

President's Report

March 22 & 23, 2019

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Re-Cap of 2019 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. Also for ensuring Alternate PD Requests were tended to and Hospitality details were fulfilled
 - To Vice President **Jen Muntton** for organizing Board members into convention duties, including ensuring we each had our new vest and nametag. Jen also did a lovely job overseeing the nomination, acceptance and recognition of our Honorary President, Lorrie Morales from Foothills.
 - 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 “historian extraordinaire”) 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. Her choice of The Nut Man as Exhibitor of the Year was an excellent one. JoAnne Partlo 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 and, of course, that both our Hyatt and CTCC venues were secured and organized will in advance. Larry oversaw menu planning for our Honorary President’s Reception on the Wednesday night.
 - **Paulette Morck** created another amazing, comprehensive program and the compliments about the 2019 were plentiful. Another successful experiment was the “Human Library”. Thank you also to Christine Crane 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, with new Board member Kristine Hinton.

Highlights:

- The addition of teacher delegates and Board members from Unite Locale 24
- My being part of Provincial Committee on Convention Review (still ongoing)
- The entire 2019 Convention event itself!

Recommendations:

- To offer our Exhibitor of the Year one night’s accommodation, following the Wednesday night reception.
- Look at alternate ways to encourage the collection of comprehensive evaluation feedback, in a timely manner

Upcoming (for President and/or Designate):

- Spring PDAC & Committee on Convention Review Symposium, in Calgary – April 25-26, 2019
- PDTCA Executive and Full Board Meetings, in Calgary – May 10 & 11, 2019
- Summer Conference, in Banff – August 12-16, 2019