

## **President's Message by Ted St. Pierre**

We are nearing the end of the fiscal year 2019-2020 for the BC Retired Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association. It has been somewhat challenging having to learn new ways of conducting meetings using media platforms, such as ZOOM. Thanks to our Members, we were able to conduct BCRPVPA business with success.



Our Association also receives much support from the BC Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association. This includes use of the building prior to Covid-19, & numerous assistances with finances, membership, communication, to name a few.

We strongly support our colleagues who are school-based administrators, the teaching staff, and support staff. Schools are reopening in June, and retired administrators wish everyone great success. A Letter of Support is included in this newsletter.

Congratulations to all our BCRPVPA Members who continue to keep ourselves healthy during challenging times.

Dr. Bonnie Henry, BC Chief Medical Officer, encourages exercise such as walking, running, cycling. Please keep on physical distancing.

All the best for a wonderful summer.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY ALL BCRPVPA COMMITTEES; MENTORSHIP PROGRAM;  
GREEN SHIELD; PENSIONS BC**

**Treasurer:** Lanny Young has consistently updated our financial reports at all 8 meetings this year. The budget proposal for the 2020-2021 fiscal year is found in the minutes of the AGM, May 13, 2020.

**Vice-President Christine Johnson:** great support in committees; recommendations for meetings; doing much research in conducting virtual meetings using ZOOM, to name a few. Reports after Chapter Councils gave much information as to BCPVPA provincial business.

**Past-President Eileen Phillips:** hard work in coordinating all speakers for General Meetings (Unfortunately Covid-19 interfered with current meeting plans). Thanks to everyone for volunteering to continue great work on all BCRPVPA committees 2020-2021.

**Communications:** Celina Mau's wonderful expertise with exciting newsletters detailed much needed information for all BCRPVPA members. It is very much appreciated. Also, not to forget notetaking at Exec. & General Meetings. That is a challenging task.

Also, just over 30 newsletters are mailed each time to members who appreciate a hard copy, or who do not have an email address.

The annual Book Sale was not held this year at the UBC Short Course held in July. This was due to the cancellation of all physical meetings & conferences.

**Scholarships:** Jeff Larcombe, Allan Buggie, & Christine Johnson worked hard last Fall to decide on the 5 finalists who each received \$1,000 scholarships. Letters of thanks were received from the student recipients.

Up to seven scholarships can be awarded during the 2020-2021 school year.

**Pensions / Benefits / Affinity:** congratulations to Marsha Arnold & to Allan Buggie, for taking on this challenging portfolio needed for valuable information to our members. There was also support from Gerry Tiede & Past-President Gerald Soon. Excellent teamwork!

**Membership & Social Coordinator:** Bonnie Deren closely updated membership list received from Jennifer, the BCPVPA Membership Coordinator.

The membership list is consistently updated each time Ted St. Pierre receives a contact change, such as with email, and addresses. We are down to just one email returned.

Letters of wellness including cards of condolence are sent as occasions happen.

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**MENTORSHIP PROGRAM:** This is the 3rd year of a program that asks for retired & current Principals to volunteer as mentors to newly appointed BC Principals & Vice-Principals. The mentees highly praise the mentorship received. 3 current Executive members are mentors, namely Allan Buggie, Celina Mau & Lanny Young.

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**GREEN SHIELD:** A number of BCRPVPA members expressed great difficulty with Green Shield coverage when initiated in 2018. There was a strong resentment that our Association had been changed from Blue Cross without any input from our Members.

There were no complaints expressed this year 2019 – 2020. Green Shield sends monthly notices to members.

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#### **PENSIONS BC:**

- BCRPVPA was required to engage in an Agreement that had been agreed upon by the Teachers' Pension Plan Board of Trustees and Pensions BC, the Corporation.
- The main purpose was to establish security and protection of information practices as required to meet obligations under the Agreement.
- Pensions BC changed security information by eliminating Social Insurance Number and replacing identification for each Pension's Member to a Personal Information Number provided by the Corporation (Pensions BC) to the Association (BCRPVPA).
- The Agreement is legal & protects BCPVPA staff who manage BCRPVPA Membership & Accounting.
- This Agreement will be renewed on December 31, 2022.

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#### **TECHNOLOGY REPORT:**

**WEBSITE UPDATES:** the Webmaster was extremely helpful in updating the website as recommended by the committee, especially Membership Application.

**Newsletters & Member Updates** are up to date. The last 2 newsletters are also uploaded as future reference for BCRPVPA Members..

**Yammer** is used on occasion by members. 51 requests to join BCRPVPA members' network on Yammer have been received since January 2020. A replied email invited each one to join our Association if they are retired Principals or Vice-Principals.

**FINAL BCRPVPA REPORT 2029-2020 BY TED St. PIERRE**