

2014 AGM

DAILY REVIEW



Health Minister Brings Greetings

The Honourable Erin Selby

The Minister of Health brought greetings on behalf of the province, and spoke about her commitment to working with the Manitoba Nurses Union.

“I’m not going to see us go back to a time when your concerns and contributions were ignored,” she said. “Your experience on the frontlines is very valuable to us as policy makers and I do want to hear from you, even if at times it’s not so comfortable.”

She said that the province is committed to continuing “aggressive efforts” to hire, recruit and retain the nursing workforce, and that there are currently 17,795 working in the province, an increase from last year.

“We are committed to continuing to hire more nurses, reducing your workload so that you can provide the care that I know you all want to be able to provide.”

She said that more gains can be made if the government and MNU continue to work together.

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Yellow Ribbon Recipients

Each year, MNU awards the Yellow Ribbon to individuals who are strong grassroots activists, willing to stand up for patient care and have clearly demonstrated special initiative in standing up for patients and nurses.

The 2014 Yellow Ribbon Recipients are:

Mike Yablonski

Swan River Nurses, Worksite 26

Yablonski has gained a reputation for standing up for nurses and patients. His tenacity has been paramount in leading the charge to make his workplace safer. Thanks to his advocacy, the employer was issued a mandatory work improvement order, resulting in the installation of security doors and many more changes to improve staff safety.

Juanita Smith

Victoria General Hospital Nurses, Local 3

Smith has been an active union member for close to 40 years and throughout this time she has held many positions at the local and board level. Always a fierce advocate for patients, in many occasions, she has gone above and beyond to ensure the comfort and safety of those in her care.

Dawn Thompson

Homecare Winnipeg Program, Worksite 97

Throughout her 22 year career, Thompson is usually the first called upon to use her valuable experience, skills and knowledge for a second opinion or to solve a problem. She is passionate about issues that impact grassroots nurses, at both the local and provincial level.

Kathy Nicholson

Stonewall Nurses, Worksite 106

Nicholson is “downright persistent” in keeping quality of life and optimum care as priorities for her clients. She has acted as a mentor for many new nurses and spearheaded the development of a scholarship both at the Local and Regional level to assist high school graduates in pursuing a nursing career.

Credentials

Total Delegates	437
Voting Delegates	273
Non Voting Delegates	164
Staff	26
Guests	6
Total Attendance	469

