

# EDUCATION SECTOR

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BULLETIN

## SGE-You News



### ***Newsletter contest winner***

Thanks to everyone who submitted entries for naming our education newsletter contest. We have a winner, **Trevor Putz from Northlands College!** Trevor will receive a \$50 Co-op gift card for submitting the winning entry, SGE-You News. Thank you, Trevor!

### ***Bread and Roses winners***

Every year at convention, Bread and Roses awards are presented by the SGEU Women's Committee. The awards are given to women who are nominated by their peers as a woman working for her union. The following Education Sector members received the Bread and Roses Award this year:

**Bonnie Bond**—Campus chair, Sask. Polytechnic – Saskatoon; Education Sector treasurer

**Marney Robinson**—Sask. Regional Colleges Provincial Chair; Education Sector secretary

**Shelley Malko** - Chief steward Saskatchewan Polytechnic – Saskatoon



Bonnie Bond & Marney Robinson



Shelley Malko

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## ***Education Sector delegates at SGEU convention 2015***



This year, 18 Education Sector delegates attended the SGEU convention held in Moose Jaw last April. Elections for next years' delegates are held at the annual general meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Saskatoon Radisson. All members are welcome to attend!

## ***Fun on the links for two great causes***

Northlands College hosted its second annual Scholarship Golf Tournament recently at the picturesque Elk Ridge resort. The event is designed to raise funds for scholarships and bursaries to be matched by the provincial government through the Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunities Scholarship Fund.

The fund provides financial assistance to students attending postsecondary programs at Northlands College. Over 136 people attended from all over the province including members of educational institutions, corporations, communities and industries.

Scholarship funds are administered by Northlands College head office and are awarded annually to those that meet criteria. The Scholarship Foundation Inc. works with a committee that develop criteria and does selections based on criteria.

Over \$40,000 was raised for the scholarship program.



On Thursday, June 18, Bonnie Bond attended the Northlands College Scholarship Foundation 2<sup>nd</sup> annual golf tournament. Bond reports the highlight of the tournament was the 50/50 golf ball drop from the helicopter for which the winner received \$3,400!



On Saturday, June 13, Shawna North and Bonnie Bond participated in the PSGE SGEU golf tournament in Melfort. Over \$5,500 was raised in support of the Saskatchewan Chapter of the Children's Wish Foundation.

## ***Local union members show their support for Manitoba picketers***



### ***Morale on the picket line at the Hudbay operations in Snow Lake remains high***

Some SGEU Education Sector members were able to show their solidarity in Flin Flon recently when they visited the site of the labour-management dispute at the Hudbay Minerals Inc. site. Morale on the picket line at the Hudbay operations in Snow Lake was high when Northlands College employee, **Penny Morissette** walked with the striking workers.

*“They had already been on strike for approximately three weeks when we visited and went out with them carrying support signs,” says Morissette. “The workers were really appreciative to have our show of support for a couple of days.”*

Traffic into and out of the Hudbay operation at Snow Lake, Manitoba, 702 kilometers north of Winnipeg, faces delays from picket lines set up by the striking workers and the ongoing strike is also having an impact at operations in both Flin Flon and Snow Lake. “We have imposed a five minute delay protocol at the entrances to the operations and the police have been very satisfied with the conduct of a picket line,” explains IAM Grand Lodge Representative Ian Morland.

The 180 members of IAM are seeking wage increases to bring them in line with their apprentice and certified trades counterparts in the Pas and Thompson, Manitoba.

## ***Saskatchewan Polytechnic offers free online course in applied math***

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The self-paced, non-credit course, focuses on mathematical concepts commonly used in the skilled trades and apprenticeship programs. Known as a “MOOC,” or “Massive Open Online Course,” the course is open to anyone (over the age of 13) who has access to a computer or mobile device and the Internet. MOOCs are a relatively new-learning innovation that have attracted public attention since 2012, when post-secondary institutions such as Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology started developing and delivering these highly accessible courses. [Read more here...](#)

## ***Cumberland College wins this year's MelBex Heritage Award***

Cumberland College was recognized with the Heritage Award just as the institution is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

For a college that came from humble beginnings in 1975, a recent economic impact study determined the college now contributes \$16.2 million in regional gross domestic product and provides 183 employment positions in the region. Cumberland College also contributes \$8 million to the combined federal and provincial governments. [Read the full Melfort Journal story](#)

## ***Member Spotlight: Sylvia Harris***



In this edition's spotlight, meet one fascinating Education Sector member whose passion for the North and opportunities for apprenticeship is making her a role model for women far beyond her local community of education. Meet Sylvia Harris, career advisor, apprenticeship advocate and Red Seal Industrial Millwright Mechanic.

[Read the full story](#) on how this Education Sector member's pursuits of education lead to becoming a great leader.

If you have an idea for a co-worker you would like to see celebrated in this new regular feature, please contact Brigitte at [brigittem@greatplainscollege.ca](mailto:brigittem@greatplainscollege.ca).

## ***Excess sick leave rebate at retirement***

Once a SGEU member retires or they have reached the age of 65 years, they are entitled to a rebate of unused sick leave as per Article 9.9 of the SGEU LTD plan text which reads:

Upon retirement, or reaching the age of 65 years, a member may apply to the SGEU LTD Plan for a rebate of SGEU LTD dues based on the following formula:

$$\text{LTD Dues rate} \times \text{gross daily salary} \times \text{unused sick days} = \text{Excess Sick Leave Rebate}$$

Although members may have the LTD package in their agreement, they are required to sign on to it. Everyone is reminded and encouraged to do so to ensure their extended health and pension benefits remain intact.

The [Excess Sick Leave Rebate Form](#) can be found at: [sgeu.org](http://sgeu.org) or contact the SGEU Benefits Clerk at 306-775-7209.

## ***Extended Health Care***



The costs of prescription medication covered under the Extended Health Care Plan should be of interest to all plan members.

In some circumstances having a prescription filled for a longer period of time can also save on costs by reducing the number of times a dispensing fee is charged. If you or a family member is stabilized on a

maintenance drug therapy for a long-term therapy, you may wish to request a longer supply from your doctor and pharmacist.

The contract between the Ministry of Health and provincial pharmacies does not preclude the pharmacy from providing more than a 34 day supply for one dispensing fee.

### ***New casa!***

SGEU has a new home online as well as a new home for its head office in Regina. After more than 50 years, the 20,000-member union has relocated its head office from 1440 Broadway Avenue to **1011 Devonshire Drive North** in Regina. SGEU president Bob Bymoen said the new building will allow for greater efficiency. “Related areas will be located together rather than spread around on different floors,” he said, adding that there will also be additional parking to allow for full member participation in meetings and other activities.

SGEU is launching its new website to coincide with the physical move —

Check it out at [sgeu.org](http://sgeu.org) where you can also read more about the new building.

### ***We want to hear from you!***

If you have a story idea for the Education Sector newsletter or know of someone who you'd like to see profiled, or a union initiative that needs promoting, please contact us.

Please forward stories, pictures, and ideas to Brigitte Monteith, Education Sector newsletter coordinator at [brigittem@greatplainscollege.ca](mailto:brigittem@greatplainscollege.ca).

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