

## Report of the First Vice-President

It has been my distinct pleasure to serve as First Vice-President since being elected at the AGM last Fall.

One of my duties has been to assist the President. In this regard, we have had several meetings with representatives from the other BC Public Sector Pension Plans. In addition to the BCGREA, the other groups are the BC Retired Teachers' Association (BCRTA), BC Municipal Pension Retirees' Association (BCMPRA) and the College Pension Plan Retirees (CPPR). I believe we have made a good start on working together to address issues common to all four organizations.

Another part of the first Vice-President's duties is to Chair the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and by default, the Resolutions Committee. This is my first General Meeting since finding myself in this role. Unfortunately, the job of becoming accustomed to my role as a Table Officer has meant that I haven't been able to devote as much time to these duties as I might have wished. If I continue as First Vice-President, I hope to have the Constitution and Bylaws Committee meet often enough to ensure that our Constitution, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures are kept in compliance with the Societies ACT while meeting the needs and requirements of the members. I would like to thank George Bowden, Carol Paulson and Merrilee Ashworth for agreeing to serve as members of the Committee and I look forward to working with them.

I also wish to thank President Brian Green for continuing my appointment as a General Vice-President of the Council Of Senior Citizens Organizations of BC (COSCO BC). COSCO BC has a very important role representing and advocating for issues important to seniors in BC, and BCGREA Delegates to COSCO BC are an important part of its continuing success as "The Voice of BC Seniors".

I would like to acknowledge the other BCGREA Delegates to COSCO BC, particularly Patrick Harkness, Jean Sickman, Denis Ishikawa and Edna Park. In addition, Renee Poley from the Langley/Surrey Branch also deserves recognition, as she has been appointed to fill the remainder of former COSCO BC Treasurer Stéphane Lapierre's term ending in 2026.

In my role with COSCO BC, I have remained very busy, serving as Chair of the Finance Committee and Chair of the Nominating Committee, responsible for COSCO BC elections. I also serve on the Housing Committee and the Membership and Fundraising Committee.

COSCO BC is planning its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference to be held on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of this year at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, Richmond, BC. The theme of the conference is **Human Rights and Ageing - Advocating for an Equitable Future**. Like previous COSCO BC Conferences, there will be interesting and informative speakers and panels. Further information will be posted on the COSCO BC website (<https://coscobc.org/conference/>) as the details are confirmed.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the members of the BCGREA for their support since I was elected. I hope to continue to enjoy your confidence and support as we move forward.

Respectfully submitted,

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