

PAST PRESIDENTS - BRITISH COLUMBIA ELKS ASSOCIATION

**PAST PROVINCIAL PRESIDENTS  
LIVING**

Term	Name	Home Lodge	Installed At
1978-1979	Vern Hoff	Campbell River	Surrey
1979-1980	Walter Barron	Langley	Vancouver
1980-1981	Jim Hurst	Port Coquitlam	Williams Lake
1986-1987	Terry Neuenfeldt	South Vancouver	Victoria
1987(Honorary)	Morice Kapustianyk	Langley	
1988-1989	Noel Martel	Terrace	Osoyoos
1990-1991	Laurie Belsher	Cranbrook	Chilliwack
1991-1992	Mike White	South Vancouver	Kamloops
1992-1993	Wayne Herod	Vanderhoof	Prince George
1993-1994	Dennis Wagner	Vernon	Vernon
1994-1995	John Yaslovasky	Penticton	Courtenay
1995-1996	Gary Gee	Langley	Penticton
1996-1997	John Jones	New Westminster	Langley
1997-1998	Paul Nolan	Prince George	Williams Lake
1997(Honorary)	Don Kidd	Penticton	
1999-2000	Al Edwards	North Surrey	Campbell River
2000-2001	Ed MacNaughton	Port Coquitlam	Mission
2001-2002	Pat Kearns	Kelowna	Terrace
2002-2003	Frank Keillor	Kelowna	Salmon Arm
2003-2004	Denis Heppelle	Nanaimo	White Rock
2004-2005	Jerry Wernicke	Chilliwack	Prince George
2005-2006	George Hopkins	Revelstoke	Osoyoos
2006-2007	Jim Murphy	Chilliwack	Kamloops
2007-2008	Arnie Zimmerman	Williams Lake	Vancouver
2008-2009	Larry Mazur	Kamloops	Williams Lake
2009-2010	Larry Mazur	Kamloops	White Rock
2010-2011	Larry Mazur	Kamloops	Vancouver

**PAST PROVINCIAL PRESIDENTS  
DECEASED**

J.P. Murphy (1928-1929)	Geo. Roadnight (1929-1930)	Thomas Hill (1930-1931)
W. Mason (1931-1932)	Walter Harris (1932-1933)	Robert Storie (1933-1934)
John Sutton (1934-1935)	Mobly Stewart (1935-1936)	J.B. Paine (1936-1937)
Harrison Piele (1937-1938)	C.A. Vaughan (1938-1939)	A.J. Follis (1939-1940)
J. Roberts (1940-1941)	P.C. Paine (1941-1942)	A. Hinson (1942-1943)
J.R. Homes (1943-1944)	E. Handlin (1944-1945)	J.C. MacDonald (1945-1946)
Doug Smithers (1946-1947)	J. Robertson (1947-1948)	W.J. Cousins (1948-1949)
Reg. Hook (1949-1950)	Art Webb (1950-1951)	W.J. Alton (1951-1952)
D.H. Currie (1952-1953)	D.K. Robinson (1953-1954)	W.J. Francis (1954-1955)
V.A. Taylor (1955-1956)	G.T. Kinkade (1956-1957)	G. Art Van (1957-1958)
H.R. Geddis (1958-1959)	Art Dodsworth (1959-1960)	Doug Moore (1960-1961)
Bill W. Thompson (1961-1962)	Ken Riley (1962-1963)	H.R. Gunderson (1963-1964)
Cec. Wright (1964-1965)	Bruce Weese (1965-1966)	George Henry (1966-1967)
Neil McKerracher (1967-1968)	Ted Carnegie (1968-1969)	W.C. Wood (1969-1970)
Gar Bruce (1970-1971)	Ed Rowell (H) (1970)	Dave Seymour (1971-1972)
Jack Sharples (1972-1973)	Dave Minto (1973-1974)	Vic. Dyck (1974-1975)
Peter Zeleny (1975-1976)	Ralph Laird (1976-1977)	Stan Fleming (1977-1978)
Frank Favali (1981-1982)	Jim Foffonoff (1982-1983)	Clem Frechette (1983-1984)
Ernie Sales (1984-1985)	Mike Shiskin (1985-1986)	N. Schellenberg (1987-1988)
Ed Anderson (1989-1990)	Don Carlson (H) (1991)	Andy Anderson (H) (1994)
Henry Chung (H) (1997)	Doug Manson (1998-1999)	

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# HOUR OF ELEVEN

## To Our Members:

**The Clock of their day has stopped...across its face the motionless shadows mark the hour of eleven...our period of recollection.**

Burnaby No. 497:	Wm Charyn (6085), Jeffrey Hoy (7532), Wally McMahon (8213)
Cariboo No. 239:	E. Roy Astle (4499)
Chilliwack No. 48:	Art Hurston (13409)
Courtenay No. 60:	Ernest Pisto (3092)
Kamloops No. 44:	John Milton (1222/0), Wilhelm Koehler (65011)
Kelowna No. 52:	Orville Likes (3303), Alf James (2476), Stan Kowalchuk (8714), Bert Starling (2601), Ivan Leslie (20321), Peter Tomic (2616)
Lake Cowichan No. 293:	don Rich (5559), Ron Nielson
MacKenzie No. 547:	John Selkirk (68273)
Nanaimo No. 26:	Brian Wood (11208)
North Kamloops No. 469:	David Gordon Henderson (7100), Eric Walter Haywood (7319)
Oliver No. 267:	Trent Alance Vittorio (61600), John Hovanec (23365), Lyall Harrison (3897)
Penticton No. 51:	Vern Schroyen (5654), Sylvia Lockwood (58355), Xavier Suarez (55948), William Riley (2236), Doreen Brunen (69051)
Port Coquitlam No. 49:	Harry Boland (69651/786), William Lusney
Quesnel No. 298:	Anne Sales (53685), Doug Chandler (5629)
South Vancouver No. 55:	Frank Lee (7891), William Hughes (63332)
Smithers No. 240:	Lawence Thistle (4740)
Vancouver No. 1:	Walter Peterson (4), Bob Baker (23610), Bill Leas (65)
Vanderhoof No. 473:	Fisher Haws (7187)
Vernon No. 45:	David Martin (58430)
Victoria No. 2:	Fran Richardson (5097), J.W. Birtwistle (324)



**BRITISH COLUMBIA ELKS ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2011-2012**

President	Dina Wolansky	Kamloops	No. 44
Immed. Past President	Deb Sallenback	Langley	No. 259
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Al Cormons	Nanaimo	No. 26
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Jacqueline Allain	Langley	No. 259
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Dave Deyette	Aldergrove	No. 66
4 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Dave Sallenback	Langley	No. 259
5 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Laurie Meier	Prince George	No. 122

**B.C. ELKS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2011-2012**

<b>JUDICIARY COMMITTEE</b>			
Don Kidd, Chairman	Penticton	No. 51	(250) 496-5125
Larry Mazur	Kamloops	No. 44	(250) 376-581
Mike Edwards (Legal Counsel)	Cloverdale	No. 335	(604) 581-4793
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>			
Denis Heppelle, Chairman	Nanaimo	No. 26	(250) 758-5595
Al Cormons	Nanaimo	No. 26	(250) 573-4692
Ray Hunt	White Rock	No. 431	(604) 541-2628
<b>MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE</b>			
John Yazlovasky, Chairman	Penticton	No. 51	(250) 492-2046
Paul Nolan	Prince George	No. 122	(250) 964-7347
Kay Heuer	Nanaimo	No. 26	(250) 741-8308
Laurie Meier	Prince George	No. 122	(250) 564-6336
Ron Warren	Terrace	No. 425	(250) 975-1698
<b>RITUAL COMMITTEE</b>			
John Yazlovasky	Penticton	No. 51	(250) 492-2046
Mike White	Kamloops	No. 44	(250) 573-2426
<b>CONFERENCE PLANNING</b>			
Al Cormons, Chairman	Nanaimo	No. 26	(250) 722-3294
Dina Wolansky	Kamloops	No. 44	(250) 573-4632
Ernie Karalus	Delta	No. 531	(604) 590-4700
<b>SPORTS</b>			
Paul Nolan, Liaison	Prince George	No. 122	(250) 964-7347
Arnie Zimmerman	Bowling – Caribou	No. 239	(250) 392-5451
	Darts – Penticton	No. 51	Penticton No. 51
<b>SPECIAL SERVICES</b>			
Roger Butler, Chairman	Port Coquitlam	No. 49	(604) 584-9379
Cam Ross	Aldergrove	No. 66	(604) 583-6010
<b>PLANNING COMMITTEE</b>			

Al Cormons, Chairman	Nanaimo	No. 26	(250) 722-3294
Deb Sallenback	Langley	No.259	(604) 856-3559
Dina Wolansky	Kamloops	No. 44	(250) 573-4632
Mike Wolansky	Kamloops	No. 44	(250) 573-4632
Dave Sallenback	Langley	No. 259	(604) 856-3559
Jacqueline Allain	Langley	No. 259	(604) 805-3437
Dave Deyette	Aldergrove	No.66	(604) 856-9559
Laurie Meier	Prince George	No. 122	(250) 564-6336
Don Kidd, Judiciary	Penticton	No. 51	(250) 496-5125
Denis Heppelle, Finance	Nanaimo	No. 26	(250) 758-5595
Norm Elliot, Exec. Admin	Aldergrove	No. 66	(250) 758-559
Tom Kirk	Smithers	No. 240	(250) 847-2823
Al Edwards, Facilitator	White Rock	No. 431	(604)
<b>LODGE ADVISORY</b>			
Deb Sallenback, Chairman	Langley	No. 259	(604)856-3559
Reinhold Gerl	Kelowna	No. 52	(250) 860-7279

