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Happy Belated New Year to you all. It has been sometime since the last communique and, though your Board has only met once via GoToMeeting, there are a few things of interest to keep you informed of.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in Saskatoon on March 29, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the [Holiday Inn Express on 315 Idylwyd Drive North](#). We will be making every attempt to bring this meeting to you via technology...BUT...we might not be there just yet. We are in discussion right now about using GoToMeeting web-based program to allow members to dial in from their computers or phones. We will supply more information on this option closer to the meeting date. We hope that you will consider bringing your concerns and suggestion to this meeting and will come to hear more about what else is planned for 2014.

A brief reminder as we enter March about [The Angus Campbell Award For Excellence in the Field of Addictions](#), [The Mary Muir and SABAS Bursaries](#) that are available through APASK. The deadline for applications for the Award and the bursaries is March 31 which will be upon us very shortly. The applications for all are posted on the APASK website. We hope you will think about nominating a colleague or fellow professional that you think has made significant contributions in moving the addictions field forward so they can be honoured provincially for their efforts. Pictures of previous Angus Campbell Award winners and the recipients of the Mary Muir Bursary are also posted www.apask.org

On February 14th, yes, on Valentine's Day, a "Crash Courses" on preparation for CACCF international certification was held in Saskatoon with eight participants; brave souls all who ventured forth in winter to attend a training day without their sweeties. The feedback on the material and the presentation was very good and participants reported being excited to start the next leg of their journey toward the ICADC certification. The scheduled course for Regina was cancelled due to lack of registration but the Education Committee and the Board are in discussion on other locations such as LaRonge and possibly Swift Current.

We hope you will all be as excited as we are about the presenter and content of this year's APASK Spring Conference entitled, [The 4 C's of Addiction Counselling; Capable, Competent, Credible and Certified](#), being held May 21 & 22, 2014 at the Saskatoon Inn, Saskatoon. Once again co-chaired by Laurel Mackie & Ruth White, we can all look forward to the excellent hospitality that they have offered conference attendees over the years. The presenter this year will be Ted Judson. Ted has been mentored by and worked with Dr. David Powell and is very pleased to have been asked to step into Dr. Powell's shoes for this training event. He comes to us from the west coast of the United States, with a wealth of experience and knowledge in the addictions field, and a background in the American military. His contributions to clinical supervision will be invaluable to us all. For more information on the conference, check out the website at <http://www.apask.org/conference.html>

What unites us necessitates we work together to find better ways.

The [Celebrate Recovery Month](#) committee on behalf of the APASK Board has suggested a joint-venture agreement with our sister association, SABAS. We are currently in the idea phase of further planning events for the month of September and particularly [Recovery Day on Sept. 20, 2014](#) when major centres across Canada and the US will all be hosting event to celebrate recovery on the same day. We are hoping to have a few events take place around the province both during the month of Sept. and on Recovery Day 2014, Sept 20.

We are now officially two months into the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with CACCF which, as I'm sure you can imagine, has offered a few learning opportunities to all parties involved. Some of our Board met just yesterday with CACCF Board members and staff to discuss how to provide better member services from both ends. APASK Board members continue to field questions from around the province regarding the MOA and there are further ideas being expressed around some training opportunities we have in mind for the upcoming year.

The first [membership renewal deadline](#) is now passed with the second to close at the end of March. After the end of March, if your membership has not been renewed, your email address will be removed from this Communicue list and you will stop receiving these updates. Should you wish to re-activate your membership later in the year and it will be pro-rated to the end of 2014 based on the highest amount listed on your renewal application. This will help us keep all renewal dates aligned with the current January first date.

We are looking forward to an exciting year and to seeing many of you at the AGM on March 29!

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