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Spring 2019

Recruitment video in the works

By Al Barclay

The Recruitment and Retention Committee met April 23 at the Coast Capri Inn in Kelowna and we welcomed our newest member Brian Green, who is the First Vice-Chair of the Victoria Branch.

We also had three guests in attendance – Maurice Davidson and Larry Martin from the South Okanagan / Similkameen Branch and Charles La Vertu of the Victoria Branch.

If you would like a copy of the meeting minutes, send me an email at albarc12@gmail.com. The highlights of the meeting were:

Al Coccola and Charles LaVertu have been working with Media One, a Victoria production company to produce a recruitment video.

The primary purpose for this video will be to have it shown at the *Approaching Retirement Seminars* put on by the



Pension Corporation, but it will also be available as a tool for branches to use if they have a suitable venue.

The video should be ready for distribution by late July 2019.

Terry Burgess gave a report about the efforts re-starting the Kelowna/Vernon Branch after it folded in December 2017.

The branch has a new executive who are mainly people who have moved in from the Prince George branch and they need support from the local members to make this work.

The dedicated effort expended by those organizers points out how critical it is to maintain an accurate and up to date

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database for every branch and to try to avoid branch closures.

If any branch is at risk of closing, please contact a Provincial Table Officer or a member of this committee as soon as possible so we can assist you in efforts to keep the branch viable.

Contact information is available at www.bcgrea.ca.

We are pleased that we received positive responses from the BCGEU and the PEA about placing articles in their member publications.

Both organizations worked with us and prepared articles for their Spring newsletters outlining reasons for joining the BCGREA as well as benefits that members may obtain.

The Pension Corporation has agreed to our request to replace the use of Social Insurance Numbers (SINs) with Person ID numbers (PIDs) as the cross-reference value for our respective databases.



Recruitment and Retention Committee met April 23

For several years, concerns have been raised about the use and security of the SINs and this is viewed as a very positive initiative for both agencies.

With our current policy of requiring all new members to sign up for Dues Check Off, this also eliminates the need for new members to supply the BCGREA with their SIN.

This initiative will require a substantial effort to effect, but we anticipate it will be completed in time for the February 2020 DCO run.

Penticton Branch gave a presentation on the Facebook page that they are using to keep members informed of their activities.

Considerable discussion ensued and the committee agreed that the BCGREA website needs to be modernized and updated to provide easier access as well as a “Members Only” section that would support initiatives like this in a secure environment.

A subcommittee under the leadership of Brian Green including Reiner Augustin, Wilf Brodrick, Ron Kerr and Al Barclay was formed to move forward on the dual initiatives of central office function/responsibilities and website and data management.

This group will review existing platforms for applicability and effectiveness then adopt a strategy to obtain suitable resources to implement the changes.