### OPENING CEREMONIES

The Official Opening of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual BC Elks Association Conference was duly and properly opened by the BC Elks President, Deb Sallenback with the assistance of the Provincial Officers present and occupying stations were:

President	Deb Sallenback
Immediate Past President	Larry Mazur
1st Vice President	Dina Wolansky
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Al Cormons
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Jacqueline Allain
4 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Dave Deyette
5 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Dave Sallenback

### PROVINCIAL PATROL TEAM

Mike White (Kamloops No. 44)	John Yazlovasky (Penticton No. 51)
Mike Wolansky (Kamloops No. 44)	Paul Nolan (Prince George No. 122)
Steve Clark (Langley No. 259)	Arnie Zimmerman (Caribou No. 239)

**CIVIC DIGNITARIES:** No Civic Dignitaries were present

### PAST PROVINCIAL PRESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE

Jim Hurst (1980-1981)	Noel Martel (1988-1989)
Mike White (1991-1992)	Wayne Herod (1992-1993)
John Yazlovasky (1993-1994)	Gary Gee (1995-1996)
Paul Nolan (1997-1998)	Don Kidd (1997-1998 H)
Pat Kearns (2001-2002)	Denis Heppelle (2003-2004)
Jerry Wernicke (2004-2005)	Arnie Zimmerman (2007-2008)
Larry Mazur (2008-09-10-11)	

### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Dave Hurley	Grand Exalted Ruler
Jerry Wernicke	Grand Leading Knight

### PRESIDENT, BC ROYAL PURPLE ASSOCIATION

Sharron Makus

### SUPREME LODGE OFFICERS

Lynda Nolan Supreme Honored Royal Lady

### PAST SUPREME HONORED ROYAL LADIES

**B.C. ROYAL PURPLE PAST PROVINCIAL PRESIDENTS:**

Eleanor Vernon	(1995-1996)	Pat Anderson	(1996-1997)
Gladys Pelkey-Currie	(1997-1998)	Marie Thistle	(1998-1999)
Barbara Gee	(1999-2000)	Sheila Falk	(2000-2001)
Irene McMurtrie	(2001-2002)	Lynda Nolan	(2003-2004)
Ruth Kerpan	(2004-2005)	Ellen Hammer	(2005-2006)
Regina MacLean	(2006-2007)	Eleanor Scott	(2007-2008)
Joan Popovich	(2008-2009)	Marjorie Bacconier	(2009-2010)

**Penticton Exalted Ruler:** Gail Pylpiw

**Penticton Conference Chairman:** Don Kidd

***Presentation of Trophies***

**Vern Hoff Membership Trophy** presented to **Oliver Elks No. 267**. Membership Increase: 30 members or 31%. Presented by John Yazlovasky, Provincial membership Chairman

**Vic Dyck Camp Directors Trophy** for the most donations per capita to the Elks camp Society. Presented to **Aldergrove Elks No. 66**. Total Contributions: \$15,098.95. Membership: 36. Per Capita \$503.30. Presented by Dave Deyette, Camp Committee Chairman to Norm Elliot

**Bill Cousins Trophy** for the highest contribution per capita to the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children. **Terrace Elks No. 425**. Total contribution: \$9,277.00. Membership: 25. Per Capita: \$371.08. Presented by: Grand Exalted Ruler, Dave Hurley to Glenn Holmes

**DONATIONS TO THE ELKS AND ROYAL PURPLE FUND FOR CHILDREN**

Salmon Arm Royal Purple No. 279	2,000.00	Kelowna Royal Purple	1,000.00
Merritt Royal Purple	200.00	Terrace Royal Purple	5,000.00
Courtenay Royal Purple	1,000.00		
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$9,200.00</b>

**PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES BY B.C. HEARING RESOURCE CENTRE**

Oliver Elks No. 469

Parksville-Qualicum Elks No. 589

North Kamloops Elks No. 469

Salmon Arm Royal Purple No. 279

**DONATIONS TO THE B.C. HEARING RESOURCE SOCIETY**

Keremeos Royal Purple	200.00	Merritt Royal Purple	200.00
Salmon Arm Royal Purple	2,000.00	Kelowna Royal Purple	1,000.00
Cloverdale Elks No. 335	1,600.00	Terrace Royal Purple	1,000.00
North Kamloops Royal Purple	2,000.00	BC Royal Purple Ass	135.07
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$8,135.07</b>

**DONATIONS TO THE ELKS RECREATION CHILDREN'S CAMP SOCIETY**

Peter Howard	200.00	Urkainian Women's Assn	100.00
North Kamloops Roul Purple	2,000.00	Chilliwack Elks	5,000.00

BC Royal Purple Association	1,386.00	Penticton Elks	4,500.00
Keremeos Elks	150.00	Kelowna Royal Purple No. 56	500.00
Kelowna Elks No. 52	1,000.00	White Rock Elks No. 431	4,000.00
Salmon Arm Royal Purple No. 279	2,000.00	BCRP District No. 10	189.71
Prince George Elks No. 122	10,000.00	Lloyd Gatzke	20.00
Wreath Sales	3,400.00		
Fines	414.63	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$34,425.71</b>

**MOTION: Mike White (Kamloops No. 44)/Wayne Herod (Vanderhoof No.. 473):** That the Sheriffs Fines be donated to the Camp Society. **CARRIED**

**MOTION: Tom Essery (Caribou 239)/Wayne Herold Vanderhoof No. 473)** To adopt the Minutes of the 2010 B.C. Elks Conference Held on the Zuiderdam on an Alaskan cruise. **CARRIED**

#### CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2011 CONFERENCE IN PENTICTON

<b>Region No. 1</b>		<b>Region No. 2</b>		<b>Region No. 3</b>	
Agassiz No. 311	1	Alberni Valley No. 101	0	Aldergrove No. 66	2
Burnaby No. 497	0	Campbell River No. 373	0	Chilliwack No. 48	3
Mission No. 30	0	Courtenay No. 60	0	Cloverdale No. 335	2
Port Coquitlam No. 49	1	Duncan No. 69	3	Delta No. 531	0
South Vancouver No. 55	0	Lake Cowichan No. 293	0	Langley No. 259	7
Squamish No. 119	1	Nanaimo No. 26	3	White Rock No. 431	3
Vancouver No. 1	1	Parksville-Qualicum No.589	3		
		Victoria No. 2	1		
<b>Total Region 1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Total Region 2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Total Region 3</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Region No. 4</b>		<b>Region No. 5</b>		<b>Region No. 6</b>	
Grand Forks No. 493	0	Cache Creek/Ashcroft	0	Houston No. 533	0
Kelowna No. 52	3	Cariboo No. 239	2	McBride No. 247	0
Keremeos No. 56	0	Clearwater No. 499	0	Mackenzie No. 547	1
Oliver No. 267	0	Kamloops No. 44	7	Prince George No. 122	3
Osoyoos No. 436	0	Lillooet No. 467	2	Prince Rupert No. 342	0
Penticton No. 51	5	Merritt No. 441	0	Quesnel No. 298	0
Princeton No. 280	0	North Kamloops No. 469	2	Smithers No. 240	0
Trail No. 50	2	Revelstoke No. 453	0	Terrace No. 425	4
Vernon No. 45	0	Salmon Arm No. 455	4	Vanderhoof No. 473	1
Westside No. 592					
<b>Total Region 4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Total Region 5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Total Region 6</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Total Voting Delegates:</b>	<b>67</b>				
<b>Total Visitors (Non-Voting):</b>	<b>8</b>				
					<b>Total Attendance at Conference: 75</b>
<b>BC Elks Association Officers:</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Grand Exalted Rulers</b>		<b>1</b>	
<b>BC Past Presidents:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Past Grand Exalted Rulers:</b>		<b>2</b>	
<b>Grand Lodge Officers:</b>	<b>2</b>				

**MOTION: Steve Clark (Langley No. 259)/Jerry Wernicke (Chilliwack No. 48):** Acceptance of the Credential Committee Report. **CARRIED**

#### DELEGATES AT CONFERENCE

**Region No. 1:**

Agassiz No. 311:	Jack Kramer
Burnaby No, 497:	Nil
Mission No. 30:	Nil
Port Coquitlam No. 49:	Jim Hurst (PPP)
South Vancouver No. 55:	Nil
Squamish No. 119:	Tracy Tuck

Vancouver No. 1:

Art Currie

**Region No. 2:**

Alberni Valley No. 101:

Nil

Campbell River No. 373:

Nil

Courtenay No. 60:

Nil

Duncan No. 69:

Albert Scholtens, Shelvern Henry, Robert Forrest

Lake Cowichan No. 293:

Nil

Nanaimo No. 26:

Denis Heppelle (PPP), Al Cormons (2ndVP), Kay Heuer (ER)

Parksville-Qualicum No. 589:

George Shipley, Ralph Bunker, David Schellenberg

Victoria No. 2:

John Preidt

**Region No. 3:**

Aldergrove No. 66:

Dave Deyette (4<sup>th</sup> VP), Norm Elliot (ex Admin)

Chilliwack No. 48:

Jerry Wernicke (PPP), Bev Wernicke, Ron Molnar

Cloverdale No. 335:

Roberta Hall, Larry Norman

Delta No. 531:

Nil

Langley No. 259:

