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President's Message

The Triennial Convention of the CBC Pensioners National Association took place in Gatineau on May 15 and 16. For efficiency, the spring Board of Directors' meeting and the Annual General Meeting was held at the same time.

To better reflect the diversity of our membership and in order to get the broadest spectrum of opinions, we encouraged the selection of female members, more recent retirees, and surviving spouses as delegates. The chosen participants demonstrated enthusiasm as well as commitment and the discussions were passionate and focussed. Many good ideas were put forward, most of which centred on recruitment of new members and improving communications.

The main activity of the Convention was the business of building a three-year strategic plan. Delegates had been presented with a Mission and Value Statement prior to the workshop and were asked to develop a corresponding Vision Statement. Professional facilitators guided participants through a series of activities aimed at engaging everyone in rich conversations about the future of the PNA.

The Board of Directors will begin prioritizing the work to be done in the next three years at its meeting in August. There will be more details on this in the next issue of Contact.

New Executive Committee

As is customary, elections were held for the four executive positions: President, Vice-President Anglophone, Vice-President Francophone and Treasurer.

Denis Collette, former national Treasurer, was elected President, replacing Paul Gaffney who had completed his three-year term. Dave Jeffrey was elected Vice-President, Anglophone, replacing John Kennedy. Suzanne Aubin was elected Vice-President Francophone, replacing Hélène Robillard-Frayne. Réjean Labrie was elected Treasurer.

Life Membership

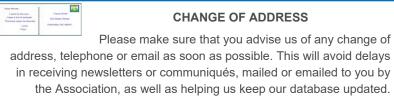
This year, two extremely deserving candidates were honoured by the National Board of Directors and Convention delegates for their significant and lasting contribution to the national objectives of the Association. Paul Gaffney was awarded Life Membership for his many years of service as the PNA representative on the CBC Pension Board of Trustees and for his role as President of the Board of Directors for the past three years. The other recipient was John McKay, who as President of the Maritimes Region, was recognized for his untiring work on keeping his membership well informed on current matters and issues of importance to CBC pensioners as well as his efforts in the creation of Chapters.

A more comprehensive issue of Contact is planned for early fall. It will contain some additional information about the above topics, photos taken at the Convention as well as details of the three-year strategic plan.

I end this short newsletter in reminding all of us that the achievement of the PNA's many goals must be a shared responsibility.

Enjoy a safe and memorable summer!

Denis Collette President



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