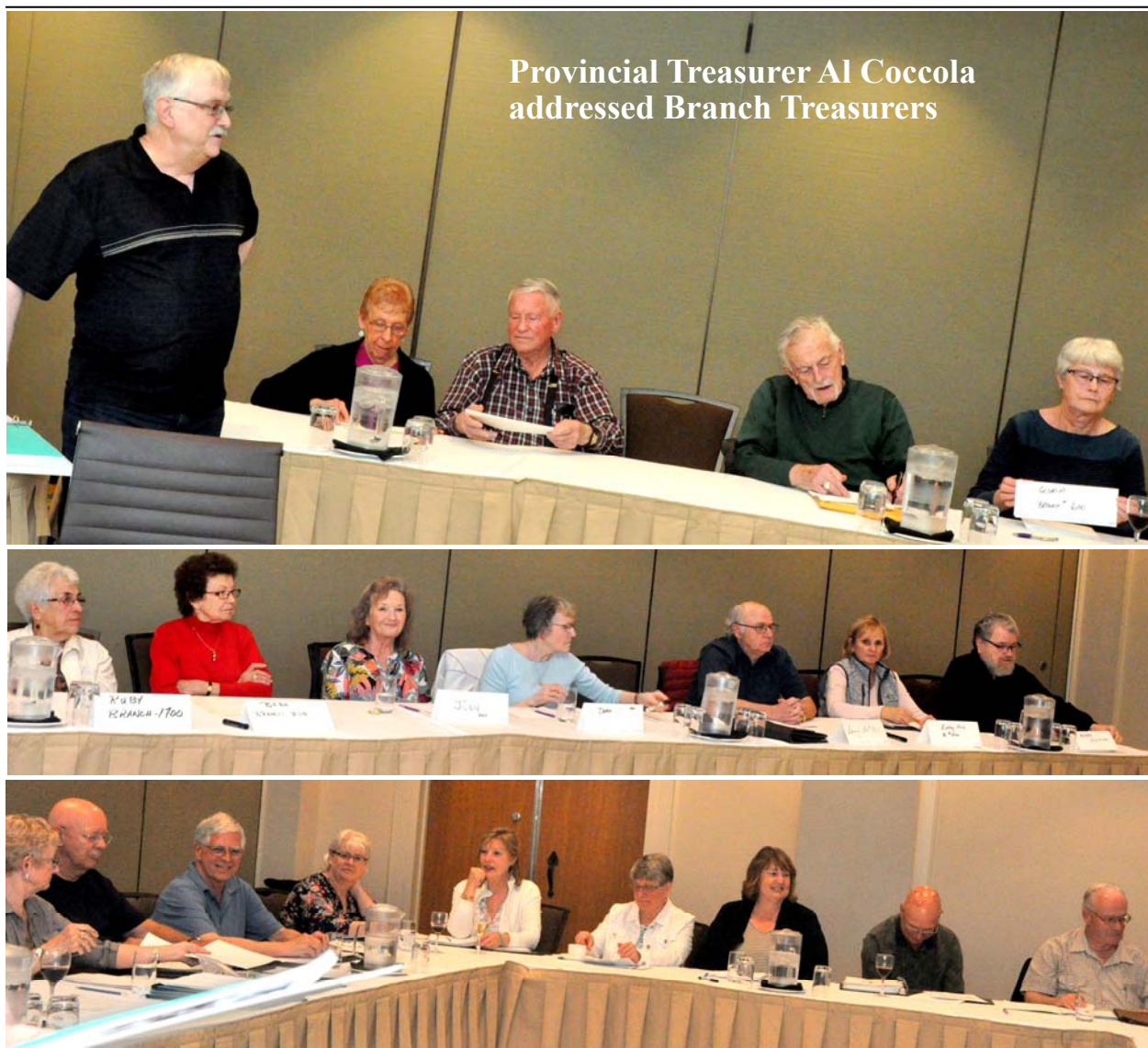
Brian Green showed a PowerPoint presentation of the recent Victoria Branch brainstorming session.

It examined areas of communication, activities, partnerships and how to move forward and was quite successful in assisting the new



Terry Burgess, centre, is chair of the R&R Committee

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Provincial Treasurer Al Cocco
addressed Branch Treasurers

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executive. If anyone would like a copy, contact Brian or myself.

Updated versions of the pamphlet JOIN THE BCGREA TODAY have been printed and refer to www.bcgrea.ca not ".com". You can also get annual membership cards for cash pay members by contacting me.

We discussed the Fraser Valley Branch situation where there is only one serving executive member.

Both the R&R Committee and the Provincial Table Officers have serious concerns about this and the Table Officers will hold their September meeting in Abbotsford on September 4, 2019.

We will be inviting members to attend a meeting in conjunction with the Table

Officers meeting and encourage as many members as possible to join us.

Being a branch executive member isn't onerous and can be very rewarding with the satisfaction you get from volunteering.

If you are uncertain about what is involved for a position, look at the generic Job Guidelines that are posted on the website under Membership R&R or ask a serving member.

Fraser Valley Branch Needs Volunteers

Fraser Valley Branch 100 in Abbotsford is hanging on by a thread as there is only one person serving on its executive and he has been alone in his duties for the past year.

The provincial table officers and the Recruitment and Retention Committee are willing to assist with keeping the branch functioning if possible, but it will require some branch members to step up and take on a leadership role for the branch to continue.

