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The Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan is a non-profit, non-government organization which exists to educate and inform the people of Saskatchewan about the law and the legal system.

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president's message

As President of the Board of Directors of PLEA, I am proud to be associated with an organization so committed to promoting access to our justice system. An important feature of a democratic society is a well-informed population - one where citizens understand their legal rights and responsibilities. PLEA plays an important role in achieving that objective.

Each year, more adults and youth benefit from the programs offered by PLEA. Presentations to teachers and students, distribution of newsletters to schools, the Youth for Human Rights Conference and the League of Peaceful Schools project have promoted greater understanding of the law for young people in our province. Adult programs include Free Law Classes, a weekly newspaper series, the intermediary training program and a wide range of written materials.



*Donna Scott,
President, PLEA Board of Directors*

Many of these programs would not be possible without the core funding we receive from the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan, and we continue to be grateful for the Foundation's support.

As always, PLEA relies on a number of volunteers from the legal profession, the judiciary and the broader community to assist in the delivery of its services to the public. We are grateful to those individuals who volunteered their time and efforts to the work of PLEA this year.

I would also like to thank the Co-Directors and staff of PLEA, along with the Board of Directors. Their talents, energy and continuing dedication is truly inspiring.

During this year, I concluded my role as President of PLEA. I thank Andrew Mason, Vice President of the Board, for stepping in to conclude my term, and appreciate the cooperation and support of all board members during my tenure as President.

message from the co-directors

This has been an amazing year for PLEA. We have had the opportunity to speak to hundreds of students, teachers and others about Canada's youth justice system, including the proposed *Youth Criminal Justice Act*. We have welcomed thousands of students into our League of Peaceful Schools. We have collaborated with community leaders to forge new partnerships which help us understand the legal information needs of Saskatchewan people. We have worked with colleagues from coast to coast to improve Canadian's access to public legal information and education. We expect this national collaboration to result in expansion of joint projects and sharing of information across Canada in the coming years.

Doug Surtees, Co-Director



During 2001, PLEA's Youth and Schools Law and Justice Education Program has participated in the review of Saskatchewan's Law 30 curriculum, has facilitated peer mediation in our schools and has continued to support Saskatchewan's teachers through the provision of locally developed professional resources. We know that educating our students is the best way to achieve an educated citizenry. Every ounce of support we can provide for Saskatchewan teachers is worth a pound of results.

In 2001, the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan was nationally recognized as "Organization of the Year" by the Canadian Association for Community Education. The award was presented at the International Community Education Conference in Burnaby, British Columbia. The Law Foundation won the award for demonstrating vision and leadership by funding the League of Peaceful Schools through PLEA.

We are very pleased that the Law Foundation was able to support a special PLEA project this year. We have believed for some time that the public legal education and information (PLEI) needs of our province's Aboriginal communities may often differ from that of the general population. With Law Foundation support we have been able to launch an Aboriginal PLEI Needs Assessment which will help us to identify legal topics and methods of information delivery best suited for Aboriginal communities. We hope to bring the Assessment's recommendations to fruition in future years.

For all of this, we would like to thank our Board of Directors for providing us with leadership and for the confidence they have shown our administration. We would like to thank our volunteers for providing their time and for the commitment to citizenship they have made by sharing their expertise. We would like to thank the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan for providing us with the financial tools to carry out our mission and for the support they have demonstrated for our organization. Most of all, we would like to thank our staff for providing the talent to help us achieve our goals and for the dedication they have shown to PLEA.



Some students from Brock Elementary School who are happy to be part of the League of Peaceful Schools

We would like to share with you some positive comments we have received about our programs and services over the past year.

We have received many praiseworthy and helpful comments about our website. Duhaime's Canadian Criminal Law Centre (Duhaime.org) compliments PLEA's website by saying it is "an AWESOME site for the lay person..." In their look at plain language Canadian criminal law resources, the authors state, "As a basic introduction, you can't do better than ... [PLEA's] *Criminal Law*, a wonderful, comprehensive (and free!) plain language text on Canadian criminal law."