Dave Sallenback (5<sup>th</sup> VP), Deb Sallenback (Pres), Jacqueline Allain (3rdVP), Gary Gee (PPP), Leonard Bierwirth, Steve Clark, Tina Deyette, Barbara Gee

White Rock No. 43:

Albert Bueckert, Ray Francoeur (ER)

**Region No. 4:**

Grand Forks No. 493:

Nil

Kelowna No. 52:

Reinhold Gerl (ER), Pat Kearns (PPP), Eileen Kearns

Keremeos No. 56:

Nil

Oliver No. 267:

Nil

Osoyoos No. 436:

Nil

Penticton No. 51:

Don Kidd (PPP), John Yazlovasky (PPP), Gail Pylypiw, William Kelly, George Kroeger, Edwin Lucas, Sharon Kennedy, Bill Sawarin, Grace Sawarin

Princeton No. 240

Nil

Trail No. 50:

Nil

Vernon No. 45:

Bill McDonald, Ole Sather

Westside No. 592:

Nil

**Region No. 5:**

Cache Creek/Ashcroft:

Nil

Cariboo No. 239:

Arnie Zimmerman (PPP), Tom Essery

Clearwater No. 499:

Nil

Kamloops No. 44:

Larry Mazur (ImPP), Mike White (PPP), Mike Wolansky, Dina Wolansky (1stVP), Doug Hayner, Donna Mazur, Gene Morrow

Lillooet No. 467:

Maurice Isackson, Ron MacDonald

Merritt No. 441:

Nil

North Kamloops No. 469:

Paul Jorgensen, Garth MacLean

Revelstoke No. 453:

Nil

Salmon Arm No. 455:

Bill Hammer, Phil McLeod, Ron Reddecliff, Lorraine Vaugeois

**Region No. 6:**

Houston No. 533:

Nil

McBride No. 247:

Nil

Mackenzie No. 547:

Lloyd Gatzke

Prince George No. 122:

Paul Nolan (PPP), Laurie Meier, Harold Hartshorne

Prince Rupert No. 342:

Nil

Quesnel No. 298:

Nil

Smithers No. 240:

Nil

Terrace No. 425:

Glenn Holmes, Noel Martel (PPP), William Christy, Ron Warren

Vanderhoof No. 473:

Wayne Herod (PPP)

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2011-2012**

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Nominated:	<u>Dina Wolansky</u>	By Acclamation
	Nominated by:	Jerry Wernicke, Chilliwack No. 48	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	Nominated:	Al Cormons	By Acclamation
	Nominated by:	John Yazlovasky, Penticton No. 51	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Nominated:	Jacqueline Allain	By Acclamation
	Nominated by:	Mike White, Kamloops No. 44	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Nominated:	Dave Deyette	By Acclamation
	Nominated by:	Don Kidd, Penticton No. 51	
<b>4<sup>TH</sup> VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Nominated:	Dave Sallenback	By Acclamation
	Nominated by:	Mike Wolansky, Kamloops No. 44	
<b>5<sup>th</sup> VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Nominated:	Laurie Meier	
	Nominated by:	Harold Hartshorne, Prince George No. 122	
	Nominated:	Kay Heuer	
	Nominated by:	Denis Heppelle, Nanaimo No. 26	
	Elected:	Laurie Meier, Prince George No. 122	By Vote
<b>CONFERENCE 2012 – Delta Elks No. 531</b>			
CONFERENCE 2013 – no bids received			

**MOTION:** *Mike Wolansky (Kamloops No. 44/ Harold Hartshorne (Prince George No. 122) To destroy all ballots. CARRIED*

**MOTION:** *Gary Gee (Langley No. 259)/ Jim Hurst (Port Coquitlam No. 49): That all reports be received en block. CARRIED*

#### REPORT OF THE B.C. ELKS PRESIDENT – DEB SALLENBACK

This year has been a somewhat busy but extremely rewarding year for me. I am sorry it has to come to an end. The Members of BC are generous, caring, supportive people and I am honored to know them.

Thank You to everyone that opened their doors to me and made me Welcome in their homes, Thank You to the Lodges for your Hospitality you truly are Great Elks.

I have made all my scheduled visits and have attended 4 Anniversaries this year in Chilliwack, Langley, Mission & Oliver, as well as the Dart Tournament held in Courtney and the Bowling Tournament in Salmon Arm. Dave and I finally made it to the Keremeos Elks Rodeo this year and they put me to right to work and I was also a guest in their annual May Day Parade.

On the National Scale I attended the National Convention in Yellowknife and the National Presidents meetings in Regina last October.

I would like to Thank everyone for your support during my term and especially my nominator and friend Gary Gee. A special Thanks to Bonnie and Norm of the Association office, Bonnie I couldn't have done it without you and to Norm you were a great help to me. Thank You to the Executive and Committee Chairs without whose help would be impossible to complete the tasks of the President.

Fraternally, Deb Sallenback, President BC Elks Association

Worthy Grand Exalted Ruler, Grand Lodge Officers, Association Executive Officers, Brother and Sister Elks,

As my term as Immediate Past Provincial President of the B.C. Elks Association draws to a close, for the second year, I would like to thank all those who opened their homes and extended their hospitality for myself and my wife Donna.

As a member of the Executive, since appointed as Immediate Past President in November 2010, I have attended or participated in all meetings and conference calls as required as the IPPP.

During the past few years we have been able to visit many Lodges in B.C. and I strongly feel that the opinions of many, about five years ago, that our Order will exist for another 10 years, was in vain. We in British Columbia are still strong and with new Lodges such as Cache Creek/Ashcroft still willing to serve their community this trend will continue. There are some Lodges with problems but I feel that with the assistance available, whether financial, moral, or administrative, they can perserver if help is requested from either from the B.C. Elks Association or from Grand Lodge.

The honour was bestowed upon me to represent the Grand Exalted Ruler and the B.C. Provincial President during the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Revelstoke Elks Lodge on November 20<sup>th</sup> 2010.

I have made all required Lodge visits, as Regional Director, in Region 5 and Chaired the Annual Spring meeting in Clearwater April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

One of my greatest concerns is how the lack of funding from the B.C. Gaming Commission will affect the future support of our Elks Charities. I understand many Lodge applications for Direct Access have been refused. We as Lodges may have to rethink our past and get some projects together to raise funds to support our children and families in our communities if requested. One thing to remember is that we do have Elks Charities that should be considered first.

Fraternally Larry Mazur, Immediate Past Provincial President

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY 2010-2011**

The Executive of the BC Elks Association would like to give all those delegates in attendance a hearty Welcome and Thanks for attending the 83rd Annual Conference of the BC Elks Association.

We have been working hard again this past year in organizing the 2 day Conference and are in the last year of the 2 year trial period for the Regional Directors. We would like to see some good discussions on the floor this year in regards to District Deputies versus Regional Directors so that we can make the decision that is for the best of the Association. We have done our best to meet the expectations of all.

#### Conference Planning

This is the second year of the proposed two day Conference replacing the previous four day schedule, with business sessions set for Saturday and Sunday and the social events otherwise. This worked well in White Rock in 2009 although proved a rather hectic meeting defined time frames. The same situation was created this year but through the diligence of Penticton Lodge was found to be workable.

It is recommended we continue with this format, fine tuning as we go along. Should a change be desired in future, Article 4.1 in the Constitution & By-Laws provides "Conference time to be established by the Executive and approved at Conference", thus we need not state specific time frames within the by-laws, it is up to the Executive to decide and recommend. Eliminating the pre-Conference joint Executive meeting this year with the consent of both Executives is an example of a time saver. Leaving it up to the Past Presidents to set up and arrange their own meeting is another. Both of these changes would allow all delegates to inter-mix.

The 2012 Conference is to be hosted by Delta Lodge, while Grand Lodge celebrating 100 years of Elkdom is set for Chilliwack. With both of these events set within our own bailiwick affords every opportunity for all members to attend both events.

### Planning

The planning committee consists of the B.C. Elks Executive and 3 Lodge members. During meetings this past year the committee felt that our plan will be guided by our Mission Statement and Vision Statement. Our Mission Statement tells us what we are. Our Vision Statement tells us where we want to go or what we want our organization to become.

Our Mission Statement: An Association of Lodges in B.C. Supporting and Coordinating Fraternal and Charitable Endeavour's of its Members.

At present this Association does not have a Vision Statement. After lengthy discussion and many revisions, with much input from everyone present, the following was agreed to be the proposed Vision Statement.

To be a Recognizable, Volunteer Organization Focusing on Helping Children, Communities, and Families, and Meeting members Needs through Fraternal and Social Activities.

This committee is open to feed back from the membership on planning our future. Where are we, where do we want to go, or what do we want to be seen as an organization in our community.

### Sports

It seems that curling is a dying sport as there seems to be no interest in getting anything going in BC. Although we had a team that was going to try and go to the tournament in Alberta, they unfortunately were unable to participate due to work commitments.

The Provincial Darts were held in Courtenay this year with the Nationals in Yellowknife. Next years Provincial Darts will be held in Penticton.

The Provincial Bowling was held in Salmon Arm this year and the attendance for that was down as well. Lets hope that this is not another of our activities that is going to die off.

These sports venues are activities to bring the Membership of BC together for some good fun, a little competition and most importantly Fraternalism. Encourage your Members to come out for a night of bowling or darts and they may surprise themselves by having some fun.

### Membership

The Planning Committee is working hard to develop a plan for the recruitment, retention and revitalization of the Membership. With 2012 and our 100th Anniversary around the corner, we need to focus on growing and maintaining to stop this downward trend. Always have a Membership application or even a Membership kit on hand with you in the event you stumble across a potential member. If you have someone that may be interested, take them out for coffee or lunch and tell them what the Elks is all about.