The provincial table officers will hold their fall meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019 in Abbotsford, followed by a meeting with Branch 100 members in the afternoon.

If you are a Branch 100 member, please mark that date on your calendar right now.

In the meantime, if you are willing to volunteer to serve on the branch executive or even to participate on a nominating committee, please send an email to BCGREAAbbotsfordMembership@gmail.com with your contact information.

We are trying to obtain email addresses for members, so even if you just want to keep informed about progress, please send a note to the above address and we will be able to communicate with you more effectively.

The table officers are looking forward to meeting with the branch members and we want to see the branch grow and prosper, however, it is up to the membership to make this happen.

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President's report

Kelowna/Vernon branch revived

By Ken Pendergast

I'm pleased to say that we have started Spring off on the run!

My spouse Kelly and I, and my cousin Bruce Pendergast and his lovely wife Barbara departed on *The Shades of Ireland* tour with Collette Travel, departing from Vancouver on April 8th 2019 and returned home on April 20th 2019.

The Shades of Ireland Tour was one of the promotional tours offered through BCGREA's Partnership with Trip Merchant and administered by another of our BCGREA Partners, Collette Travel.

The tour was nothing less than fantastic from the time we were met at the airport in Dublin by tour guide Peter Murphy and escorted to our lovely hotel accommodation on a Collette Touring Coach until we arrived back to the Dublin airport from our overnight stay at the beautiful Cabra Castle in Kingscourt, 12 days later.

The tour was coordinated like a fine Swiss watch from beginning to end with the best tour guide and Tour Coach driver in all of Ireland.



Tom MacLean of Trip Merchant is planning second Egyptian tour

The only unfortunate reality is that this *Shades of Ireland* Tour had the opportunity to be booked solid with members of the BCGREA, at substantial savings, including the price of one free ticket for over 15 paying members.

The program is available to members, friends and family.

The actual number of people representing the BCGREA was limited to the four of us from BC.

There was another couple from northern Saskatchewan and a couple from Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The remaining tour was comprised of 16 people

from various states in the USA.

The good news is that Trip Merchant is now working on another joint trip to Portugal for about 24 days next March, 2020, with good prices and one free trip ticket price to be shared for 20 paying passengers.

You may want to keep your eyes posted for this one on the new Trip Merchant Website exclusive to BCGREA members.

We arrived home on the morning of April 21st, where we had to do some laundry, repack our bags and drive to Kelowna for the spring Directors Meeting.

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The Directors Meeting was scheduled for April 24th, but also included a Provincial Table Officers Meeting on April 22nd, meetings for the Recruitment & Retention Committee and the Finance Chairs, as well as a Social on April 23rd.

This was in recognition of the members in the Vernon and Kelowna area with whom we have been working to re-create a Branch to replace the one closed in February 2018.

We are pleased to report that a new Branch of the BCGREA has been constituted between Kelowna and Vernon members, as a result of the hard work, phone calls and visits made by Terry Burgess and the new Chair of the branch Vincent Sherry.

The branch is located in Kelowna, while serving the members in both Kelowna and Vernon areas.

The Social was so well received that we will likely continue this event prior to our Spring Directors Meetings and the fall AGMs.

A great opportunity for Directors and members to come together for a bit of quality time.

Some of the BCGREA Partners were also in attendance which provided an

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Kelowna branch held a social for the visiting BCGREA directors



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opportunity to chat with members about the services they offer our BCGREA members.

The Directors enjoyed the Guest Speaker, **James Coccola, Executive Vice-President of the BCGEU**, whose presentation gave him the opportunity to update members on the substantial changes which have occurred in the BCGEU during the last decade.

James Coccola was introduced at the Directors Meeting by his father, Allen Coccola, the new BCGREA Treasurer, replacing David Adams. A rather unique opportunity for both father and son.

Tom MacLean provided a detailed update on Trip Merchant's current excursion to Egypt. The excursion is currently sold out and Tom is working hard to promote a second trip.