Joel Janow, Co-Director



PLEA distributes information to people in need in many ways. One of our clients expressed his appreciation for our newspaper series *A Look at the Law* with the comment "I find the write up you put in the paper very interesting and valuable information. Keep up the good work."

Many organizations benefit from the arranging of presentations by our volunteer lawyers. The Saskatoon Christian Writers' Fellowship commented in this way about our Speakers Bureau program: "Just a note to express our appreciation for the workshop you arranged...Thanks again for the opportunity for members of our group to gain new information." The John Howard Society's Youth Mediation Case Worker wrote, "Your professionalism, great sense of humour, obvious love of your job and knowledge of youth justice issues made the presentations educational, fun and challenging to the participating youth and myself."

The majority of our comments come from teachers and professors who appreciate our Youth and Schools Program. Dr. Harry Dhand, professor at the University of Saskatchewan, had some kind words for PLEA in the forward to his new book on human rights. He said "A special mention must be made of...PLEA for their contribution to the teaching of human rights in Saskatchewan. For the past two decades...PLEA's education officers have been presenting strategies for teaching human rights to my senior education classes...I am indebted to...PLEA for all those presentations as well as giving me permission to use material from their handbook."

Other teachers who have expressed their appreciation for our teaching materials have said: "Just a few words to say thank you very much for the law material. It was most helpful...I don't know what I would have done without it!"; and "...We appreciate the pamphlets we received as well as the loan of the Mock Trial binder! Our students will benefit from the information contained in your publications."

We wish to thank all those who took the time send us their comments. Hearing from our clients reaffirms that Saskatchewan people use and need our programs and services.



Bob Green presenting at the Fourth Annual Youth for Human Rights Conference

youth and schools programs

The Youth and Schools Law and Justice Education Program promotes greater awareness and knowledge of the law and legal system for young people in Saskatchewan. The program achieves this by:

- providing legal information and law-related education to youth and those who work with them in the community and schools
- working to strengthen the legal education component in the school system
- initiating new legal education programs and resources that are of interest to young people and encourages their participation

PLEA provides publications, teacher's manuals, and other instructional resources to teachers, community youth agencies, and young people.

PLEA also offers in-service and pre-service training sessions with most teacher resources to help educators become more comfortable with law-related material.

Over the last 17 years, PLEA has established extensive partnerships with educators throughout the province. These partnerships were maintained and enhanced in 2000 by PLEA's on-going presence at teachers' conventions and educational institutes. As well, as part of Justice Canada's Youth Justice Renewal Initiative, PLEA presented information on the proposed *Youth Criminal Justice Act* to educators at various venues across the province.

PLEA's Youth and Schools newsletter, *The PLEA*, is written especially for a youth audience and strives to be current and relevant to this readership. Each edition of *The PLEA* focuses on a specific law-related topic and often contains case studies, discussion topics, and other fun exercises for teachers to share with their students. Three issues of *The PLEA* were produced in 2001, with distribution to every school in Saskatchewan.

Youth for Human Rights Conference

PLEA's fourth annual Youth for Human Rights Conference was held in March in Saskatoon. The conference was again very successful and over 60 students from Saskatoon, Regina, Prince Albert and rural locations spent the day participating in various workshops focused on human rights issues. Facilitators included representatives from the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission, AIDS Saskatoon, University of Regina, Linking Youth Networking Community, Amnesty International, Immigrant Women of Saskatchewan, and the Office of the Treaty Commissioner. Other supporters included the Canadian Human Rights Commission, the Children's Advocate Office, Saskatchewan Women's Secretariat, and the Saskatoon Public School Division.

Law 30 Curriculum Reference Committee

PLEA would like to thank Saskatchewan Education for inviting Doug Surtees to sit on the Law 30 Curriculum Reference Committee. The Committee is made up of experienced educators, who will help form an exciting new Law 30 (Grade 12) curriculum for Saskatchewan students. A draft curriculum was produced in 2001, and has been piloted in several Saskatchewan classrooms during 2001 and 2002. The new Law 30 curriculum will be fully implemented in Saskatchewan schools in the fall of 2002. PLEA appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the law-related education of Saskatchewan students.

