



Rural Municipal
Administrators'
Association of
Saskatchewan

2026 Committee Reports

Division 1 Director Amanda Baumgartner

Municipal Peer Network

The Municipal Peer Network connects administrative staff and elected officials with experienced mentors who can provide advice on municipal issues. The committee oversees the program, and discusses call volumes, types of concerns being discussed and the programs overall success. In 2025, we welcomed Melanie Dyck to our team of mentors, and she is a great resource for Administrators who may need someone to talk to. Thank you for joining this team Melanie!

Curling Committee

The curling finals were held at the Caledonian Curling Club on March 9 with the R.M. of Wood River No. 74 earning the title of 2026 champion. Division curling bonspiels are open to all staff and council members, and pictures and stories tell the tale of all the fun had at them. We encourage R.M.'s to continue to participate in this fun day, and want to remind everyone that curling skills are secondary to the great conversations and information sharing that occurs when we gather together.

Golf Committee

The May 11 RMAA golf tournament will be held at the Torr Hill Golf Course, just outside of Regina. The tournament filled up fast, with a small waiting list in case of cancellations. While it would be great to accommodate everyone who wants to join, financially it doesn't make sense to expand past the 72 person cap. The Gang of Three – ATS Traffic, Finning and Prairie Steel – will again be sponsoring our tournament and we appreciate their commitment to this event. The golf tournament is a great way to kick off convention, and do some networking with peers and sponsors.

If you registered for the tournament, please know that I will be sending out an email prior to it with some updates and a fun event to support the Humanitarian Effort that day.

SARM Member Hub

SARM is exploring the creation of an online Member Hub to streamline where Administrators and Councillors can access information, programs, and complete event registrations all in the same space. This is a new project and committee, so I don't have a lot of information I can share at this time, but I am excited to see this project grow and come to fruition.

Division 2 Director Jan McCann

Enhanced Benefits: no report

Humanitarian Services:

As you all know, for this year's humanitarian initiative, we are supporting the Canadian Cancer Society (CCS). This is a cause very dear to myself, and I am thrilled to see so many of you contributing to it.

Thank you thank you thank you to everyone who has done so.

A reminder that it is a battle of the six divisions! When it comes time to announce the winner at the end of convention in May, only one can walk away with the bragging rights.

As of April 12th, current standings are as follows:

Division 2 - \$1,750

Division 5 - \$1,525

Division 1 - \$1,126

Division 3 - \$1,105

Division 6 - \$450 (+ \$750 in transit)

Division 4 - \$300

That means we're at \$7,006 total raised so far. That's amazing! We're a month out and already over half way to our goal of \$10,000. Our contact, Rodger, at CCS had reached out at the end of March to congratulate us on reaching half way and say how incredible you all are doing.

I encourage everyone to continue to raise money; share your division's page link on your socials, host a local fundraiser, ask your municipality and/or ratepayers to donate, etc. EVERY dollar matters and exceeding this goal would be remarkable!

Together, we are fueling life-saving research discoveries and life-changing support programs. CCS says these donations help fund work focused on three priorities: increase cancer survival, stop cancer before it starts, and improve the lives of those affected by it. Check out their website for more information on where donated dollars go and to read about advancements they've made. Each of you can be proud to be part of the progress.

<https://fundraisemyway.cancer.ca/team/RMAA-2026>

Division 3 Director Raylene Checkley

Board of Reference

Thankfully nothing to report on this committee. As this committee is established to deal with dismissals of RM Administrators as authorized under Section 11.2 of *The Rural Municipal Administrators Act*.

Mentorship Committee

There are requests for stronger mentors and more mentors. Mentors are not something that we can grow! There are only so many people that are willing to mentor. We help find you a mentor and suggest mentors but it is the responsibility of the recruiter to ultimately decide on a mentor that will work for your situation. Ideal training comes from being in an office full-time with an administrator for the year. When this can't be achieved, part-time and off site training may work but you might need to practice patience and give yourself more time to complete your training to have the most adequate outcome.

