the incoming executive, committee members and convention delegates.

Although the SGEU attendance from Sask Polytech was low, we were well represented on the executive committee. Thank you to Bonnie Bond and Shawna North for their ongoing commitment as Education Sector treasurer and vice-president respectively. Also, thank you to Marney Robinson from North West College who continues on for another term as secretary for our sector and everyone who stepped forward to represent the Education Sector on committees and at conference.

Hope to see you next year!

*Submitted by Tanya Turner,
Sask Polytech*



Standing L-R—Tanya Turner, Bonnie Bond, Shawna North, Diane Langlois, Ellen Leaman, Chris Istd, Gerry McLellan

Seated L-R—Lyndsay Demchuk, Terri Wale, Lynn Parenteau

INTRODUCING RALPH TROSCHKE, BBA, MBA



Ralph Troschke is Carlton Trail College's President and Chief Executive Officer, a position he began this August. Ralph brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the College.

With over 30 years of experience in post-secondary education, Ralph has worked in leadership positions in four different provinces and one other country. His most recent position was as Dean of Agribusiness, Land and Fashion at Olds College in Olds, Alberta. Previously, Ralph was Vice President of Student and College Services at Lakeland College in Lloydminster, Alberta, President of the College of New Caledonia in Prince George, British Columbia and Vice

President of Student and College Services at Portage College in Lac la Biche, Alberta.

His credentials include Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Business Administration from Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo Ontario.

His many interests include coaching soccer and track and field, directing and acting in community theater, and travel. Ralph is the head coach of the Quill Plains Track Club in Humboldt.

Ralph and his wife Angela have three children – the oldest, Elora, is attending Olds College in the Business Administration program, his middle child, Andreas, is in grade twelve and the youngest, Helena, is in grade ten.

SGEU - EDUCATION SECTOR AWARDS

Education Sector Scholarships (based solely on Academic Achievements):

(2) \$500.00 Member Scholarships - for members furthering their education:

Amanda Tobin (Gabriel Dumont Institute, Saskatoon)

Sheena Robinson (Saskatchewan Polytechnic, Saskatoon)

(1) \$1000.00 Scholarship - for a member's dependent's Sequential (coming out of Grade 12):

Amy Miller (dependent of Shelly Miller, North West College)

\$1000.00 Scholarship - for a member's dependent registered and continuing studies in a Vocation or Public Institute:

There were no applicants in this category. This scholarship was moved to the category of "a member's dependent registered and continuing studies in University."

\$1000.00 Scholarship - for a member's dependent registered and continuing studies in University:

Matthias Chiefcalf (dependent of April Chiefcalf, NORTEP/NORPAC)

Mackenzie Hladun (dependent of Melanie Hladun, Sask Polytech)

Anand Vaid Memorial Bursary (based on financial need):

\$1000.00 Bursary awarded to Amanda Tobin (Gabriel Dumont Institute, Saskatoon Member)

Tracey Kurtenbach Memorial Bursary (based on financial need):

\$1000.00 Bursary awarded to Bryant Mills-Sackeny (dependent of a Sask Polytech Prince Albert Member)

2016 SASK POLYTECH EMPLOYEE AWARDS

Outstanding Service Awards:

SPAO: **Melissa Mantyka, Administrative Assistant, ILDC**

Moose Jaw Campus: **Chris Chasmar, IT Support Analyst, ITS**

Regina Campus: **Colin Winter, IT Business Analyst and Project Manager, ITS**

SGEU – EDUCATION SECTOR RECOGNIZED



Thank You

THE SUMMER OF 2015 WILL BE MEMORABLE FOR THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN SASKATCHEWAN FOR TWO VERY IMPORTANT REASONS.

Firstly, because rampant forest fires drove our families and friends from our homes. We had to wait and pray while fire, heat and wind fought with firefighters, helicopters and water bombers. The outcome of the fight would determine if we had homes or not. Our Elders, our babies and those in between escaped by whatever means were available to us. Many in the North do not have cars. Convoys of busses took us to unknown destinations and wonderful volunteers helped provide us with temporary shelter and food. We are so thankful with the ultimate outcome that saved almost all of our homes. But the escape and our time away from our homes and our jobs cost evacuees money that they often did not have. The absence from home for so long meant our food spoiled in our refrigerators and on our counters. So many Northerners did not have the money, after the evacuation, to buy groceries.

Secondly, we will remember the thousands of volunteers and financial contributors LIKE YOU for helping us. With your help and the matching donations of Kitsaki Management Limited Partnership and PotashCorp we delivered over 5,000 grocery hampers worth nearly \$300,000 to over 20 Northern communities. The program was coordinated by Kitsaki using services from Athabasca Catering and delivered by Northern Resource Trucking. Thank you and Thank you again. Or as we say in Cree Teniki!




 Chief Tammy Cook-Searson
 Lac La Ronge Indian Band


10,000+ SENIORITY DAY MEMBERS

We would like to recognize the following union member for having over 10,000+ seniority days:

John Frederick, Accounts Payable,
Saskatchewan Polytechnic - Administrative
Offices

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following Professional Services Bargaining Unit (PSBU) members that have recently completed post-secondary credentials.

- Cindy Solanik – Sask Polytech – Saskatoon Campus
Occupational Health and Safety Practitioner (applied certificate) from Sask Polytech
- Sheena Robinson – Sask Polytech – Saskatoon Campus
Certificate in Adult Continuing Education (with distinction) from the University of Saskatchewan
- Sharri Bell – Sask Polytech – Regina Campus
Diploma of Business Administration from the University of Regina

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Gabriel Dumont Institute
Northlands College
NORTEP/NORPAC
Saskatchewan Polytechnic
The Board of Education of the Regina School
Division #4

Regional Colleges:
Cumberland Trail
Carlton Trail
Great Plains
North West
Southeast
Parkland

EDUCATION SECTOR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Shawna North, Vice-President
Marney Robinson, Secretary
Bonnie Bond, Treasurer

RETIREMENTS

We would like to acknowledge the retirement of the following long-term employees that have been active in the union during their career in education

- Carol Bobowski – Parkland College
- Brian Binns – Southeast College
- Laura Hamilton – Southeast College

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you have a story idea for the Education Sector newsletter, know of someone whom you'd like to see profiled, or know about a union initiative that needs promoting, please contact us. Story topics might include bargaining updates (only information that can be public knowledge), new courses, changes in programming, successes, challenges, things other members might want to try in their facility, relevant photos, SGEU scholarships, or anything else members would find interesting or useful. Please forward stories, pictures, and ideas to Brigitte Monteith, Education Sector newsletter coordinator, at brigittem@greatplainscollege.ca.