

President's Report

April 13 & 14, 2018

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Re-Cap of 2018 Convention Year:

- We are all volunteers! Thanks cannot be reiterated enough:
 - To every Board member for ensuring communication flowed prior and duties were fulfilled during our convention event. Thank you for your commitment to weekend and evening commitments on behalf of 4000 teachers.
 - To Past President **Jordan Fenton** for being an excellent advisor to me in my first year as President. Also for ensuring Alternate PD Requests were tended to and Hospitality details were fulfilled
 - To Vice President **Jen Munton** for organizing Board members into convention duties, including ensuring we each had our vest and nametag. Jen also did a lovely job overseeing the nomination, acceptance and recognition of our Honorary President, Cindy Gerodo from Three Drums of Wheat. Jen represented Palliser at the Fall Convention and PDAC Meetings.
 - To our Secretary, **Sue Paton**, for gathering correspondence, recording accurate notes during our meetings and for distributing these in a timely manner.
 - **Sherry Leppa**, our Treasurer, along with **Bertha Yagos**, our Financial Assistant (and overall “guru”) ensured all of our bills were paid, that our budget was adhered to and that our financial reporting was timely and accurate. Bertha also kept our website up to date and ensured evaluations were gathered. Thank you.
 - **Tara Hrysak** did an outstanding job coordinating Exhibitor bookings, payments and satisfying the multitude of their last-minute and miscellaneous requests during convention. JoAnne was also generous with her time as Tara’s assistant, the day before and during the event.
 - **Jill White** was again our Facilities Chair and along with her contracted Facilities Assistant, **Larry Neville**, they made sure both Speakers and Board members has rooms to meet in and beds to sleep in! They also made sure all were fed at our meetings and during convention. Larry oversaw menu and venue planning for our Honorary President’s Reception on the Wednesday night. Moving into Thompson’s was a very successful “experiment”!
 - **Paulette Morck** created an amazing, comprehensive program in her first year as Program Chair as the compliments about the 2018 were plentiful. Another successful experiment was the *New Blood: Story of Reconciliation* fine arts performance as we hadn’t previously tackled a “keynote” of a similar nature before. Thank you also to Christine who operated as Paulette’s assistant and to all the Board Members on the Program sub-committee who assisted with vetting initial proposals, during their summer holidays, no less! Paulette also spent part of her summer at Summer Conference.

Highlights:

- The entire 2018 Convention event itself – another unqualified success!
- Being part of Provincial Committee on Convention Review (still ongoing); reaffirming my assertion that Palliser really is the “Goldilocks” of all the Conventions!
- A relatively “smooth” inaugural year as President, right up until the day before when the email flurry – over Dr. Kris Wells – began!
 - However, I will even mark this as a “highlight” in that my silver lining was being able to hand this speedbump over to Dan Grassick, Johnathan Tegtmeyer and Dr. Greg Jeffery who handled further communications professionally and perfectly. We are part of an outstanding professional organization.

Recommendations:

- While it is necessary for PDTCA delegates to be able to get ahold of Board Members should they have questions or concerns, perhaps not all Board members need to have contact information, beyond their name and local, published on the public side on the PDTCA website. Email address details – on the public side of our website - might be reserved for Executive Members (who could then direct inquiries to Board members accordingly, as they arise).

Upcoming (for President and/or Designate):

- Spring, provincial convention meeting & PDAC, in Edmonton – April 26-28, 2018
- PDTCA Executive and Full Board Meetings, in Calgary – May 25 & 26, 2018
- Summer Conference, in Banff – August 13-17, 2018