

PALLISER DISTRICT TEACHERS' CONVENTION ASSOCIATION

2016-17 Year End Report from the Vice President

This was my second year as Vice-President of the Palliser District Teachers' Convention Board. I felt that I had a much smoother year understanding exactly what the role entails, now that it was my second time around.

Thank you to all board members for signing up for duties throughout convention. Your presence and visibility in the hallways to answer questions and direct delegates was important to a successful convention. Thank you, also, for your presence at the break out rooms (Glen, Imperial, Telus, Macleod).

As has been done for a number of years, duty sign up was again done through a Google Doc format, allowing board members to sign up for duties prior to the January board meeting. Based on last year's feedback, the sign-up document was very specific this year, including individual spots to sign up for each pre-registration session. Again, we included exhibits, facilities and publicity duties all on the one document. Based on feedback from last year, we posted up the large wall posters one day at a time in an attempt to help with clarity (so that teachers were only able to see the At-A-Glance for the current day). In hindsight, I am not sure that this was the best course of action as it necessitated the second round of board members needed to tear down the Thursday posters and replace them with the Friday posters. I am suggesting a return to the double posters with perhaps some bright neon signs highlighting the day. It is much better to know that the posters are all hung correctly and that we have the needed access to all the areas the night before, rather than the scramble that ensued on Friday morning. All in all, a much smoother year for duties sign up. Placing convention board members at the main posters outside the Pre-Conference area continued to work well and help with answering any delegate questions.

Myrna Pauls was our honorary president for 2017. I had the pleasure of connecting with Myrna and extending the invitation also to her family to attend the evening. Additionally, I arranged with the board members from her local regarding her gift. At our Wednesday evening Honorary President's Reception, I also presented the long-term service awards to the following Board Members: Laura Lee Hrabok, Ronda Krasnodemski, Chris Mertens and Jennifer Raitz. Jennifer Williams was not able to attend, but also received her card and gift. All long-term service recipients were offered a complimentary hotel room (including room, parking and taxes) for the Wednesday evening as a thank you for their service. This policy change was also approved moving forward. I also prepared the thank you cards, complete with the Chapters Gift Cards.

Nametags were distributed to most new members. I recommend an email call out in early December and again in January, as there were a few newer board members whose nametags were not ready in time from our January meeting. Many sizes of vests will need reordering, which provides the opportunity to look at perhaps a different option for next year's convention (as much feedback has been provided about the current colour of the vests).

Also this year, I was responsible for the Alternate PD file, and completed the review of all applications and follow up as required.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Munton