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## **Regina, April 17, 2014 – SRNA Membership Numbers Reach a Record High**

Data released today from the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses' Association confirms the number of registered nurses in Saskatchewan reached an all-time high. According to the 2013 Annual Report there was a record number of 11,042 RN/RN(NP)s registered in Saskatchewan in 2013, an increase of just over 300 from 2012.

SRNA Executive Director Karen Eisler, RN, PhD, commented, "In the interest of public safety, it is important to continue to monitor the age distribution carefully to ensure that we are able to meet present and emerging health care needs of the province." She added, "Growing our own and preparing for upcoming retirements, remains a priority." In 2013, the average age of practicing members was 43.8, compared to 44.3 in 2012 and 45.1 in 2011. In recent years, the number of older RNs and RN(NP)s has been matched by an equivalent increase of younger RNs and RN(NP)s. Younger (under 35) RNs and RN(NP)s now outnumber older (55+) ones.

Signy Klebeck, RN, SRNA President, commented, "SRNA continues to collaborate with stakeholders including the government, educators and unions to ensure we have enough RNs and RN(NP)s to serve the people of Saskatchewan." We are proud of our contribution to better health for all through nursing regulation, professional practice, and collaboration. Moving forward, we are building a strong foundation for the future so that the public can count on us."

The complete report is available online:

<http://www.srna.org/index.php/communications/annual-report>

*The SRNA, established in 1917, is the profession-led regulatory body for the province's RNs and RN(NP)s. The Registered Nurses Act (1988) describes the SRNA's mandate in setting standards of education and practice for the profession and registering nurses to ensure competent, caring knowledge-based registered nursing for the people of Saskatchewan. The SRNA is responsible ensuring continuing competence, professional conduct, standards of practice, a code of ethics and the approval of nursing education programs.*

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