



On October 2 and 3, BCRTA hosted its first online conference and AGM. The annual meeting weekend is a highlight of the BCRTA calendar and great effort was made to replicate some of the camaraderie that we experience at in-person meetings. An extensive package was sent out to delegates, with the usual reports and instructions, but also technical support and suggestions for how to create a feeling of connection. Dozens of delegates sent in photos of themselves wearing one of this year's mementos, a BCRTA/Johnson scarf.

Conference moderator Arnie Lambert arranged a line-up of top-notch keynote speakers for this year's conference, with a central theme of health. Keynote speakers were BC Seniors Advocate Isobel Mackenzie and two UBC professors, Dr. Steve Morgan and Dr. Roger Wong. In this issue of Connections you will see several reports on the day's presentations, with links to view the videos.

The primary concern for the Oct. 3 AGM was to allow delegates to fully review and vote on the standard

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business items that make up the annual meeting. The AGM kicked off right on time with outgoing President Gerry Tiede welcoming a full roster of delegates. The bulk of the meeting was chaired by long-time BCRTA luminary Pat Brady – a familiar and trusted voice who kept things moving with his customary good humour. Apart from one or two delegates who experienced technical challenges, delegates were able to log into the meeting and take part.

An evaluation survey completed by the majority of delegates showed very high levels of satisfaction with the overall structure of the meeting and especially the critical governance functions. A whopping 94% of delegates gave the secure online voting procedures the highest possible marks for ease of use.

Other features of the Conference Day included the Golden Star Awards, Branch Membership Awards and BCRTA's PostScript Excellence Awards.

Months of planning and technical set-up had produced an intense but very informative and entertaining two days, and our association had properly met our responsibility to have members meet for our Annual General Meeting. In the face of significant disruption, our association once again asserted its adaptable goodwill.

Well done, everyone!

Some Delegate Comments

I really enjoyed the online conference. It was organized very well and the moderation of the segments was excellent. I hope there are more online events like this one.

Financial report was excellent. The Postscript awards interviews were a highlight.

Clarity of concerns, discussions, and decisions were excellent!

That took a great deal of organizing and we thank you.

Educated people know how to work together yet stay apart!!

Very well done. Even the glitches were interesting to watch.

Really good all round. I sure missed meeting up with other delegates but wearing pj's was a joy.

It was very well done. I missed the people contact and the food at my house was not as good as conference food.

I was impressed with the ease of the voting procedure.

Very well-organized and informative.

Excellent job by Arnie and award presenters.

Thought the whole thing was good - was better than I anticipated.

AGM showed excellent team work and displayed a high standard of effort....just what the BCRTA is all about.



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University of
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Dr. Roger Wong
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Golden Star Awards Presentations

Excellence in Public Education Committee Chair Caroline Malm created a presentation for the 2020 BCRTA Conference celebrating this year's winners of the Golden Star Awards.

This year's winners hail from Thetis Island Elementary School and Tecumseh Elementary School. Feature articles on the winners will appear in the Winter 2020 PostScript Magazine.

View the video of the 2020 Golden Star Awards Presentation here:

<https://bcрта.ca/golden-star-awards-bcрта-conference-2020/>



At the October 3, 2020 AGM, Finance Chair Grace Wilson presented the financial results of the year ending June 30, 2020. Due to reduced expenses because of travel restrictions, the current year ended in a surplus position. After accounting for contingency fund expenditures, the association's cash position increased by just over \$100,000 for the year. The BCRTA financials were audited by KPMG, who reported their findings to the meeting. A complete set of financial statements and the 2020-2021 budget were sent to BCRTA members in the Fall 2020 issue of PostScript. The budget approved for the coming year projects a modest surplus.

The AGM approved MNP as auditors for the financial year ending June 30, 2021.

JOHNSON UPDATE

As part of the 2020 Conference Lisa Hansen of Johnson Insurance updated BCRTA Members on the Prestige and MEDOC plans, as well as other insurance offerings made available to BCRTA members.

To View the Insurance Update Click This Link



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2020 Insurance Update
September 2020

LISA HANSEN
JOHNSON INSURANCE

Excellence in Public Education Committee

- One of the committee's goals is to coordinate the promotion, administration, adjudication, presentation and publication of the Intergenerational Golden Star Awards Program on behalf of the BCRTA.



The Case for Pharmacare

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SNAPSHOTS



BCRTA DRAFT BUDGET 2020/21
 INCOME STATEMENT 01 JUL 2019 TO 30 JUNE 2020

ITEM	BUDGET 2020/21	ACTUAL	PERCENTAGE CHANGES
01. Total Income	\$1,200,000	\$1,150,000	-4.2%
02. Total Other Available Resources	\$500,000	\$480,000	-4.0%
03. Total Available Resources	\$700,000	\$670,000	-4.3%
04. Total Expenditures	\$700,000	\$670,000	-4.3%
05. Total Available Resources	\$0	\$0	0.0%





THAT'S A WRAP!

Every year, delegates from around the province attend BCRTA's AGM. It is a highlight of our association's activities. This year we could not gather in person.

BCRTA Partner Johnson Insurance provided delegates with a memento scarf, and through the magic of shared selfies, we got together!



CLOUGH AWARDED LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN BCRTA

PAST PRESIDENT JOINS EXCLUSIVE GROUP

As she completed her two year term as Past President on the BCRTA board, there was one final duty for Patricia Clough at the BCRTA AGM. That was to accept an exclusive honour from the meeting delegates, granting her Life Membership in the association.

Only a handful of people have received this honour, one of them being meeting chair Pat Brady, who gave Patricia a cheerful welcome to that small group.

In his remarks leading up to the motion to grant Patricia Clough this honour, outgoing President Gerry Tiede highlighted the significant accomplishments of our association's recent strategic initiatives, a process begun by Clough when she first became president. Tiede contrasted the state of affairs of the operations of the association at the beginning of that process to the present, listing a number of accomplishments and the engagement of the leadership group. He highlighted the fact that BCRTA is now viewed by many sister organizations as a leading example of effective organizational change, and that we now receive many requests for advice and consultation from other groups.

In accepting her award, Patricia thanked the meeting and the board for the honour. She remarked that it felt like a completion of her earlier work in the Teachers' Federation, where she also received a Life Membership. Together these two honours are markers of her lifelong ambition to help teachers.



Wilson Heads 2020-2021 BCRTA Board

SOME NEW AND RETURNING DIRECTORS

The 75th Meeting of the BCRTA saw familiar faces moving into new roles, chief of which was Grace Wilson, named President for 2020-2021. Wilson steps into the role vacated by Gerry Tiede, who had completed the maximum two-year term as President, and will now serve two years as Past President.

In her remarks accepting her new responsibility, Grace emphasized the importance of serving our members and caring for the resources of the association.

There are new and returning faces on the BCRTA Board of Directors for 2020-2021.



Board of Directors



Grace Wilson
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Gerry Tiede
Past President



Arnie Lambert
First Vice-President



Caroline Malm
Second Vice-President



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