You will read in the Spring Newsletter of updates to mentorship requirements. Mentors in offices where they are not employed full-time on-site, and where the mentee holds an Acting Administrator Permit, must obtain 8 PD credit hours annually, starting in 2027. Also, to ensure continued in-office professional support and guidance those receiving their Rural "C" Certification while working under an Acting Administrator Permit will need to complete AMP within 18 months of certification. We will monitor these new changes to see how they are received and if they are positive direction.

RMAA Website

I manage the association's website. Keeping up to date with activity notifications, documents, and resource links. We had the website revamped a year and half ago and hope that it is easy to maneuver through and find what you are looking for.

PAC – Saskatchewan Polytechnic Program Advisory Committee

This committee is put together to brainstorm and give advice on the new two year Sask Polytech Business Diploma specializing in municipal administration. The RMAA Executive has recognized this diploma as accredited training towards Rural "C" and "A" Certifications.

I am also a committee member on the following committees: Admins on the Go, Disciplinary, LGA Advisory, MAIP, and Municipal Peer Network. I will let the chairs report on the on goings for these committees.

This is my last Directors report and I would like to thank the Executive Board for the incredible six years. It is one of those things until you are in the seat making decisions for the members you have no idea what the Association all entails. It truly has been rewarding and an honour to serve on this Board. To the Members of Division 3, it has been a pleasure to serve you. You are a talented group of Administrators. I look forward to communicating with you all through my new role as the Board of Examiners Secretary and AMP Administrator.

Division 4 Director Jaime Orr

Admins on the Go

This year the Admins on the Go will try their hand at creating custom scented candles at Woodflame Candles and enjoy lunch at The Lobby. A total of 37 participants have been registered, which is on par from last year.

MAIP

2025 saw 12 interns in the program with inters in every division. So far for 2026 there has been one approved application.

Div 1 – 3 interns

Div 2 – 2 interns

Div 3 – 2 interns 2025 & 1 2026

Div 4 - 3 interns

Div 5 – 1 intern

Div 6 - 1 intern

Division Curling

The RM of Hazel Dell #335 hosted the Division 4 curling on January 21. There were 7 teams that competed and the RM of Spalding #368 was the winner.

Vice President Michelle Buechler

Board of Examiners

- 11 Acting Administrator Permits were issued in 2025
- 20 Rural “C” Certificates were issued in the 2025, which is a 30% decrease from 2024
- 15 Rural “A” Certificates were awarded to administrators in 2025
- 2 Superior “A” certificates was awarded in 2025
- 85% of applicants who applied for advanced certificates were successful in obtaining their certification

Convention Workshop & Speakers

Convention workshop & speakers have been a bit of a challenge this year due to some canceling their presentation because of staffing issues and waiting on speakers to commit in a timely fashion.

Most do not realize how much time and effort goes in to finding speakers who are of interest to all of the members. Please have the courtesy to enjoy what the convention program has to offer even if it does not suit every one to a T.

Disciplinary

Nothing at this time.

Division 5 Trent Sim

Assessment Appeals Advisory Committee

The Provincial Government is currently working on Bill 43 *The Municipalities Modernization and Red Tape Reduction Act* which amends parts of the property assessment appeals process. Government Relations is consulting with this Committee for feedback on the proposed amendments to assessment and appeals.

The Committee also works on Board of Revision (BOR) renewal, including, for example, training for BOR members. Their new training was very successful, and now training is being specifically designed for Secretaries to BORs. The next meeting is TBA in October or November.

Legislative Review

We have not met on this matter in the last several months. However, Legislation affecting Municipalities is definitely undergoing significant change right now. Speaking of Bill 43, the Province started gathering input in 2024. We already know some notable changes starting in 2027 will include requirements to post minutes, financial statements and bylaws on a public website. There will also be new support in the way of training for municipal council members.

Resolutions

None yet.