League of Peaceful Schools

During 2001 the League of Peaceful Schools began its third year of providing services to schools and communities. By year end the League membership roster doubled to approach 200 school and school division members. Public, Catholic and First Nation schools are all represented in the membership. Sponsorship by the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan in the amount of \$64,500 was received for the period August 1, 2001 through August 1, 2002.

Scholastic Book Fairs (Saskatoon) and Ty Canada continue to provide in-kind support by supplying products for schools that are presented to schools by the League. Several school divisions and other agencies voluntarily provide funds for travel and honoraria to support the League.

Twenty-nine schools, school divisions and one municipality (town) received public recognition for memberships in the League at school and community assemblies. Community participants were represented by members of the Saskatchewan legislature, policing services, first nations and local government authorities, parents, trustees and other school officials.

The newsletter, *Peace Talks*, was distributed to each school in Saskatchewan and other individuals. Much of the content in *Peace Talks* is reflective of school events and ongoing activities. In addition to providing information and networking opportunities, the newsletter helps to fulfill the League's "school

recognition" emphasis of the mission statement.

To promote the peaceful schools initiative in Saskatchewan the coordinator was also involved in 29 workshops and other staff development presentations. Twenty-six additional information sessions were delivered to community groups such as parent advisory committees, social and health care workers and various community committees for children. Requests for expense paid workshop presentations were received from Kelowna, BC, Eastmain, QC and Edmonton, AB.

Peace Talks: Voices of Youth, a conference for senior secondary students from Saskatoon and area schools was rated very positively by the participants. School division personnel and students made up the planning committee. The full day event was attended by about 125 students and adults. Youth and adult sessions were planned as separate entities, with students facilitating the presentations and small group discussions for their peers. Partial funding was granted by the Saskatoon Foundation. Several individuals and business partners contributed food, door prizes and other in-kind items and services. Several schools have since followed up by organizing similar peace focused events in their schools using this conference model.

Another highlight of the 2001 activities took place in June when Premier Calvert and Education Minister Melenchuk received the League of Peaceful Schools flag and plaque at St. Theresa School in Regina. These presentations were made in conjunction with the official induction of St. Theresa School into the League. Officials from various agencies also attended the event.

2001 youth and schools activities

- 728 instruction guides distributed to teachers
- 30 in-service presentations and displays conducted
- 3,113 newsletters distributed to schools (3 issues)
- 88 League of Peaceful Schools presentations, workshops, and recognition events held



League of Peaceful Schools Peer Mediation Workshop in Humboldt

adult programs

With the cooperation of volunteer lawyers, judges, government personnel and other professionals, PLEA was able to offer the following Adult Programs in 2001:

Free Law Classes and Speakers Bureau

Free Law Classes are free information sessions on legal issues offered to the general public in the fall and winter in public libraries and regional colleges throughout the province. Volunteer lawyers and other professionals present programs with materials produced by PLEA. This is one of PLEA's most popular programs, as is evidenced by over 1,100 people attending in 2001.

The Speakers Bureau allows community groups, agencies, and clubs in the province to host presentations on various law-related topics. Volunteer lawyers and other professionals present programs with materials produced by PLEA.

Public Information and Referral Service

PLEA receives hundreds of telephone, in-person, written, and e-mail requests for legal information over the course of a year. PLEA provides individuals with general legal information for their areas of concern and refers them to other appropriate resources, including government departments, community agencies, or public libraries.

A Look at the Law Newspaper Series

PLEA's regular newspaper series, *A Look at the Law*, ran in 57 Saskatchewan weekly newspapers and 5 independent newspapers in 2001. Four articles per month covering a variety of law-related topics reached a combined circulation of almost 250,000 households in the province. PLEA gratefully acknowledges the Saskatchewan Weekly Newspapers Association for their assistance with this program.

Intermediary Training Program

The Legal Lifeskills Workshops, funded by the Grants and Contribution Fund of Justice Canada, are geared for intermediaries who, in the course of their normal employment or volunteer work, come into contact with individuals who may have legal information needs. The objectives of the workshops and resource materials are to help the intermediary gain an understanding of legal issues and provide sources for their clients to go to for assistance. Intermediaries who have attended workshops in the past include social workers, counsellors, teachers, volunteers, government staff, First Nations Justice Committees and other community-based service group members.



