



Dr. Steven Wolinetz has an impressive resume as a scholar, an engaged citizen of the community, and as a member of MUNPA. Steve joined the Political Science Department at Memorial University in 1971 and served the Department for 38 years before retiring in 2009. Steve has continued to be a very productive scholar with seven publications post-retirement. Dr. Wolinetz was awarded the title of Professor Emeritus in 2013.

In his retirement, Dr. Wolinetz has been especially generous with his time, organizing and serving with a host of community organizations and events. Steve, and his wife Karen Lippold, have been contributors to several community organizations in Newfoundland and Labrador including the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra, the Tuckamore Festival, the LSPU Hall Seat Campaign, and the Home Again Furniture Bank.

Steve has played an especially important and longtime leadership role in the Jewish community in NL. Dr. Wolinetz was Vice President of the Jewish Community Havurah from 2015 to 2017 and President from 2017 until 2023. In this role he worked for a rapprochement between Havurah and Beth El Synagogue. Steve has been a co-director of the Religious Social Action Coalition (RSAC), a coalition of faith communities working for the introduction of a Guaranteed Basic Income and the eventual elimination of poverty.

As President of Havurah, Dr. Wolinetz helped organize the yearly commemoration of the Shoah (Holocaust) every April, attended by hundreds from the community including members of municipal and provincial governments. In May 2023 Steve helped organize a memorial service where the invited speaker and Holocaust survivor, Pinchas Gutter, recalled some of the atrocities he witnessed during the Nazi reign. Interviewed by CBC news, Dr. Wolinetz was quoted, *"It is a way of remembering the victims of the Holocaust and saying they haven't been forgotten. But above all, it's a way of saying never again."*

Dr. Wolinetz has been very active in MUNPA. He served on its programme committee from 2013 to 2017, a period in which the association ramped up the number of groups and clubs. Steve joined the MUNPA Board of Directors in 2015 serving until 2017, when he became the Association's Vice President until 2019. Steve was the Association's President from 2019 to 2021. He guided MUNPA through the first years of the pandemic, insisting that we take whatever activities we could online. Dr. Wolinetz has also served as editor of MUNPA's "Your Voice" newsletter for two years, turning it into a mini-magazine. Steve has also been an active member of several MUNPA clubs. He has been a member of the Memoir Group since 2017, taking the key role of managing the Zoom account since the beginning of the Covid epidemic, a role which he continues to perform. He is also an active member of the Outing Club, the Health and Aging group, and the Shutterbug Club.

Dr. Steven Wolinetz is truly a very deserving recipient of a MUNPA Tribute Award. We all congratulate him on this latest achievement.