Mark Costales and Lisa Hansen from Johnson Inc. provided a good update of the services offered through Johnson Insurance. We can expect some further developments from Johnson Inc. in favour of our members soon.

Sally Thompson and Cheryl Anderson from Hearing Life Canada also updated the Directors on



BCGEU Vice-President James Coccola addressed directors

what Hearing Life Canada is offering to members.

Hearing Life Canada has a lowest cost guarantee where they will match any lower offer on the same products through other suppliers.

This is something we had not been aware of earlier and isn't well known.

The Directors Meeting had



Hearing Life's Sally Thompson

the opportunity to present "Honoured Membership" awards to:

- **Tivola Howe** from Branch 500 Kamloops
- **Elvy Karlstrom** from Branch 900 South Okanagan/Similkameen

During both the Social\ and the Directors Meeting, **Media One**, the company contracted to help the BCGREA develop a promotional video, was

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Mark Costales of Johnson Inc.



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filming members, presentations and action items, to augment the earlier filming for the video.

The BCGREA developed the idea of this promotional video from one developed by the Municipal Retired Employees Association.

When completed, this short video will be available to assist during pre-retirement seminars with the Pension Corporation, as well as any other recruitment opportunities, to help encourage new retirees to join the BCGREA

The BCGREA currently has agreement with the BC Government Employees Union (BCGEU), the Professional Employees Association (PEA) and the Excluded Employees Association (BCEEA) to place information articles in these associations' newsletters to assist with the promotion of the BCGREA and encouragement of their

members to join our Association upon retirement.

The Recruitment & Retention (R&R) Committee continues to be active on behalf of the BCGREA.

Thanks to Al Barclay, we have now received the approval of the Pension Corporation to proceed with the elimination of the Social Insurance Number (SIN) in exchange for a dedicated employee number, when new members are signed up as members of the BCGREA.

Al Barclay is also lobbying to have this opportunity apply to spouses

immediately that new members sign up, but this may not materialize for the spouses soon.

The BCGREA has reached a point where we must improve our various membership data bases into one common central data base that can be maintained by a central office system.

The BCGREA doesn't currently have a Central Office that is staffed on any kind of regular daily basis.

We have a part-time person under contract to manage a central data base of members on our behalf with the Pension Corporation.

This data base includes all our members in the BCGREA but doesn't coincide with all of the Branches' individual data bases used for contacting members through telephone and email correspondence.

From a budgetary perspective, as well as an administrative perspective,

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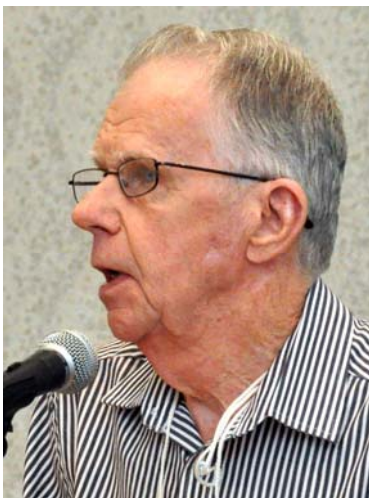
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the BCGREA must move forward to develop a common central data base as well as the development of a central office that will provide regular telephone communication, email communication etc. during the week.

The R&R Committee has discussed this need extensively and has asked the Provincial Table Officers to appoint a small sub-committee to determine what is needed and the various resources that may be incorporated to secure a **“common data base system and a central office that will administer it.”**

The Table Officers have approved this sub-committee comprised of **Brian Green, Reiner Augustine, Wilf Broderick, Ron Kerr and**



Jerry Gosling reported on the activities of the BC Old Age Pensioners Organization

Al Barclay to pursue the Central Office and Website Management issue.

The Provincial Table Officers want to convene a meeting in the Abbotsford Branch on September 4th, 2019 to assist Branch 100 in pulling their membership together with additional new Executive members.

An invitation will also be extended to the adjacent Branches in Chilliwack and Langley to participate.

Good things are happening in the BCGREA.

The fall AGM is scheduled for October 16th, 2019 at the Marriott Hotel in Richmond.