Rural Advisory to SAMA

This committee advises SAMA on policies and changes in their processes and procedures, including changes to the assessment manual. Analysis of last year's revaluation shows a high level of success for SAMA getting the information out accurately and on time, in fact - their Base Date Lag has improved by 6 months. Already, preparations are underway for the 2029 revaluation, looking at new topics like irrigation, and standing issues like market values impact.

Also of note, SAMA plans to update their use of technology, specifically to make better use of GIS and AI for assessment work. This will allow more information to be part of the assessment process, including LiDAR, landcover analysis, mapping, and even oblique (3D) imagery.

As SAMA changes, their Board is gathering feedback about SAMA governance, including the advisory committee model. This will take a look at how members are appointed and engaged, and evaluate how well their representation is working.

SARM Municipal Education

(see Division 6 report)

Division 6 Joanne Loy

COUNCIL & ADMIN RELATIONS – Nothing to report.

LGA ADVISORY – Next meeting is April 28th.

CCBF AM – Committee advises on how asset management should be incorporated into the CCBF funding. Asset management planning progress survey was sent April 8th. Deadline for completion is May 15th. Next meeting in May.

WORKSHOPS & MLDP

Workshops – March 24 to April 2. EMAP will be updated according to legislation & re-run. Any suggestions for workshop topics are always welcome.

MLDP – With SARM stepping away from MLDP as of June 2026, what will happen with MLDP is up to Municipal Programs & Services Steering Committee. RMAA will need to determine their involvement with MLDP at that time.

SARM Municipal Education – SARM is developing their own municipal education program. Developing info for before running and after elected which could be paper or virtual or combo. (Summer & post-election 2026.) Municipal Leadership one-day, similar to old roles & responsibilities, in Nov/Dec 2026. SARM has asked Trent & I to be part of the advisory team for their Education Project.

Municipal Administration PAC – Saskatchewan Polytechnic Business Diploma – Municipal Administration Program is currently available through Continuing Education online. The program is still being developed and refined.

Director Ex-Officio Bill Huber

My report is based on the meetings and conventions attended since the last reporting period from March 1 – April 10, 2026.

First, I would like to report on some of the priority issues we have been working on in the recent weeks:

- 1.** Livestock producers, Saskatchewan Cattle Association, Saskatchewan Stock Grower's Association along with the Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders Association reject CFIA proposed changes to traceability regulations and SARM is alongside with those groups.
- 2.** SARM has been meeting with Federal and Provincial ministers of Agriculture regarding the proposed closures of the Indian Head and the Scott Research Stations.
- 3.** Will be travelling with one SARM board member to Ottawa, in late April to the Crop Life Canada. During the Spring Dialog Days, to talk about the 50% reduction in pesticide and, as well as, herbicide use in Canada. We will also be meeting again with PMRA (Pest Management Regulatory Association) about Strychnine.
- 4.** I have attended several meetings in the past month with Provincial Ministers, such as: Minister Cockrill – Ministry of Health; Minister Rowden – Ministry of Environment; Minister Marit – Ministry of Agriculture; Minister Wilson – SaskBuilds and Procurement; Minister Schmalz – Ministry of Government Relations; Minister Beaudry – Energy and Resources; Minister Gartner – Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure

In the past month we have had several meetings with Minister Schmalz from Ministry of Government Relations on CIT Funding (Communities in Transition). The SARM Annual Convention was held March 10-12, 2026, at the REAL District (Bunge International Trade Centre) in Regina SK. Over 1,300 registered Delegates attended, whereas over 2,000 attendees with guests and Trade Show attendees, and including of course; the dialogue sessions and the Premier's address. On March 18, 2026, I attended the pre-Budget meetings at the Legislature Building, including the afternoon for the Budget Address and Question Period. During the past month, I was invited to attend several media interviews and whereby attended the scheduled March SARM Board of Directors meetings on March 23 & 24, 2026. It's been a busy six weeks and every day something new is presented to the SARM staff and/or Board.

2025 RMAA Audited Financial Statement

The 2025 RMAA audited financial website will be posted on the website shortly.