

Update from the SEESA Board – April 2022

Volunteers have been and continue to be essential to the success of SEESA. With a rich history of more than 40 years, as a Board, we acknowledge our legacy of active, engaged volunteers.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the members of the Special Events Committee and other volunteers for creating a successful International Women's Day event and a sold-out Easter Brunch. We also want to recognize all the volunteers who are working to make our upcoming Rummage Sale on April 23 (10am-3pm) and April 24 (11am-3pm) a great event.

Our membership continues to increase as do the number of new and returning volunteers. We are also attracting young adult volunteers. As volunteer Board members, we are committed to actively engaging with our SEESA members. You will see many of us in additional volunteer roles and participating in classes and social events.

We hope to see our volunteers at the Volunteer Appreciation Cake and Coffee Gathering on April 27. More details will be coming soon.

We are fortunate that JudyLynn Archer has agreed to act as volunteer Interim Executive Director as we move forward to sustain and grow SEESA. To help keep you informed, as Board members we are focusing our energies on:

- Continuing to seek funding for SEESA operations and programs. Funding requirements have become more complex and require that we provide a range of programs and services to a diverse group of seniors. This requires that we address equity, intersectionality and proactive responses through our programs and services.
- We have submitted a proposal to SeniorsCan (federal government) and are currently working on a proposal for Family and Community Support Services (City of Edmonton/Province of Alberta).
- Putting in place sound Board governance policies and operating procedures for SEESA.
- Growing our membership and donor base.
- Creating and strengthening relationships with community leagues and other organizations serving seniors.

We appreciate you helping us by sharing the excitement of SEESA's available events, activities and programs. With all of us working together, we're helping to keep SEESA moving forward. If you are interested in volunteering with SEESA, there is a form available on the website or you can contact Gina-Marie Garon at gina-marie@seesa.ca or 780-468-1985.