

# EDUCATION SECTOR

## SGE-You News

### GREETINGS FROM YOUR ACTING EDUCATION SECTOR VP

Greetings Education Sector members!

This has been a tough year for our members across the Province. Sask Polytech, Regional Colleges, Northlands College and GDI are all in various stages of bargaining right now. There hasn't been much movement for any of the units. Most won't be back to the table until late Fall.

We currently have a high number of grievances throughout our sector. Many of them cover similar instances so they are being dealt with together.

There is an overall workload concern at most of our campuses. We are seeing an increase in sick leave and accommodation requests.

Working families are still worried about job security, as this year's budget seeks to eliminate public service positions through attrition over the next two years. While public services are underfunded, the Sask Party is still giving away millions to the highest income earners. Corporate income tax will only make up four per cent of government revenues this year, down from almost 10.5 per cent in 2010-2011.

Thank you to the sector executive for all your assistance while I have been the Acting VP/Chair. Thank you to all the elected members at our campuses for all the hard work you do supporting our members.

I hope everyone has a well-deserved break this summer and enjoys some time with friends and family.

In solidarity,

**Marney Robinson**

**AVP and Chair - Education Sector**



## SGEU ANNUAL CONVENTION

Hundreds of SGEU members attended Convention 2018 in April in Saskatoon. This year's theme was about our legacy, and it was a time to reflect on our history and our future. Convention was a time for members to come together to discuss policy, develop strategies, build relationships, share knowledge and support one another in the critical work we do to keep the labour movement strong in Saskatchewan.

Thanks to the following Education Sector members for attending SGEU Convention 2018 and representing our sector! Special thanks to first-time delegates (listed below) for taking the plunge, we hope you had a great time getting to know the union better and participating in union democracy.

### SGEU CONVENTION Education Delegates

Bonnie Bond  
Peggy Chartier  
Tracey Conrad  
Lynette Gerski  
George Gingras  
Christopher Isted  
Amro Khalil  
Angel Laliberte  
Diane Langlois  
Lisa McLeod  
Brigitte Monteith  
Janelle Pedersen  
Marney Robinson  
Debbie Stavely  
Tanya Turner  
Wanda Weber  
Sheena Yew



## SGEU WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Education Sector members attended the SGEU Women's Conference 2018 on May 9 and 10. This year's theme was "Press for Progress." Items discussed included ending wage discrimination, fixing the child care crisis, and ending sexual harassment and violence. Other topics over the two-day period included domestic violence at work, reducing stress, women and privatization and more. Members also took part in a reconciliation walk, hosted by Norma Jean Bird (centre, below) to commemorate those affected by domestic violence. Together we can end violence and inequality.



### ***Education Sector members - we want your stories of interest for our newsletter...***

Information can be news of 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, etc. If a location has an initiative or event happening we could put that in as well as union information that all members would find useful.

Don't worry about editing and if you are not sure if the material you have is relevant, no worries, the communications department will take care of that for you. Please forward stories of union interest, pictures, etc. to Brigitte Monteith, Education Sector newsletter coordinator at [brigittem@greatplainscollege.ca](mailto:brigittem@greatplainscollege.ca)



## FINDING THEIR VOICE - TOASTMASTERS AT SGEU



On Friday, April 20, 2018, Penny Nilsen and Tanya Turner shared the benefits of Toastmasters with Saskatchewan Government Employees Union (SGEU) members at the annual SGEU convention at TCU Place in Saskatoon. Successfully speaking to more than 200 people is evidence that Toastmasters helps to grow confidence and improve public speaking skills!

Nilsen, an instructor at Great Plains College in Warman, joined Toastmasters in 2014 to improve her communication in the classroom.

“Toastmasters is the most economical and supportive professional development program available,” says Nilsen.

She’s now just a few projects away from achieving the highest Toastmasters designation - Distinguished Toastmaster. Toastmasters is not only a channel to support Nilsen’s speaking but also expands her network while cultivating leadership and entrepreneurship skills.

When Tanya Turner joined Toastmasters in 2016, she was nervous to speak in front of a dozen colleagues at Sask Polytech. Now, she’s continuously growing her confidence and improving skills through supportive club members providing feedback, using the Toastmasters International self-paced learning tools and practicing regularly at club meetings.

