



# RMAA

## Review

News from the Rural Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan

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## Plan Now to Attend the 2018 RMAA Convention

The 2018 Annual RMAA Convention will be held at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Regina in Regina from **Monday, May 14th to Thursday, May 17th, 2018**. As always, there is a block of rooms for our delegates and they fill up quickly. Please find a reservation fax sheet for the Delta Hotels by Marriott Regina included in this package for your convenience.

As you likely know, our block of rooms is never large enough to accommodate our members so we suggest that you fax your reservation back right away.

### [Book your group rate for 2018 RMAA](#)

Reservations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis by the Delta Hotels by Marriott Regina so if the block is full, you can ask to be placed on a waiting list or you can look for accommodations elsewhere. If you are not able to book a reservation at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Regina there are a number of other hotels in the area that are quite close and convenient.

*Don't Spend  
the rest of your  
Life wondering  
if you can do it  
Start Now!*

## Rural 'A' Certificates

We would like to congratulate the following administrators who have recently attained their Rural 'A' Certificates.

**Cheryl Barrett**  
**Levina Cronk**  
**Tanis Ferguson**  
**Loran Tessier**  
**Rachel Deobald**  
**Monica Kovach**  
**Darcie Cooper**  
**Lisa Peterson**  
**Melissa Roberts**  
**Sheri-lynn Simpson**  
**Shonda Toner**

RM of Martin No. 122  
RM of Star City No. 428  
RM of Garry No. 245  
RM of Surprise Valley No. 9  
RM of Mountain View No. 318  
RM of Cambria No. 6  
RM of Lumsden No. 189  
RM of Preeceville No. 334  
RM of Antler No. 61  
RM of Excel No. 71  
RM of Grandview No. 349

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## 2018 RMAA Membership Dues

As you will note there is no change to the membership, the annual fee for active members is \$425.00 for 2018 while Associate membership fees will be \$125.00.

We have enclosed a separate membership invoice as part of your package. Please take note of the change of address for the RMAA Office, it is now:

**Box 280, Neilburg, SK S0M 2C0.**

This is the only notice that you will receive for RMAA Membership dues!

For those who wish to do so, we will allow a two part payment. One half of the fee (\$212.50) is to be paid no later than January 31st and a post-dated cheque for March 31st for the other half (\$212.50) must be included.

We want to acknowledge and thank Councils for recognizing that the RMAA members fees fund valuable committee work that not only benefits administrators but also benefits council and their ratepayers.

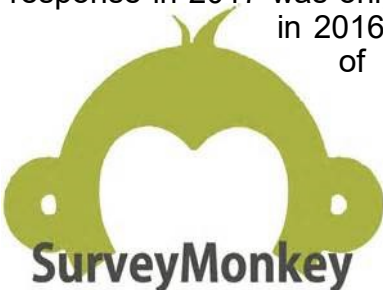
We note that in 2017 the membership fees were paid for the Administrator 97% of the time by the RM Council.



## Annual RMAA Member Survey

Don't forget to complete and return your annual survey promptly in late January.

We will continue to use Survey Monkey to assist us in conducting our annual survey in hopes that our overall response rates improve. The response in 2017 was only 70% down from 95% in 2016. Many thanks to each of you for making it a priority to complete and return this survey.



With using 'Survey Monkey' we will send the survey out to you in late January 2018. We intentionally keep the member survey as brief as possible so that it will only take 3 to 5 minutes to complete.

Note, that there will again be a question on the survey concerning retirements as we continue to track the number of Administrators who will be in

a position to, or expect to, retire in the near future. Impending retirements is a statistic that we feel we must track on an ongoing basis. The summary salary information is also an important statistic that we feel we must track on an ongoing basis.

The Salary Negotiation Committee uses the information gathered in our annual survey so we ask that each and every one of our members participate in the survey. The summary salary data is an important and integral part of the data presented when the Salary Negotiation Committee meets with the SARM Board.

Please remember that your individual survey information is kept **strictly confidential** but we do share the membership summary of results in the spring newsletter.

**Please remember to complete and return your member survey as soon as you receive it in January!**

The Rural Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan Executive would like to acknowledge **Kevin Ritchie** for his leadership, guidance and assistance through the adjustment to a new Executive-Director for the Association during this past year. Kevin remained as the Secretary to the Board of Examiners through to the end of November 2017 when Executive-Director Janet Black took over the position. We appreciate all that you have done for the association over your 24 years and cannot thank you enough for your efforts with our organization. **Kevin, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!**



Thank you  
Kevin!

## Lou Jacobs Award for 2017

In 1972 our Association adopted a policy of giving special recognition to persons who have made outstanding contributions to rural government and community life in Saskatchewan. The **Lou Jacobs Award** is used as a vehicle for providing this recognition and it serves the dual purpose of also honoring the late Lou Jacobs for his valuable and dedicated service in the Department of Municipal Affairs for so many years. The bylaws of the Association provide that the recipient of this award be granted honorary life membership in the Association.

In adopting the program of making this award available it was stressed that it be a very special honor, with not more than one such presentation each year. However, the name of the nominee may be submitted in subsequent years if he or she is not selected on the first submission.

If you wish to nominate anyone for this award, please send your nomination to me as soon as possible, but not later than **February 15<sup>th</sup>**. A brief biography of the municipal career, activities and special accomplishments relating to municipal affairs and community life in Saskatchewan, should accompany each nomination. This will provide the selection committee with the information they require.