Remember the way to keep the members in your Lodge is to keep them busy, plan events for them to get out and become involved in the community. We need to get in the faces of our Communities so that they will know Who the Elks are and Why we are there.

### General Observations

In discussions with the membership at large, we hear comments with the "we/they" mind set when looking at the overall performance of the Association and the concept, what does the Association do for us/ Lodge. Let's start by understanding that the Association is the Lodges consisting of the general membership and that's you. The Association was chartered in 1929 with 29 Lodges and has been active for 83 years. Any major decisions are made by the members as delegates at the annual conferences. Some of those decisions have been those recommended by individual members, lodges, regions and from the Association Executive of the day. The decisions made are on democratic bases and while it is understandable that not every member is able to attend conferences in order to carry out the mandate and business of the Association, we need to operate on a general consensus based on the Association constitution.

The following are some of the results of the Association (you) undertakings:

1. Up to 1995, the Association paid rent for their premises. Since the Association acquired real estate we now have an asset with an assessed value of \$312,000 and market value of \$350,000. As of the year 2010 the Association building has no mortgage or other liability registered on the property.
2. In 1994, allocation for overhead was \$109,105. When considering 17 years and inflation, the overhead allocation for 2010 was \$88,575. This reflects prudent administration of costs and this process was accomplished by you as delegates in approval of the annual budgets.
3. The members through the Association started the Society of the Elks Recreational Children's Camps. which over the years evolved from 1 camp to 4.
4. The Camps are operated through your Association office utilizing one staff member and a part time Executive Administrator. We also have a Camp Chairman under the Direction of the Board of the Society which consists of the members of the Elks Association and two members of the Ladies of the Royal Purple.
5. We established a fundraising program and while not necessarily popular has generated over \$1,000,000 since its inception. This is money that our camps would not have otherwise and contributes to 1/3 of our annual cash flow requirements.
6. We have controlled the members assessment fee increases which in 1994 was \$7.75 and is now only \$12.00
7. We have representation on the Board of Trade, Gaming Commission and we are a member of the Charity Gaming Association.
8. We produce the B.C. Elks magazine and B.C. on the Move
9. We have organized 7 committees, some of which over the years have been restructured to reduce costs.
10. We have established a co-pay program for advertisement and is available to all Lodges.
11. Through prudent financial responsibility, you as members of the Association have now generated a \$70,000 positive cash position.
12. We have organized a Lodge Advisory Committee which while not used necessarily by every Lodge is available upon request. There have been Lodges who have been assisted when they requested help and have appreciated the assistance provide by other members of the Association. Remember, this assistance is available to any Lodge who feels they could use advice or need help in structuring and carrying out their Lodge activities.
13. Over the years we have reduced the number of Executive. However under the present program with the Executive responsible for visitation and assistance in the various regions, it is proving to be more effective with the incumbents being more knowledgeable of all regions rather than just a few. Reporting on each Lodge is more comprehensive when done by the Executive. It is much easier to consider various alternatives in order to assist those Lodges in need.
14. With the utilization of the Membership committee the Association is endeavoring to look at alternative ways in which to overcome the attrition of our membership. As we all appreciate, this is an ongoing challenge and we need to work towards creating new ideas in order to meet the challenge.

While we could go on, the point we are trying to make is that you as members of the Lodges have made the decisions that have resulted in the above plus other decisions not covered here. As an Association with the various Executives throughout the years, you have accomplished a lot and do provide many services to your Lodges.

#### Premises

The B.C. Elks Association building is fully rented generating revenue of \$38,400 annually. All leases are on a month to month basis. This has helped by not requiring an increase in member's assessment fees. The

building is in good repair and we are not aware of any untoward costs that may be incurred by the Strata Ownership Association.

Administration

The overhead costs continue to be maintained at a conservative level. Due to increase in building costs for heat light and water etc. over head has increased by \$2,779 from 2010. However this was offset with an increase rental of \$12,000. While there is no major capital expenses contemplated, the office has been advised to update the computer system and an amount of \$2,000 capital expense has been budgeted for this purpose.

Programs

1. Co-Pay Association assists in Lodge advertising up to \$150.00 per advertisement
2. B.C. Lodge on the Move-Information is circulated to all Lodges when provided by Lodges who wish to have this information circulated to other Lodges.
3. Membership awards to members who bring in new members.
4. Government Liaison with Gaming and other Regulators
5. Lodge Advisory assistance for individual lodges

As we close, the BC Elks Executive would like to thank the Penticton Elks for the time they took out of their busy lives to organize this Conference. Thank you to the members for taking the time to attend. We hope that you have enjoyed yourself here in Penticton and we hope to see you all next year in Delta. Take Care and Have a safe trip home or to where ever the roads may take you.

Fraternally, BC Elks Executive 2010-2011

**REPORT OF THE B.C. PAST PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION**

Worthy President, Members of Executive, and Delegates

We are a group of members who are still very active in our own lodges and the B.C. Elks Association.

We have all assumed positions of authority throughout our time in Elkdom and are always willing to assist at any level when asked to lend a helping hand. It is not our intention to try and run the Executive of the day but only to assist if requested.

During the past year we were not very active, however, we all do have a keen interest in our Association and at this Conference if any member is seeking a nomination please feel free to contact one of us to be your nominator.

Sister President it has been a pleasure to work with you and your executive the past year and we wish you good deliberations at this conference.

Fraternally, R. Jerry Wernicke, President

<b>DIRECT DONATIONS TO THE B.C. FAMILY HEARING RESOURCE SOCIETY APRIL 1, 2010 TO MARCH 31, 2011</b>			
We have been advised that the following donations were received direct from the following Lodges for the period of April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011. This is in addition to the \$120,000.00 donated by the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children. .			
<b><u>ELKS</u></b>			
Agassiz	100.00	Burnaby	2,500.00
Chilliwack	300.00	Cloverdale	2,700.00
Delta	1,500.00	Langley	1,800.00
North Kamloops	3,000.00	Oliver	3,000.00
Parksville/Qualicum	3,000.00	Prince George	500.00
Prince Rupert	2,000.00	Salmon Arm	2,000.00
Smithers	1,500.00	Vancouver	20.00
White Rock	1,000.00	Westside	100.00

		<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$25,020.00</u></b>
<b><u>ROYAL PURPLE</u></b>			
Ashcroft	200.00	District No. 1	281.11
Past Presidents	50.00	Aldergrove	1,000.00
Courtenay	1,000.00	Kamloops	1,000.00
Kelowna	2,500.00	Lillooet	500.00
Merritt	525.00	Nanaimo	2,000.00
North Surrey	2,000.00	Oliver	500.00
Osoyoos	250.00	Port Coquitlam	1,000.00
Prince Rupert	2,000.00	Salmon Arm	3,000.00
Smithers	50.00	Terrace	2,000.00
Vancouver	500.00	Vernon	500.00
Victoria	100.00	Kelowna	437.12
BCRPA	183.63	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$21,576.86</u></b>
Total Elks Lodges			=\$ 25,020.00
Total Royal Purple Lodges			=\$ 21,576.86
Elks and Royal Purple Fund For Children:			= \$120,000.00
Elks Walkathon Proceeds			= \$ 10,535.02
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>			<b><u>\$177,131.88</u></b>

**REPORT OF THE ELKS AND ROYAL PURPLE FUND FOR CHILDREN  
BC MANAGEMENT DIVISION CONFERENCE 2011**

We would like to thank the Associations for asking us to continue to serve on this committee. The Fund for Children is our number one charity and we are proud to be a part of it.

The National Charities Committee has developed a new application form. It is a little more detailed and will be easier to follow. Please be sure that the Lodge Charity chairperson is given the instruction booklet and the new form so that he/she can become familiar with the new procedures. Incorrect applications will be returned, resulting in delays in getting assistance to the children.

Continue to promote the Fund in your communities. There are a number of items available from the Fund for Children to help you. Some are free, some cost a nominal amount but all are great tools. For a complete list check out the Elks website.

The Fund continues to provide scholarships through our association with CASLPA (Canadian Association of Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists). The latest issue of the Canadian Elk has a good article on the scholarships, some thank you letters from some of the recipients, and some info on what some of them are now doing.

At the time of the writing of this report we had not yet received the year-end statistics but the figures we know of are alarming. Donations are down around 45 percent. We cannot continue to sustain this kind of decrease. Please, please, please try to at least maintain last year's level of donations. The need does not go away.

We will hopefully be able to give you the year end stats at this Conference but we include them to the end of December, 2010.

The following is a breakdown of the BC figures received for the period May 1, 2010 to Dec. 31, 2010:

Elks Donations	\$84,715.92
Personal Assistance	<u>28,138.90</u>
Net	\$56,577.02

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR WERE \$114,550.88, A DROP OF \$29,834.96

Royal Purple Donations	\$24,301.24
Personal Assistance	<u>16,597.29</u>
Net	\$7,703.95

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR WERE \$44,310.21, A DROP OF \$20,008.97.

Our commitment to the BC Family Hearing Resource Society has been \$120,000 per annum. This money comes out of the BC Division funds with any shortfall coming from the National fund. We are concerned that the National Fund will not have the funds to cover a substantial shortfall so we must try to generate more funds for the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children.

We would like to thank the Executives of both Associations for appointing us to this committee. It is important work and we thank all of you for your support.

Royal Purple Contribution Credits:

2009-2010	\$60,205.89
2010-2011	<u>\$36,596.63</u>
	<\$23,609.20>

Royal Purple membership stands at 650 members with a per capita contribution of \$56.30.