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They supply the BCGREA with the content and this is then sent out by us. So, your email is never shared with our partners unless you contact them directly.

Sign-up Process

Signup is simple. The link to the sign-up form is located on our Association’s website at bcgre.ca

You will be required to fill in your name, email, branch and town/city. Also, you will select the mailing list (s) to which you wish to subscribe.



Once you click the subscribe button your subscription is pending. There is a process that occurs, called double opt-in that you need to complete to activate your subscription.

Double Opt-In subscription process involves the following series of actions:

The user completes the sign-up form and submits it. By submitting the form, the user has requested (or opted-in to) email communications from you, completing the first step in the subscription process.

We display a Thank You message.

We send a plain text email to the email address provided by the user on the sign-up form.

This email (referred to as the confirmation email) asks the user to click a link (included in the email) to confirm their subscription request.

The user opens the confirmation email and clicks the confirmation link to confirm the subscription request, completing the second step in the double opt-in subscription process.

Clicking the confirmation link also allows us to validate that the email address is legitimate. We add the user as a contact and assign the contact to appropriate mailing lists.

We display a Welcome message. You are now subscribed.

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Selecting this link from an email campaign will allow you to update your information; name, email,

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We encourage members to sign up for this service. This will save the mailing cost associated with The Pen newsletter.

Those savings may then be re-directed to support other services our Association may offer.

At the same time, we are very aware that some of our members do not use computers, or do so very little. To those of you who prefer the paper copy of The Pen, you are most welcome to continue to receive it that way.

For further information contact Bill Myers at bcbgreapen@gmail.com

Wanted: Provincial Electronic Messaging Coordinator Volunteer

Bill Myers would like a couple of volunteers to work with him on the scheduled delivery of The Pen and Eblasts to our partners.

Bill Myers, Provincial Electronic Messaging Coordinator, has been managing this position as a volunteer, for the last seven years by himself.

Bill is a retiree with the BCGREA just like the rest of us.

Bill also likes to travel as much as he can and tries very hard to schedule his personal time and vacations to accommodate his administrative role with The Pen.

Bill has advanced the delivery of this electronic messaging into

the 21 Century with the new program called **“Campaigner”**.

“Campaigner” is a much faster email marketing platform requiring far less time to deliver these programs, but still requires a couple of volunteers to be available to do the job at the prescribed times for delivery.

Bill Myers would like a couple volunteers with some computer knowledge and experience, to work with him on the scheduled delivery of these deliveries.

Maybe subdivide the list of deliveries in the scheduling so that all volunteers have the opportunity to manage their

personal time and vacation plans.

Like all volunteer positions in the BCGREA, we need to also develop some succession planning to ensure the longevity of these positions.

Bill Myers is an easy person to get along with and more than happy to provide a little training along with the sharing of the Job Description he recently prepared for this volunteer position.

Bill can be contacted at: [bcgreapen@gmail.com](mailto:bcgreaopen@gmail.com) or by phone at (250) 847-5087

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Prince George branch marks 25 years

Branch 1600 celebrated their 25th Anniversary at their annual Christmas luncheon on Saturday, December 8, 2018.

A total 104 members from Prince George, McBride and Vanderhoof gathered at the Elder Citizens Recreation Association hall to celebrate the Christmas season with old friends and new.

BCGREA members also generously donated a level pickup box full of groceries for the Prince George Council of Seniors Christmas hampers.

Branch 1600 has been an active and growing branch since the summer of 1993.

During that summer, BCGREA President Ed Bodner came to Prince George and helped the area members form the Prince George Branch.

Our first executive was Chair Kim Reynolds (electrical inspector), Vice-Chair Eric Benwell (LCB), Secretary Doris Holzworth (husband worked at Highways) and treasurer and membership Clyde Smaaslet (Highways office manager).

Chair Reynolds resigned after a few months, and Eric took over as chair for about three years. Eric was very involved with the formation of the Prince George Council



Art Kaehn, Clyde Smaaslet and Rose O'Connor

of Seniors and was soon leading that group.

