



RMAA

Review

News from the Rural Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan

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*Instead of
treating
obstacles as
stumbling blocks,
treat them as
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Plan Now to Attend the 2019 RMAA Convention

The 2019 Annual RMAA Convention will be held at the Saskatoon Inn & Conference Centre in Saskatoon from **Monday, May 13th to Thursday, May 16th, 2019**. As always, there is a block of rooms for our delegates and they fill up quickly. Please find a link for the Saskatoon Inn & Conference Centre 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 reserve right away.

[Book your group rate for 2019 RMAA](#)

Reservations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis by the Saskatoon Inn & Conference Centre

so when the block is full, the link will no longer work. You can phone the hotel and 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 Saskatoon Inn & Conference Centre they have secured additional rooms at both the Hampton Inn & Suites and Heritage Inn .

Saskatoon Inn & Conference Centre
Phone: 306-668-9634

Hampton Inn & Suites
Phone: 306-933-1010

Heritage Inn
Phone: 306-665-8121

RMAA 100th Centennial

The year 2020 will mark the 100th anniversary for the Rural Municipal Administrators' Association. The RMAA Board of Directors has appointed a Centennial Committee and the planning has begun! A new yearbook will be published to commemorate this special milestone. A photographer will be present at the 2019 convention to photograph the membership in preparation for the yearbook with distribution being planned for the 2020 RMAA convention.

Look for more information regarding the yearbook to be coming out early in 2019. If you have any potential information to contribute, please send us an email!!



Rural 'A' Certificates

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

Valerie Fendelet	RM of Great Bend No. 405
Erica Pederson	RM of Souris Valley No. 7
Tawnya Moore	RM of Griffin No. 66
Wendy Becenko	RM of Calder No. 241
Daphne Brady	RM of Maryfield No. 91
Nicole Collins	RM of Turtle River No. 469
Krystal Johnston	RM of Langenburg No. 181
Linda Klimm	RM of Wawken No. 93
Kayla Krusky	RM of Saskatchewan Landing No. 167
Angie Peak	RM of St. Peter No. 369
Heather Wawro	RM of Wellington No. 97

2019 RMAA Membership Dues

The membership cost for active members is \$455.00 for 2019 while Associate membership fees will be \$155.00.

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 (\$227.50) is

to be paid no later than January 31st and a post-dated cheque for March 31st for the other half (\$227.50) must be included. Receipts will be issued to the party whose name is on the cheque.

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 2018 the membership fees were paid for the Administrator 97% of the time by the RM Council.

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>
1549	Lynne Hewitt	RM of Moose Mountain No. 63	July 3, 2018
1550	Jocelyn Toms-Delmaire	RM of Antler No. 61	September 10, 2018
1551	Loren Koller	RM of Mankota No. 45	September 10, 2018
1552	Geraldine Fountain	Village of Archerwill	September 18, 2018
1553	Cherie Opseth	RM of Birch Hills No. 460	September 25, 2018
1554	Courtney Beaulieu	RM of Invergordon No. 430	October 3, 2018
1555	Gordon Craig Baird	RM of Blucher No. 343	October 23, 2018

Lou Jacobs Award for 2019

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 15th**. 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	1989	Gerald Parrott	2005	Jim Angus
1974	Bert Sims	1990	Doug Thompson	2006	Dale Malmgren
1975	Everett Murphy	1991	Isaac (Ike) Thiessen	2007	Neal Hardy
1976	William H. Howes	1992	No Award	2008	Jim Reiter
1977	F. William Pohlmann	1993	James W. Nichols	2009	No Award
1978	Howard S. Riddell	1994	Bernard Kirwan	2010	No Award
1979	E. A. (Ted) Walters	1995	Walter Manley	2011	Ken Engel
1980	Grant Drysdale	1996	Douglas Empey	2012	Sam Edgerton
1981	No Award	1997	Walter Antonio	2013	Donna Strudwick
1982	Alex G. Vetzal	1998	Dale Leflar	2014	Graham McNamee
1983	William Kindrachuk	1999	Richard Sylvestre	2015	David Marit
1984	Clara Wiese	2000	Edwin (Ebbie) Henry	2016	Kevin Ritchie
1985	Ken Hanson	2001	No Award	2017	Don McCallum
1986	William Burbank	2002	Murray Otterson	2018	No Award
1987	Nick Bichel	2003	Sinclair Harrison	2019	
1988	Boyd M. Anderson	2004	Audrey Trombley		

2018 - 2019 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	R. Doran Scott	Bradwell
Division 6	Michelle Buechler	Paynton

RMAA Committees and Members for 2018-2019

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

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 2018 was 76% up from 70% in 2017. 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 2019. 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 RMAA Board of Directors wishes you,



*Season's Greetings
& Happy New Year to All!*