Elks contribution Credits:

2009-2010	\$132,424.77
2010-2011	<u>\$116,359.57</u>
	<\$16,065.20>

Elks membership stands at 2,275 members with a per capita contribution of \$51.15

Royal Purple contributions are down 39.2% from last year while Elks contributions are down 12.1%. Let's try to reverse this trend.

Respectfully submitted

PSHRL Sally Hurst  
 PGER Don Kidd  
 Co-Chairmen,  
 BC Management Division,  
 Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children

**BC ELKS DONATIONS – BILL COUSINS TROPHY**

**April 1st, 2010 to March 31st, 2011**

**Highest Per Capita Contribution to the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children in British Columbia -  
 \$.00 Div by members equals \$.00 Per Member**

Lodge	No	Contribution	Membership at March 31, 2010	Per Capita
Vancouver	1	2,324.15	37	62.82
Victoria	2	1,787.25	47	38.03
Nanaimo	26	1,550.00	38	40.79
Mission	30	650.00	125	5.20
Kamloops	44	0.00	36	0.00
Vernon	45	75.00	41	1.83
Chilliwack	48	6,547.50	39	167.89
Port Coquitlam	49	8,629.00	60	143.82
Trail	50	50.00	3	16.67
Penticton	51	9,780.00	246	39.76

Kelowna	52	4,720.00	139	33.96
South Vancouver	55	20.00	14	1.43
Keremeos	56	50.00	24	2.09
Courtenay	60	50.00	76	.66
Aldergrove	66	10.00	30	0.33
Duncan	69	2,045.00	186	11.00
Alberni Valley	101	170.00	22	7.73
Squamish	119	50.00	21	2.38
Prince George	122	11,205.00	73	153.50
Cariboo	239	100.00	15	6.67
Smithers	240	550.00	25	22.00
McBride	247	925.16	19	48.69
Langley	259	5,125.00	45	113.89
Cache Creek/Ashcroft	262	0.00	13	0.00
Oliver	267	3,700.00	127	29.13
Princeton	280	0.00		0.00
Lake Cowichan	293	750.00	13	57.70
Quesnel	298	500.00	16	31.25
Agassiz	311	200.00	16	12.50
Cloverdale	335	2,236.00	24	93.17
Prince Rupert	342	1,025.00	15	68.34
Campbell River	373	1,520.00	31	49.03
Terrace	425	9,077.00	25	371.08
White Rock	431	1,050.00	102	10.30
Osoyoos	436	2,140.00	40	53.50
Merritt	441	0.00	37	0.00
Revelstoke	455	50.00	24	2.09
Salmon Arm	455	3,556.56	37	96.12
Lillooet	467	35.00	20	1.75
North Kamloops	469	3,215.00	22	146.14
Vanderhoof	473	2,000.00	18	111.12
Grand Forks	493	891.81	17	52.46
Burnaby	467	5,525.00	36	153.47
Clearwater	499	1,000.00	32	31.25
Delta	531	2,500.00	15	166.67
Houston	533	0.00		0.00
MacKenzie	547	1,000.00	58	17.24
Parksville-Qualicum	589	8,292.29	62	133.75
Westside	592	725.00	22	32.96
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>107,601.72</b>		<b>45.06</b>

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Judiciary Committee

**Don Kidd**

Worthy President, Brother and Sisters, on behalf of Larry Mazur, Jim Murphy and the writer, who constitute the Judiciary Committee, we advise as follows; the culmination of a very busy year.

I would request your undivided attention to this report which may be a little longer than normal, but deals with several very important factors, and is a preamble to several resolutions later on.

1. As most are aware, following the 2008 Conference, we entered into a 2-year pilot project to determine the feasibility and the merits of restructuring our Association by replacing the previous 8 Districts with 6 Regions with each elected Executive Officer as Regional Director. After very careful review we are of the opinion this test period met all expectations. This is an on-going system which needs your support.

Up to now we have been operating under a system which encouraged parochialism with each District Deputy being indifferent or unaware of the concerns of neighboring Districts or Lodges and failing to keep

the Executive informed of the true states of many lodges. Incidentally, this was not only true in B.C. but in almost all provinces. After the 2-year pilot project, including analysis of reports and personal interviews with all Executive members who assumed the role of Regional Director, and between them visited every Lodge in B.C., we are satisfied we are going in the right direction. Considerable benefit to both the Executive and the Administration have resulted. For the first time ever all those involved are conversant with the status of every Lodge within each Region and the province as a whole since each Regional Director is required to file a report at each Executive meeting. This was expected under the District Deputy system but never achieved due to the laxity of the majority of the District Deputies.

Under our electoral system, Executive members are elected from various parts of the province, some with little or no knowledge of the geographic or demographics relating to Lodges outside of their own home area, which should be a requisite of those rising through the chairs. Under the rotation system planned under regionalization each Executive member would be rotated through each of the six regions as he/she rises through the chairs so that by the time they become President they will have visited each region and every Lodge in the province articulating the visions of the Executive and receiving feedback which would go directly to the Executive. This system was practiced over the past two years, and with your approval will be continued.

Brothers and Sisters this is an on-going project. It is appreciated that replacing an outdated system such as the District Deputy Program is not an easy task, but is essential. Changes are long overdue, not just here in B.C. but in most other jurisdictions. We are ahead of the game, let's continue as such. Your support is urgently requested.

As the proposed resolution states, current Regional boundaries are subject to review, but will be limited as we Endeavour to balance the geographics within the six regions. Some of the smaller former Districts must be expanded. No changes will be made today pending a complete review as any proposed changes will involve more than one region. As point of interest the previous structure three districts with only five Lodges, with others up to eight. The new proposal was to see the majority at seven or eight. The bottom line is, a review will be conducted.

## 2. Constitution and By-Laws: Regulations

The next item we bring to your attention is the study we undertook as concerns the Constitution and By-Laws, including Regulations. This was also far reaching resulting in several recommended changes, none of which altered the intent of the current legislation, but merely cleaned it up incorporating many items from the Office Policy and Procedures Manual within the Regulations.

It was found to be impractical to circulate all the information to all Lodges and meet our deadline, thus we are providing each delegate with a copy of the current Constitution and By-Laws, along with a copy of the proposed new issue. It is intended we will review each of these changes on an individual basis requesting delegates "Agreement" or otherwise to each, which will then be presented enmasse via one resolution for approval of delegates rather than the onerous process of individual resolutions for each proposed change. It should be noted that the resolution deals only with changes to the Constitution and By-Laws only. Regulations do not require Conference approval for amendment.

## 3. Other Resolutions

At the time of preparing this report we have been made aware of one or two other resolutions from regions which you will find within your conference manual report book.

Respectfully submitted Don Kidd, Chairman, Judiciary Committee

<b>Lodge Advisory Committee</b>
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<b>Jerry Wernicke</b>
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Worthy President, Members of the Executive, Brother & Sister Elks

The committee this year has had a few requests for assistance. We have addressed some issues and hopefully solved a few, however, there are still lodges out there that believe they are above our jurisdiction and will not accept our assistance.

The mandate of this committee is to try and help lodges solve internal problems and respect all member concerns along with abiding by the Constitution, By-laws & Regulations, of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

As we have stated in the past it is not our intention to be the big bad inspector but only to try and help and have lodges running smoothly meeting all members needs and expectations.

At this time I would like to thank all members who have assisted us during the past year and please feel at ease to ask for our assistance if you think your lodge may need some help.

Fraternally, R. Jerry Wernicke, Chairman

<b>Membership Committee</b>
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<b>John Yazlovasky</b>
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Worthy President Debbie , B.C. Elks Executive

To start this report I thank all the Regional Directors for a job well done . This year we received a copy of there visits to every lodge in B.C. It was great because for the first time in many year we have been able to see what the status of every lodge is..

We have had two meetings in the past year . Some of the concerns of the committee after going over the lodge reports are:

1. Very few lodges have Membership Directors [ a director is very important as it is there duty to establish programs for their lodge to increase membership]
2. Only about 10 % of the lodges knew who the members were on the provincial membership committee
3. We found that there are quite a few lodges that need help to increase there membership. We are only a phone call away. If you need help please do not hesitate to ask any one on the provincial committee. We are here to help you but we cannot do anything until you ask.

We as a committee would like to setup a Life Line to every lodge Membership Director so that we can and will be able to work more efficiently in the future.

I thank my committee for all their help this past year Bro. Dave Sallenback, Nancydawn Ashberry, Kay Heuer & special thanks to Bev Wernicke for being the secretary . I also thank the Worthy President for the appointment as Chairman.

Fraternally, Membership Committee Chairman, John Yazlovasky

<b>Sports Committee</b>
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<b>Bev Wernicke</b>
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Worthy Sister President, Deb Sallenback, B.C. Elks Executive, Brother & Sister Elks,

As Chairman of the B.C. Sports Committee, I am also a member of the Membership Committee. We held two meetings this year, both being held in Chilliwack.

### **National Curling**

We had anticipated a team from Revelstoke to attend the National Curling in Hanna, Alberta in March, however, members of the team could not get time off work to attend. Attendance at the Nationals was down again this year.

### **Darts**

Provincial Darts was hosted by Courtenay Elks Lodge #60 March 17 – 19<sup>th</sup>, under the direction of Dave Willington, and again this lodge is to be commended for it's efficiency in putting on this event. We have our line up ready to attend the Nationals in Yellowknife May 25 – 28. As this is a costly venture, some of the Provincial winners could not commit to attend Yellowknife, and alternates had to be found. Once

again, if members are not willing to commit to attend the Nationals, it makes it hard for the hosting lodge to coordinate attendance. Best of luck to all dart players. The 2012 tournament will be hosted by Penticton Lodge #51.