Founding members still in the branch are: Svend Anderson, Margaret King, Christina Benwell, Doris Stymest, Sharon Hawkins, Gordon Talbot, Fay Henry, Ian Wood, Evelyn Dyck, Clyde Smaaslet, Jean and James Bowden (Sunshine Coast), Elizabeth Bowron (MBride), Dorohy Parenteau (Hixon), Walter Portschi (Granisle), Gladys Wall (Abbotsford), David

Strawbridge (Okotokos) and Shirley Senkpiel (Delta).

When Branch 1600 was formed it had approximately 140 members. As of the beginning of December 2018 our membership is 360 strong.

Our executive has 22 members working hard on the branch's behalf: seven table officers, 10 phoners, three out of town directors, an email manager, and a lucky draw co-ordinator.



Al Coccoła appointed BCGREA treasurer

careers, partners, and bright futures. My son James is one of the executive vice-presidents of the BCGEU.

By Al Coccoła

I was born in Powell River and have spent all my life on Vancouver Island and the lower mainland.

I received my B.A. from UBC in 1973, then a diploma in Business Administration from Camosun College. In 1989, I completed my CGA certification.

All of my working career has been spent in finance.

Fifteen years in public practice and 15 years in the provincial government.

Plus a stint as the controller for a security company and three years as the Director of Finance for Rowing Canada Aviron.

My last position was as Chief Financial Officer for a large for profit agency that provided supports for people with disabilities.

My wife Colleen and I moved to Brentwood Bay in 1983, where we raised our four children, three girls and a boy.

We were very much involved with them and



spent a lot of time volunteering in their activities.

Scouts, Guides, sports, and PACs, if we were not driving to events, we were organizing them.

I coached all of my kids in soccer, nine years in youth and then five years in women's.

My kids are doing extremely well and have

Shortly after the kids left home, Colleen and I retired. We both have individual hobbies and interests. We do spend a lot of time with our granddaughter.

We joined the Peninsula and the Islands branch 2500 of BCGREA because we were looking for things to do together.

We found the speakers interesting and the outings fun. After the first year we both joined the branch executive. In the third year

I became the vice-chair and Colleen the secretary. We still very much enjoy the meetings and have made some good friends.

I got drawn into the Provincial Executive and took over as Treasurer in

October of 2018.

It has been challenging and promises to be very exciting as the organization plans to build and strengthen its infrastructure and do more to help retirees.

Personally Colleen and I are very excited for the future, as we are expecting two more grandchildren this spring.

Triple role for Provincial Membership chair

By Al Barklay

I spent my 35-year career with the Ministry of Forests and retired in Grand Forks in 2008.

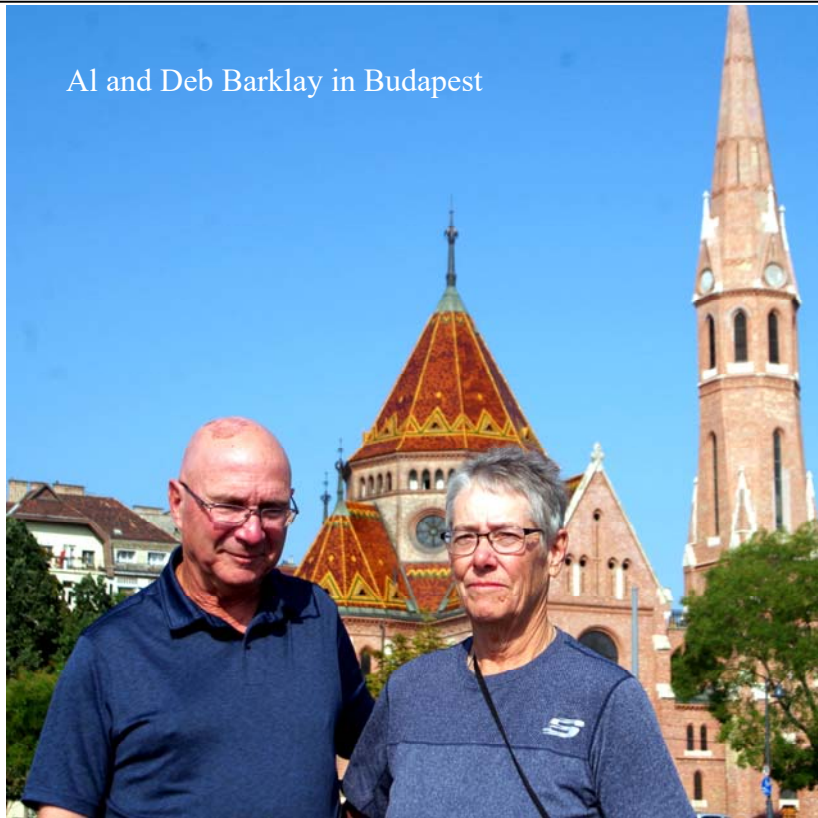
My early career had postings in Parksville, Blue River and Hixon before moving to Grand Forks in 1981.