The Honourable Judge Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond speaking at the Third Annual PLEA Law Week Luncheon

Annual Law Week Luncheon

This annual event affords PLEA the opportunity to promote the importance of public legal education and information to society and to recognize the many volunteers who assist PLEA in our endeavours throughout the year. PLEA's Third Annual Law Week Luncheon was held on April 26, 2001 in Saskatoon. The Honourable Judge Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, of the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan, was the guest speaker. The title of Judge Turpel-Lafond's presentation, addressing restorative justice issues, was *Talking in Circles - Rethinking Justice*. The event sold out quickly and was our most successful to date.

Resource Materials and Publications

PLEA publishes free, easy-to-read booklets and pamphlets on various topics of law. Publications are available through our website and at permanent displays in libraries, regional colleges, court houses, lawyers' offices, non-profit organizations, and other locations throughout the province. Materials are also distributed to program and workshop participants, as well as at conferences, awareness weeks and health fairs throughout the province. PLEA publications are regularly updated and new titles are published as funding allows. In 2001, PLEA produced five new booklets: *Special-care Homes*; and two new pamphlets: *Ka-otiniyawiyaw ispihk* (Arrest - Plains Cree) and *kipahokawin* (Arrest - Woods Cree). In addition to these new titles, 18 booklets and 16 pamphlets were revised.

PLEA Website

PLEA's website, www.plea.org, offers online access to all our publications and newspaper articles, information on workshops, Speakers Bureau, and Teacher's Resources, a complete listing of Free Law Classes in the province, and an extensive Links section.

In 2001, the entire PLEA website was redesigned and formatted to be more user-friendly and to increase online access to our services. In an independent evaluation of Canadian public legal education and information websites, PLEA received the highest rating based on content, navigation, communication and graphic design.

While the changes made were substantial, and will go a long way towards making the PLEA materials therein more accessible, the site is an on-going project and will continue to evolve.

2001 adult program activities

- 91 free law classes, speakers bureau presentations and media presentations were delivered
- 967 requests for legal information
- 95 volunteers presented programs throughout the province or edited publications
- 475 contribution-in-kind professional hours were committed by volunteers
- 246,184 printed publications were distributed or accessed online
- 13,962 homepage "hits" at www.plea.org



The redesigned look of the PLEA website

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Third Annual PLEA Law Week Luncheon

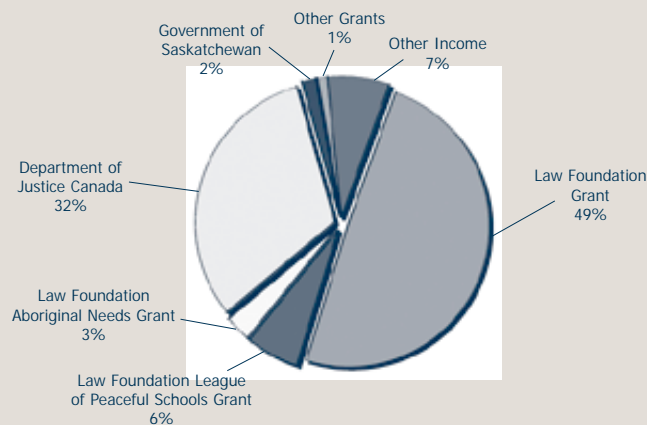
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financial information

To obtain a complete Financial Statement, please contact PLEA.

Revenue	2001	2000
Donations - Regular	\$ 260	\$ 886
Donations - In-kind	29,777	6,355
Grants	810,202	610,919
Interest	3,516	3,130
Luncheon Income	4,500	3,900
Memberships	3,780	5,235
Miscellaneous	12,040	9,279
Portfolios	2,200	2,500
Publications	3,370	6,722
	869,645	648,926
Expenses		
	861,713	647,516
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses		
	7,932	1,410
Net Assets, Beginning of Year		
	40,305	38,895
Net Assets, End of Year		
	\$ 48,237	\$ 40,305

Revenue



Expenses