### **Bowling**

Salmon Arm Lodge #455 is hosting the bowling tournament the weekend of May 7<sup>th</sup>. At the time of writing this report, we have only 9 teams registered. We try to at least have 12 teams. These teams need only have two of the five members as Elks or Royal Purple, yet every year we are scrambling to find bowlers. I know Peter Klymchuck and his team from Salmon Arm are working hard to put together this tournament.

A special thank you to the host lodges for putting on the Provincial tournaments – it takes a lot of time and effort for these events to be successful.

At this time, I would like to thank the B.C. Elks Association Executive for their continued support to the Sports Committee. Also, a big thank you to Bonnie in the office for keeping the rules up to date and reports filed.

Respectfully submitted, Bev Wernicke, Chair

Darts in 2012 – Penticton, B.C.  
Bowling in 2012 - Williams Lake, B.C.

## **REGIONAL REP REPORTS**

⇒Regional Director No. 1

Dave Sallenback

Worthy Grand Exalted Ruler, Provincial President, BC Elks Executive, Brother and Sister Elks.

Vancouver Elks No. 1: This Lodge consists of Veteran members, their meeting was opened in short form and they initiated two new members on my official visit. They are active in the Community and are trying to find a more suitable lodge but with high real estate pricing in the city they have a big hurdle to cross. Financially they are secure but could use some younger members to help the future of their Lodge.

Mission Elks No. 30: This Lodge has a great building and active lounge. They are well known in the community with numerous local activities and are highly regarded by the Mayor of Mission. Mission celebrated their 90th Anniversary in March and had some members of the community join them to celebrate a family members birthday.

Port Coquitlam Elks No. 49: This Lodge has a great building in the downtown, they recently renovated their bar and added a large retractable screen to aid their rentals. They have a good core of members and work well with other organizations in the community. They are financially sound and they donate to the Elks charities as well as numerous community charities.

South Vancouver Elks No. 55: This Lodge had a round table meeting for my official visit and all members participated in the discussions. They have Bingo's, hall rentals and rent out part of the parking lot for revenue. They have a small membership but work hard together. They recently did some renovations to the hall to update the look hoping to help get more rentals.

Squamish Elks No. 119: Although this Lodge is small in membership the members work well together. They had a round table meeting on my official visit, they finished business quickly and efficiently and treat all guests in high regard. They jointly own their building with the local Mason Lodge. They have had some younger members join and these members are starting to spearhead some of the functions.

Agassiz Elks No. 311: This small Lodge conducts round table meetings and has an active lounge that attracts Dart players and locals from the community. They have a good relationship with the local Legion and have hosted successful past Provincial Dart Tournaments. Charity is primarily given locally and the

Lodge and members are well known in the community.

Burnaby Elks No. 497: This Lodge meets in the Odd Fellows Hall since selling their building. They donate all the interest that they make from their money to Local, Provincial and National charities. They have a monthly news letter that is sent to all their members informing them of upcoming events. Although their numbers are small they have good meetings and discussions about their Lodge business.

I will be revisiting Mission, Burnaby and Port Coquitlam to install their new Officers in May & June. Thank you to the Members of Region #1 for your Hospitality this past year.

Respectfully Submitted, Dave Sallenback, 5th Vice President, BC Elks Association

**Regional Director No. 2**

**Jacqueline Allain**

Worthy Grand Exalted Ruler, Worthy Sister President, BC Elks Executives, Brother and Sister Elks  
It was my pleasure serving the Order this year as Director of Region number two and wish to thank Sister President Deborah Sallenback for this opportunity.

Visits to the Lodges in this region were completed April 2011.

I chaired the Regional District meeting on April 17, 2011 with seven out of eight Lodges represent. Total members present 27. A resolution on the re-instatement of District Deputy was drawn and accepted at this meeting then forwarded to the BC Elks Association office for presentation at the Conference in Penticton.

Alberni Valley No. 101: Lodge has 22 members. They are in good shape financially. Most of their meetings are held in the afternoon which encourages good attendance of between 8 to 12 members. They meet at the Odd Fellows/Rebuke's Hall. They donate to the Variety Club and the Book of memories.

Campbell River Elks No. 373: This lodge is having its share of problems. A small group of 10 members are committed to keeping the lodge in operation. They have 29 members. A large portion of their activity is Lounge related. The ER of this Lodge feels that the Provincial Elks have not been vocal enough in attacking the Provincial Government on the policies regarding gaming and their .05 alcohol restrictions. He feels that all the Services organizations/clubs in BC should rally/ band together and address these concerns to the BC government

Courtenay Elks No. 60: A Lodge with a home and a membership count of 76. They donate well to the community and to the Order. In the Sporting event they hold a very successful Dart Tournament. On the Social scene, their Lounge is busy with Jazz nights, Family Dinners etc. They have problems attracting members of run for chairs. In all the present Executives are doing a fine job.

Duncan Elks No. 69: Is the largest Lodge on the Island with a membership total of 191. The main sporting events are darts, mostly which is how they acquire members. On the Social scene they hold meat draws, bingo, Halloween and New Years dances. They do have a license Lounge. Presently they are experiencing conflicts within the membership.

Lake Cowichan Elks No. 293: This Lodge is small with 13 members and is struggling. They meet at the Lions Club. They donate the summer Lady of the Lake parade.

Nanaimo Elks No. 26: Directed by a small active group of dedicated Executives. The present membership number is 44, made up of mostly "snow birds". Financially the Lodge has good investments are in good shape. They actively donate to the Order charities and community at large. The fund raising event comprises of 300 Club and a Flea Market. They meet at the local Legion at which they help once a month with the meat draw in return for use of their facilities.

Parksville-Qualicum Elks No. 589: Is a non co-ed Lodge, with 62 members. They have good attendance at their lunch and dinner meetings which is held at local Legion in Qualicum. Donations to the Order and Community charities are sizeable. They actively sponsor ID kit for Kids program at the local kindergarten school and actively financially sponsor the local school award programs. On the social scene they hold Christmas Dinner & Dance. The Lodge has no financial problems.

Victoria Elks No. 2: A very active Lodge, with a forward thinking ER. Present membership is 44. The fund raising events comprise of golf, BBQ's, Halloween, Christmas, and spring dinner & dance. They build awareness of the Elks by holding membership drives in the local Mall. Due to most of the members have caravans or RV's the ER would like to start a "Tour de Elk", visiting Lodges on the Island to raise money for the Camps and Children charities. Each participating vehicles/RV's would have Elks' signs promoting the Elks. Think of the publicity this would create. This lodge will be 100 years young in 2013.

I wish to thank all the Lodges for your kind hospitality.

Fraternally, Jacqueline Allain, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Vice President of the BC Elks Association and Regional #2 Director

⇒ **Regional Director No. 3**

**Dave Deyette**

Worthy Grand Exalted Ruler, Provincial President, BC Elks Executive, Brother and Sister Elks.

White Rock No. 431: I attended and installed the Officers in White Rock Lodge. The installation took place in December, 2010.

On March 8, 2011, I did my official visit to White Rock Elks. This lodge is doing much better. In the past there was some concern with personality clashes, finance practices, business practice with there lounge. etc. The new executive has formed proper committees and taken the advice of the LAC chairman. The house committee has resolved most of the lodge problems. Financial reports and filing are being done in a proper manner. It will take time and there are a few people whose personality wounds will never heal, and the lodge lost a few members. But overall the lodge seems to be moving forward.

Aldergrove No. 66: Still meeting at the Legion haven't found a new home yet. They only have 2 committee projects at this point, not overly active but stable.

Chilliwack No. 48: This is a model lodge, they rent a storefront space and have it set up very comfortable. they wear regalia and do ritual open and close. They seem to work close with each other, regular projects bingo etc. but also fun activities golf days, bowling, watching football games. They also have a good working relationship with other community groups Lions, Legion, Anavets, and Knights of Columbus.

Cloverdale No. 35: This is a nice little lodge, again regalia lodge short form open and close very friendly and close meetings are well run. They do meat draws at a local pub and most of their revenue comes from rent of their facility and gaming.

Delta No. 531: This is a very small lodge, only a few members attend meetings in a round table forum; however they support their community well mostly through gaming funds. They will be hosting the 2012 conference and have most all the details and organizing well under control.

Langley No. 259: Doing very well. Have a weekly meat draw. Are into bowling and have socials. Grey Cup and Super Bowl Parties. A very good active lodge.  
Respectfully submitted, Dave Deyette, Regional Director Three

⇒ **Regional Director No. 4**

**Dina Wolansky**

Worthy Grand Exalted Ruler, Provincial President, BC Elks Executive, Brother and Sister Elks.

I wish to thank all the members of Region 4 for the hospitality and support over this past year. May your Lodges be successful in all your endeavors and your membership grow.

Kelowna No. 52: This Lodge has increased their membership this past year. They also own Unit 2 in the building, during my visit they had not decided what to use it for. The management committee does a great job renting the hall and lounge to outside groups and the kitchen does cooking for many of the events.