Initially, I was the Resource Officer Silviculture and it required Registered Professional Forester certification.

I took a leave of absence in 1992-93 and returned to UBC as a 41-year-old to complete the remaining required courses and I passed the registration exam in 1993.

In 1996, I was transferred to the RO Timber position before moving in 2002 (when the Boundary District closed) to Area Forester with BC Timber Sales.

I joined the BCGREA upon retirement and I'm currently a co-chair and the membership chair for Branch 400 in addition to the Provincial Membership position.



I've been married to Deb since 1973 and we have two sons who live and work in the lower mainland.

Like many small towns in BC, Grand Forks was a great place to raise children but didn't offer many job opportunities once the boys graduated.

Following retirement, we spent several winters in the southern U.S. with our motorcycles and toy-hauler trailer.

In 2011, we bought a seasonal residence in southern California so we live the "snowbird" life of spring, summer and fall in Grand Forks and winters in California.

My favourite hobbies are

motorcycle riding, playing pickle ball, travelling throughout the world and golfing.

I also enjoy computer work, meeting people and helping out with small repair jobs for the neighbours.

I am very concerned about the BCGREA's declining membership during the last decade and I believe we can turn this trend around if we reach out to potential new members and make them aware of the benefits we offer.

Please contact me if you have ideas or suggestions about how we can increase our membership or if you want assistance with local problems.



BCGREA provincial executive called a meeting of Victoria Branch members in January in an effort to prevent the branch from folding because of executive burn-out. The members showed up in force (above) to select a nominating committee to fill the 13 positions on the executive.

The members selected a new executive on March 12 at a meeting addressed by Provincial President Ken Pendergast (below right). Elected to the new Branch 1200 executive were Chair Barbara Golder, Vice-Chair Brian Green, Second Vice-Chair Sarf Amhed, Secretary Linda Snider and Directors at Large Pauline Harding, Sonja Ruffell, Gerry Buydens, Marilyn Spencer, Vicki White, Elsie Gerdes and Cindy Fristoe





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I Am: My Spouse is:

BRANCH _____

- ☐ ☐ Applying as an Active Member (Those who receive a pension under the Public Service Pension Plan, or their spouse)



General Information – Please Print Clearly

First Name – Member Middle Name Last Name
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

First Name – Spouse (if applying) Middle Name Last Name
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

Address – Apt/Street City/Province & Country if not Canada Postal Code
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

Primary Telephone Number Alt. / Spouse's Number (optional) Member's E-mail Address
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

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Applicant's Signature _____ Spouse's signature (if applicable) _____
Date signed _____ Date signed _____

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- ☐
- ☐
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Spouse is one who resides with an Associate member or one who is in receipt of a deceased member's pension.

First Name – Member	Middle Name	Last Name

First Name – Spouse (if applying)	Middle Name	Last Name

Address –Apt/Street	City/Province & Country if not Canada	Postal Code

Primary Telephone Number	Alt. / Spouse's Number (optional)	Member's E-mail Address

Spouse's E-mail Address (optional) _____ Former Branch, Ministry or Government Employer _____

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