

President's Report  
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"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."  
~ Sir Winston Churchill

Welcome to our new DR Karen Nakaska and Convention Factotum Daniel Maas.

The following items have been in the works since our last meeting in September:

- Attended our December 6th Executive Meeting and Annual Policy Review in Calgary
  - Reviewed PDTCA Policy
  - Discussed emerging issue re: Stoney Education Authority
  - Minutes and Highlights were forwarded to locals and are on the website
- Contacted SEA's Superintendent and arranged for teachers to attend PDTCA for our 2020 event
  - Received list from Nadeem of 77 certificated teachers
  - Prepared welcome email that Bertha forwarded
- Organized, with the help of Larry, Bertha and Sue, the New Delegate Breakfast
  - Pre-registered event - over 36 registered thus far (capped at 100 max.)
- Assisted Tara with Exhibits registrations
- Prepared Media release that will be sent out to all Palliser locals
- Emailed Superintendents with an invitation to attend PDTCA as well as notification of any teachers from their division that have been approved for Alternate PD Requests
- Made arrangements with both GETCA and CCTCA to host members of their executives at one or both days of our convention

- Made arrangements with CCTCA for Tara and me to attend on Thursday, February 13, 2020 to access PD and make connections with future exhibitors

On behalf of the PDTCA Executive, I would like to thank everyone for the diligence and willingness to volunteer as needed this year. As we spend the next month gearing up for our event, I am excited for the 4000+ delegates that will be attending this solid PD convention. It goes without saying, but I will say it anyways:), that our event is going to be awesome because of the following people. Thanks especially to:

- Thanks to Christine for her willingness to jump into a new, big role this year and to Larry for his continued support to make sure that our venue contracts and rooms are ready for our presenters and delegates. Also, thanks to Larry for overseeing the planning of our Wednesday night Honorary President's reception.
- Thanks to Paulette for overseeing the Program and to Veronica, her assistant, for your willingness to jump in and help out. Also, to all those board members who helped to choose our sessions in your area of expertise this summer, thank you! This is a mammoth task and I have so appreciated Paulette's wisdom and help to respond to all manner of email inquiries:)
- Thanks to Tara for your passion to make our Exhibits the best they can be despite our economy. You have worked hard to attract new vendors, think creatively to schedule booths in a smart and cohesive way, and have focused on including as many educational related vendors as possible. I know with your mom being ill, the fall was a blur, but we are thankful for your work in spite of this.
- Thanks to Sherry and Bertha for making sure the money gets where it needs to:) This is no small job, and we all appreciate you both!

- Thanks to Jill for being such a quick study - you have great ideas to make our event better than ever. Nice work with the duties sign up, the nametags/vests and work connecting with the Honorary President.
- Thanks Sue for keeping great records of our meetings and for keeping me on schedule with your emails of agenda/minutes checking and helpful suggestions all around. I appreciate all you do!
- Thanks to Andrea for doing an amazing job with the Alternate PD requests, help with Policy and all the hosting that you do for our meetings. Also, thanks for being so helpful and approachable and for handling queries throughout the year.
- Thanks to Bertha for being at the end of the email, text or phone whatever time of the day or night we ask something of you. I appreciate your diligence and quick turn around - you make us all look good!
- And of course, last but NOT least, a big thanks to each board member for representing your teachers, participating in our meetings, attending next month's Honorary President's Reception and proudly wearing your red vest as you help our delegates to have an enjoyable and meaningful convention. I love serving on this board because of the amazing people who work so well together to put on a top notch convention. I am excited to see how everything unfolds and thank each one of you in advance for the work that you will do next month:)