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## **Delegates of Saskatchewan Music Festivals Convene on ZOOM**

The 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Saskatchewan Music Festival Association (SMFA) was held on Saturday, November 30 at 2:00pm over ZOOM. Representatives from 31 District Festivals were in attendance.



Abby Fuller (Last Mountain Music Festival), Laureen Kells (Quill Plains Music Festival) and Karen White (Saskatoon Music Festival) were elected by acclamation to three-year director terms. They join SMFA Board members Dianne Gryba (President), Alisha Mann (Vice President), Jeri Ryba (Past President) and Heather Macnab, Penny Miles and Karen Frandsen (Directors). Retiring board members Tammy Villeneuve, Clayton Braybrook and Krista Brost were thanked for their years of service.

Three outstanding volunteers were nominated by their District Festivals and received the SMFA Volunteer Award: **Trena Wick** (*Estevan & District Music Festival*), **Jeanne Fetsch** (*Yorkton Music Festival*), and **Karen Young** (*Yorkton Music Festival*).

SMFA District Festivals are a long-standing tradition in this province. The following festivals celebrated milestone anniversaries in 2024:

- Assiniboia & District Music Festival and Rosetown & District Music Festival (90 years)
- Eston Music Festival and Moose Jaw Music Festival (75 years)
- Qu'Appelle Valley Music Festival (65 years)
- Estevan & District Music Festival (60 years)

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