Their newsletter keeps members informed of meetings and any special events. The Lodge also has a web page, [www.elks-kelowna.org](http://www.elks-kelowna.org) which the public can view and many even bring in new members. This Lodge celebrated their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 30, 2011. **Congratulations!**

**Osornoos No. 436:** The last of the work to be done on the basement will be finished before this report. The bingo will then be moved downstairs and the main floor will be free for Lodge meetings and socials. They made big plans for the Grey Cup Party and will be open to the public also providing a ride home for anyone after the party. There is some discussion to hold a movie night as there is not a movie theatre in town. The crib nights have started again and so have the pot luck suppers. This Lodge is active in the community and they have initiated new members. **Great work!**

**Westside No. 592:** This small Lodge is hanging in and doing their best. The main concern for them is membership and funding. It is very hard to find the place the hold meetings; there is no real posted address and no signage on the door a sandwich board would certainly help to find the meeting room. With all the people coming and going in and around the complex area they possibly could encourage some new members. The good thing about it is the rent is only \$16.50 per month. I wish them the best in the future.

**Oliver No. 267:** With many new members joining and a lot of activities on the go this lodge is very busy. At the steak dinners they sell 70 tickets and still have to turn people away. Plans for their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary have been on the go and they had a 3 day event from May 20 to May, 22<sup>nd</sup>. They hosted a variety of events for the three days. Karaoke nights with different themes are very popular even the older members can see new ideas can work and has helped bring new members in. Attendance at meetings is very good with a lot of discussion. The Lodge is active in the community and takes part in the yearly parade giving candy to kids, the big and the small. **Congratulations on 75years** in the community. I wish you continued success.

**Princeton No. 280:** With a total membership of 11 of which 2 are life members this Lodge is really between a rock and a hard spot. The roof on one side of the building needs repair soon due to leaks in some areas. They have lots of goods for sale in their second had store, which they also donate to any fire victims and are affiliated with the local Crisis Center. Just about all the building is taken up with used items with very little space for meetings or a dinner for visitors. Members hope that once the mine reopens they will have a chance to bring in new members. A membership drive may be in order once the mine is opened but it should be held somewhere else than the Elks building. The Lodge is still struggling to pay outstanding debts. I wish them the best.

**Penticton No. 51:** This is a Lodge with a large membership many are only bar members unfortunately the same people are ones who dig in to work at events for the Lodge. The planning for the Lodge to host the Conference is a huge undertaking with a lot of hard work and it will be a great event. **A great place to spend "A Little Bit of Heaven in 2011. Congratulations and thank you** to all members who have worked long and hard to make this Conference happen. The Lounge does very well with the different programs that are offered to keep members interested in activities. Thanks to all for taking the big step to host the Conference!

**Grand Forks No. 493:** A busy smaller Lodge that has grown very well. They have initiated seven members last year. The membership director has done a great job to increase membership. She has started a newsletter which is placed around town and the newspaper is always invited when they make donations. At the pancake breakfast they give out membership kits and information about the Lodge. Shawna, thank you for the great work you do for your Lodge. This Lodge won the membership award last year for the most new members from Grand Lodge. **Congratulations and keep up your great work.**

**Keremeos No. 56:** This Lodge has a real country way to be involved in the community. The annual rodeo is sponsored by the Elks; they own the rodeo grounds which are also rented out to other events. They have done many improvements to the grounds and in the future they hope to bring in the PBR (professional bull riding). The proceeds from the hall rentals and bingos cover the operations of the Lodge, I wish them continued success in their future endeavours.

**Vernon No. 45:** As with many Lodges this Lodge has an aging membership and many snowbirds. They have a handful of people who are trying to keep it all going. The hall is rented for events, along with weekly dinners also keeping the lounge open these few members work double over time to hang in there. Now they are concerned about the new drinking laws and how it will affect the lounge. Membership is difficult as the Legion is popular and the dues are much less. Good luck to these loyal members.

A huge thanks to all Lodges for supporting Elks Charities and the continuous hard work you do in your communities. Every member knows that membership is a priority across our province and every one knows it is not easy to do. Most lodges in region four are doing well and sadly some not so well.

If you feel your lodge needs some help with anything please contact your Regional Director. They are all there to help you, just have to ask.

Respectfully submitted, Dina Wolansky, Regional Director Four

⇒Regional Director No. 5

Larry Mazur

Worthy Grand Exalted Ruler, Provincial President, BC Elks Executive, Brother and Sister Elks.

Clearwater No 499: This Lodge is very active in the community and have several projects to keep their members happy. Unfortunately their Exalted Ruler was a bit too aggressive for the members and they voiced their complaints during the meeting. The end result was the Exalted Ruler resigning and the Leading Knight taking his place. The atmosphere in the Lodge room changed considerably after this happened and lets hope all that happened was for the best.

(note: They have installed their new Executive except for one position which they fill on a meeting to meeting basis until elections in May.)

Lillooet No 467: Lodge 467 have been doing well for years but now have concerns about meeting attendance due to aging members and health problems with these members. Hall revenues are also declining due to decreased attendance at their bingos.

Merritt No 44: The Lodge is doing well financially and have good meeting attendance. With their own Elks Camp and hall there is always something to keep their members occupied and happy.

Kamloops No 44: Kamloops 44 is doing well with the same old die hards attending meetings and volunteering for different projects. They have moved to their new facility on February 18, 2011. New address. **784-B Victoria St., Kamloops, B.C. V2C 2B6.**

Revelstoke No 453: They do have a few younger members and are doing well financially. With their DJ service and providing bar service for several events in the community during the year they are well recognized in the community.

Salmon Arm No 455: They are very active in the community and with their new hall and campground they always have lots for their members to do. So far they are the only Lodge that I have visited that a majority of the members present at the meeting stay after to socialize and play cards. Most Lodges are literally empty as soon as the meeting is over.

Cariboo No 239: I hate to admit it but this Lodge is not doing too well financially. They are very active in the community and are well recognized. Unfortunately, like in many other communities, those who rent the hall on a regular basis expect it for near nothing as far as rental is concerned. They are just making out with hall revenue to pay cost of operations.

North Kamloops No 469: This is an aging Lodge. In order to make their quorum at meetings they have three members of the Royal Purple who are also members of the Elks. One thing they do have going for them is their affiliation with the Provincial Bingo establishment that nets them over 20,000/year in charity funds.

Cache Creek/Ashcroft No 262: After several calls I was finally able to contact President Albert Gullason on January 18<sup>th</sup> who advised that they will be having a meeting that evening. This Lodge has a lot of good ideas and I have to give them credit as they discuss them very thoroughly to see if these projects can be fulfilled because of their limited membership. They are doing fine financially and hope they can continue and keep everything running smoothly.

Fraternally Submitted by, L.J. Mazur, Regional Director Region 5

Worthy Grand Exalted Ruler, Provincial President, BC Elks Executive, Brother and Sister Elks.

It has been my good fortune to visit Lodges in Region 6 and chair Spring District Meetings in Vanderhoof, April 15-17, 2011 and Terrace, April 29 – May 1, 2011. In addition, phone calls, discussions about vitality of Lodges and local concerns have given me an insight into the good work that individual lodges contribute to their local communities and the donations generously given to Elks Charities. The Lodges have been encouraged especially, to support our Children's Camps if they have not already done so. The hospitality and good will shown me during my visits has been most appreciated.

Houston No. 533: This Lodge is in the process of turning in its Charter and selling its assets. I took the time to visit the site where the building is in order to familiarize myself with what were the Lodge premises.

McBride No. 247: The McBride Lodge is unique in its makeup as it is a Joint Lodge with the Royal Purple. Membership is small yet very active in their tiny community. The Honoured Royal Lady and the Exalted Ruler alternate chairing their meetings. Each group has separate books and activities and building responsibilities are shared to ensure efficient operation of their hall. The Lodge building has been recently renovated and is in good shape. The hall is rented to local groups with or without bar and the Ladies offer catering. They are currently seeking municipal tax relief in lieu of their free sponsorship of many community activities. Updating their Constitution and Bylaws is certainly recommended. This is a very warm and friendly Lodge in true Elkdom tradition and if members are travelling through, they would enjoy a visit.

Mackenzie No. 547: Mackenzie Lodge facilities are excellent not only for their own needs but also for those of the total community. They have a bottle-recycling depot, ice making facilities, huge storage area for their garage sales and rentals for a veterinarian and Union Office. Well-attended meetings are the norm. Mackenzie residents appreciate their local spirit and donations. Recently, they have acquired a liquor license for their lounge. Mackenzie has also agreed to host the 2012 Spring District Meeting. This lodge is operating effectively and is in good financial condition.

Prince George No. 122: Prince George Lodge holds their meetings at the local Legion Branch and has been provided an office and adequate meeting and storage facilities in the basement. Unfortunately, the Legion is up for sale and the Lodge is now looking for an alternate site for its operations. Prince George is a large contributor to Elks and Royal Purple Fund and Elks camps especially Camp Elkness. Currently, there are ongoing negotiations with the Camp Society regarding the viability of Camp Elkness and the overall financial health of all our camps. Prince George Elks continues to expand the popular Annual Fruit Drive donated by orchards in the Osoyoos area in conjunction with other lodges in Region 6. Prince George is in a sound financial state and can be complimented for their local charitable contributions besides those of Elkdom.

Prince Rupert No. 342: Although Prince Rupert is a small Lodge in a community that has been hard hit by recession, it works hard to support the Elks and Royal Purple Fund, Children's Camps and the Speech and Hearing Centre. They currently meet in a rented hall as their Lodge building was destroyed by fire two years ago. They cooperate well with the Price Rupert Royal Purple in local projects. In addition, the two lodges have a number of joint social activities that ensures that Elkdom can be enjoyable as well as charitable. For 2012, they have agreed to host the Spring Regional Meeting. Their hope is that when the economy picks up, that there will be a renewed interest with new members joining the lodge.