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## TOASTMASTERS CONTINUED

“Improvement and learning happens with every speaking opportunity and through the support of fellow Toastmasters,” says Turner.

In the SGEU presentation, they encouraged anyone interested in finding their voice, improving communication skills and developing leadership skills to consider Toastmasters.

Are you interested in learning more? Here’s how to start your Toastmasters journey.

### Getting more info online

[www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org) has lots of great information, including videos and sample projects.

### Visiting a club

With more than 50 clubs in Saskatchewan, as well as online clubs available, there are lots of options to find the club that fits your personality and schedule.

Use the “Find a club” feature at [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org).

### Connecting by email, phone or text

Nilsen and Turner welcome questions. Here’s how to connect with them:

pennynilsen1@gmail.com | 306-241-4880

[sasktanya@gmail.com](mailto:sasktanya@gmail.com) | 306-491-9993

## BREAD AND ROSES AWARD



At SGEU Convention 2018, Terri Wale (left) was presented the Bread and Roses Award for her outstanding efforts in keeping our union strong. Congratulations!

## EDUCATION SECTOR: WHO WE REPRESENT

**Gabriel Dumont Institute** – Beauval, Ile-a-la-Crosse, La Loche, Meadow Lake, Nipawin, North Battleford, Prince Albert, Regina, Saskatoon, Yorkton

**Northlands College** – Buffalo Narrows, Creighton, LaRonge

**Regina School Division**

**Regional Colleges**

**Carlton Trail College** – Humboldt, Watrous, and Wynyard

**North West College** – North Battleford and Meadow Lake

**Cumberland College** – Melfort, Nipawin and Tisdale

**Parkland College** – Yorkton, Melville, Kamsack, Fort Qu'Appelle

**Great Plains College** – Warman, Biggar, Kindersley, Rosetown

**Southeast College** – Weyburn, Estevan, and Moosomin

**Saskatchewan Polytechnic Professional Services**

Administrative Offices (Saskatoon)

Moose Jaw Campus

Prince Albert Campus

Regina Campus

Saskatoon Campus

## EDUCATION SECTOR SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE AUG. 31

The deadline for the Education Sector scholarships and bursaries is August 31, 2018. Please take a look at the application forms to see if you or your family members qualify.

- [Anand Vaid Memorial Bursary](#)
- [Tracey Kurtenbach Memorial Bursary](#)
- [Education Sector Scholarships](#)

Application forms are available from the SGEU Website at [www.sgeu.org](http://www.sgeu.org) or from any SGEU office.

**Application Deadline: Mailed to SGEU, Saskatoon Office and postmarked no later than August 31.**

<https://www.sgeu.org/member-resources/scholarships-bursaries>

## DISCOUNTS FOR SGEU MEMBERS



New this month is **1-800-Flowers** – Save 20%. Order online or by phone and have flowers delivered across Canada or around the world. Tap the ESM App for details.

**Exclusive ESM Travel Discounts by Member Deals** - Save up to 50% or more at US theme parks (Disneyland, Universal Studios and many more), Broadway & Vegas shows and more. Also, check out the **“Travel and Play”** category on the ESM App to save hundreds on your next travel including hotels, vacation packages and car rentals.

To **get the ESM App**, go to your app store (Google or Apple) **on your smart phone** and search for Endless Savings & More. When you first download the app, you will be asked for the SGEU "organization code". The code is: sgeu

Email: [contact@ESMobileApp.com](mailto:contact@ESMobileApp.com)

Website: <http://www.ESMobileApp.com>

## EDUCATION SECTOR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Shawna North - VP and Sector Chair

Marney Robinson - Sector Secretary

Bonnie Bond - Sector Treasurer

## IN THE NEWS - SASK POLYTECH

Sask Polytech has been in the news often lately with reports of layoffs, closure of athletic programs, reduction of nursing positions and protests by staff and students alike. Below is a brief summary of just some of the news on Sask Polytech.

### CTV REGINA

[Sask. Polytechnic layoffs 'driven by a vindictive spirit': faculty association](#)

### GLOBAL REGINA

[Sask. Polytechnic losing 42 employees due to shifting labor market](#)

### SASKATOON STAR PHOENIX

[Sask. Polytechnic union calls for provincial fix following layoffs](#)