Regards,  
Janet Black, Executive-Director

## Past Recipients

1973	Lorne Wilkinson	1988	Boyd M. Anderson	2003	Sinclair Harrison
1974	Bert Sims	1989	Gerald Parrott	2004	Audrey Trombley
1975	Everett Murphy	1990	Doug Thompson	2005	Jim Angus
1976	William H. Howes	1991	Isaac (Ike) Thiessen	2006	Dale Malmgren
1977	F. William Pohlmann	1992	No Award	2007	Neal Hardy
1978	Howard S. Riddell	1993	James W. Nichols	2008	Jim Reiter
1979	E. A. (Ted) Walters	1994	Bernard Kirwan	2009	No Award
1980	Grant Drysdale	1995	Walter Manley	2010	No Award
1981	No Award	1996	Douglas Empey	2011	Ken Engel
1982	Alex G. Vetzal	1997	Walter Antonio	2012	Sam Edgerton
1983	William Kindrachuk	1998	Dale Leflar	2013	Donna Strudwick
1984	Clara Wiese	1999	Richard Sylvestre	2014	Graham McNamee
1985	Ken Hanson	2000	Edwin (Ebbie) Henry	2015	David Marit
1986	William Burbank	2001	No Award	2016	Kevin Ritchie
1987	Nick Bichel	2002	Murray Otterson	2017	Don McCallum

## RMAA Committees and Members for 2017-2018

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	<b>MEMBER(S)</b>
Asset Management .....	WIRGES	Boser
Convention Sponsorship & Door Prizes .....	BOSER	Lucas, Buechler
Council Mediation.....	KEISIG	Boser
Board of Reference .....	WIRGES	Black (Secretary)
Golfing.....	KEISIG	Wirges, Lagrandeur
Legislative Review.....	DZIADYK	
Humanitarian Services .....	BUECHLER	
RMAA Home Page.....	BOSER	
Curling.....	DZIADYK	Wirges
Recruitment (including MAIP) Retention & Recruitment .....	LUCAS	Wirges
Training, MOU Education & MLDP .....	LUCAS	Wirges
911 Rural Addressing.....	DZIADYK	Lagrandeur
Local Government Authority .....	DZIADYK	Keisig, Boser
Resolutions .....	KEISIG	Wirges
Rural Advisory to SAMA.....	BUECHLER	Lucas
Enhanced Benefits .....	DZIADYK	Lucas
Mentor Co-ordination.....	BUECHLER	Boser
Board of Examiners (VP).....	LAGRANDEUR	Black (Secretary)
Convention Workshops & Guest Speakers .....	LAGRANDEUR	Boser
Disciplinary (VP Chair) .....	LAGRANDEUR	Keisig, Dziadyk
M.E.P.P. (Past President) .....	LEURER	
Salary Negotiations .....	LEURER	Gowda, Lagrandeur, Black
Executive & Finance.....	GOWDA	Lagrandeur, Orb, Black
Municipal Forum Rural Table (SARM Appointed) .....	GOWDA	
Municipal Programs & Services Steering Committee.....	GOWDA	Lagrandeur
Centennial .....	BOSER	Keisig, Buechler
Ex-Officio Director .....	ORB	

## Superior 'A' Certificates

We would like to congratulate the following administrators who attained their Superior 'A' Certificates in 2016 and 2017. Congratulations!

<b>Jennalee Beutler</b>	RM of Silverwood No. 123
<b>Lara Hazen</b>	RM of Bengough No. 40
<b>Brenda Goulden</b>	RM of Churchbridge No. 211

## Welcome New Members!

We would like to welcome the following new administrators who have recently achieved their Rural 'C' Certificates. Good luck in your new profession!

<i>Certificate</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Municipality</i>	<i>Certification Date</i>
1524	Melissa Desmarais Dieno	RM of Prairie Rose No. 309	May 31, 2017
1525	Denise R. Ward	RM of Milden No. 286	May 31, 2017
1526	Sindy Tait	RM of St. Louis No. 431	May 31, 2017
1527	Kristopher Janke	RM of Leask No. 464	July 5, 2017
1528	Randi Wood	RM of Colonsay No. 342	July 7, 2017
1529	Ferne Senft	Town of Southey	July 17, 2017
1530	Diane Jamieson	Town of Saltcoats	August 2, 2017
1531	Kelly Dodd	RM of King George No. 256	August 31, 2017
1532	Meghan Nickason	RM of Monet No. 257	August 31, 2017
1533	Brittany Knoll	RM of Kingsley No. 124	October 15, 2017
1534	Faye Campbell	RM of Chaplin No. 164	October 15, 2017
1535	Crystal Campbell	Village of Neudorf	October 15, 2017
1536	Shelley Rhodes	RM of Arlington No. 79	October 15, 2017
1537	Ashley Greenshields	RM of Mount Hope No. 279	October 24, 2017
1538	Holley Odgers	RM of Coalfields No. 4	November 23, 2017
1539	Diana Koenning	RM of Hoodoo No. 401	November 23, 2017

## 2016 - 2017 RMAA Executive

President	Wendy Gowda	LeRoy
Vice-President	Guy Lagrandeur	Rouleau
Director Ex-Officio	Ray Orb	Cupar
Immediate Past President	Tim Leurer	Kelvington
Executive Director	Janet Black	Neilburg
Division 1	Sheila Keisig	Balcarres
Division 2	Mike Wirges	Moose Jaw
Division 3	Linda Boser	Swift Current
Division 4	Fern Lucas	Tisdale
Division 5	Gary Dziadyk	Aberdeen
Division 6	Michelle Buechler	Paynton