Quesnel No. 298: While small in numbers continues to be a solid charitable entity in the area by being very generous with their donations. Fund Raising activities such as a Fuel Card raffle and dinner, Bernie and Red Comedy 2 evenings open to the public, raffle and garage sales ensure that they have funds to support their donations. In addition, Hall rentals, local darts Texas hold'em and Dinner support their building expenses. They use local adds in newspapers to advertise upcoming functions. Cooperation with the local Royal Purple is good and these ladies who are turning in their charter will continue to assist with activities. This is a friendly lodge and I was most welcome and they were certainly fine hosts.

Smithers Lodge No. 240: is a very active small lodge that works extremely well with the local Royal Purple Lodge in many of its joint endeavors. Their major fundraiser is the concession at the Fall Fair where they grossed \$38,000 this year. They rent their hall to a dance school five days a week over a 10-month

period, which helps in the financial maintenance of their building. Due to their important community involvement, they are applying for a municipal tax exemption this year. The membership is aging and younger members like the one initiated on my visit would certainly be welcome.

This lodge has a great hall, which is a benefit to the whole community. They work well with the local Royal Purple in serving the needs of children in the Smithers Area. Visitors are well received and the hospitality shown was certainly appreciated.

Terrace No. 42: Has a good building in which they rent their Hall out to various groups. The Terrace Royal Purple provides catering services in the hall, which has excellent kitchen facilities. Downstairs another hall is rented to the Kinsmen on a permanent basis. They have 21 members and many are active in fund raising and organizing social activities. They support a number of local charities, Elks Camps, Elks & Royal Purple Fund and the Child Development Center. They have won the Bill Cousins Memorial Trophy for highest Lodge Contribution per capita to the Elks & Royal Purple Fund. They hosted a well-organized & enjoyable 2011 Spring Regional Conference in April. This Lodge is in a good financial state and is a credit to its community.

Vanderhoof No. 47: Although small in numbers has a great hall that is used extensively in the community. Rentals are very important in balancing the books. They have arranged a membership night and Community dinner to promote membership. They use the local newspaper to promote lodge events and other activities to entice new members.

During my visit a membership hat and sweater were presented to two members during the evening. However, the most successful means of attaining new members has been word of mouth amongst friends.

They can be proud of the 3 children's parks that they have sponsored and constructed. They contribute to Children's Camps and the Elks & Royal Purple Fund. Rental of the Hall, Concessions and Bingo are major fundraisers. They donate to the food bank and conduct a local school poster contest. Vanderhoof also took part in the Northern Fruit Drive and donated to the needy. Their Xmas Bingo had hams and turkeys as prizes.

They hosted the Spring Regional meeting during the weekend of 15-17 April 2011 and should be complimented for their organization and thorough enjoyment by all those who attended.

Fraternally, Al Cormons, Regional Representative No. 6

<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – CHAIRMAN, DENIS HEPPELLE</b>
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Worthy Provincial President, Grand Lodge Officers, Provincial Officers, Brother and Sister Elks.

The Finance Committee for 2010 – 2011 was comprised of 1 st V.P Sis Dina Wolansky, Bro. Roy Nehra, White Rock Lodge No. 431, and Chairman Bro. Denis Heppelle, Nanaino Lodge No. 26 and Parksville/Qualicum Lodge No. 589, with Executive Administrator Bro. Norm Elliot participating as a resource to the committee.

The committee reviews on an on-going basis during the year detailed monthly summaries of revenues received and expenses paid. In addition, it compares actual receipts and expenses to budget provisions. When significant variances do occur, causes and explanation are secured. Observations, explanations and recommendations are submitted to the regular meetings of the B.C. Elks Executive and Camps Board of Directors for information and discussion.

There is no concern with the Financial Statements for the operation of the B.C. Elks Association, however, there is a concern with the Revenues and Operating costs for the Camp Society.

The concerns continue to be operating costs and the fundraising to support the operation of the Camps. The Elks and Royal Purple Lodges continue to generously donate, and our Telemarketing program is going well.

The new corporate fundraising program has not materialized. We have not had any success with direct access grants to this point due to our balance sheet asset values. Now that we have completed Camp Canoe perhaps our application for Direct Access grants will have a more favourable response.

With the limitation on revenue and rising operating costs, there are concerns over the sustainability of operating four camps. Without affecting the availability of our Camps to children, and to improve the revenue there have been discussions suggesting expanding the usage of the camps to adult groups, and collaboration with other associations or programs. Also, to reduce operating costs there is consideration to closing some camps for part of the year, and if absolutely necessary, disposal of some or part of our assets. When we review the Camp Society Financial Statements for the year ending March 31, 2011, and projected budget requirements for next year, I think you will agree there is an urgent need for change.

It is imperative that Lodges continue to support our financial needs through donations and participate in all our fundraising initiatives.

The 2010 - 2011 fiscal year end Financial Statements and the 2011 - 2012 proposed budgets for both the B.C. Elks Association and the Elks Children's Camp Society will be discussed and presented for approval later at this conference. We recommend that the members review the statements and budgets located in the Conference Booklet prior to their presentation.

**MOTION: Gary Gee, (Langley No. 259)/ Jim Hurst (Port Coquitlam No. 49)** To receive the reports of the President, Immediate Past President, Executive Summary, Committee Reports, Regional Directors reports and Finance Committee. **CARRIED**

**B.C. ELKS ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:**

**MOTION: Gary Gee (Langley No. 259)/Mike Wolansky (Kamloops No.44)** To approve the Financial Statements of the B.C. Elks Association. **CARRIED**

**MOTION: Gary Gee (Langley No. 259)/Jim Hurst (Port Coquitlam No. 49):** To table the budget until after the Resolutions. **CARRIED**

**MOTION: Denis Heppelle (Nanaimo No. 26)/Arnie Zimmerman (Caribou No. 239):** To accept the B. C. Elks Association Budget as amended. **CARRIED**

**ELKS RECREATION CHILDREN'S CAMP SOCIETY OF B.C.**

**MOTION: LANGLEY NO. 259 (Gary Gee)/PORT COQUITLAM NO. 49 (Jim Hurst):** To approve the Financial Statements of the Elks Recreation Children's Camp Society of B.C. **CARRIED**

**MOTION: CHILLIWACK NO. 48 (Jerry Wernicke)/ PRINCE GEORGE NO. 122 (Harold Hartshone)** To accept the Budget of the Camp Society. **CARRIED**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE ELKS RECREATION CHILDREN'S CAMP SOCIETY OF B.C.  
2011-2012**

Dina Wolansky

Kamloops

No. 44

Debbie Sallenback	Langley	No. 259
Al Cormons	Nanaimo	No. 26
Jacqueline Allain	White Rock	No. 431
Dave Deyette	Aldergrove	No. 66
Dave Sallenback	Langley	No. 259
Laurie Meier	Prince George	No. 122
Mary Bjarnson	North Kamloops R. P.	No. 277
Sharon Schellenberg	Merritt Royal Purple	No. 239

**MOTION: KAMLOOPS NO. 44(Larry Mazur)/PENTICTON NO. 51 (Don Kidd):** To accept the camp Board of Directors for the 2011-2012 who are the following: Dina Wolansky (Chairman), Deb Sallenback (Immediate Past President), Al Cormons, (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President), Jacqueline Allain (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President), Dave Deyette (3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President), Dave Sallenback (4<sup>th</sup> Vice President), Laurie Meier (5<sup>th</sup> Vice President), Lady Mary Bjarnson (President,BCRPA) and Sharon Schellenberg (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, BCRPA) **CARRIED**

**Camp Committee For 2011-2012**

Dave Deyette, Chairman	Aldergrove No. 66	(604) 856-9559
Tom Kirk	Smithers No. 240	(250) 847-2823

**Camp Co-ordinators 2011-2012**

Roger Butler/Cam Ross	Camp Elkgrove	Port Coquitlam No. 49	(604)584-9379
Gordon Piket	Camp Elkhaven	Courtenay No. 60	(250) 335-2624
Ole Cumming	Camp Elkcanoe	Salmon Arm No. 455	(250)
Laurie Meier	Camp Elkness	Prince George No. 122	(250) 564-6336

<b>CAMP USERS REPORT</b>	
(From April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011)	
<b>Camp Elkhaven</b> .....	<b>607 campers 24 groups</b> Cost: \$1,491.63 per group
<b>Camp Elkgrove</b> .....	<b>1245 campers 43 groups</b> Cost: \$1,034.28 per group
<b>Camp Elkness</b> .....	<b>475 campers 11 groups</b> Cost: \$4,969.73 per group
<b>Camp Elkcanoe</b> .....	<b>559 campers 18 groups</b> Cost: \$1,987.00 per group

**ELKS RECREATION CHILDREN'S CAMP SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUMMARY  
REPORT 2010-2011**

Sincere thanks to all Elks and Royal Purple Lodges and their members who donated directly or through fundraising endeavors to the Elks Children's Camp Society. Please refer to the Camp Committee Chairman report for details regarding individual camps.

Once again camps in general are a challenge to operate due to a shortfall in revenue and spending practices. We need to further remind the lodges that we desperately need their financial support and fundraising. Telemarketing has improved its revenue from last year but we still have a shortfall overall in the cost of running our camps.

This year there has been a concern regarding funding. The Government for the second time turned down the Camp Society's application for Direct Access due to our voting membership not being broad enough, as each Lodge has only one vote. The Society must raise approximately \$357,000.00 per year to fund operations for the four camps. Our major source, not counting the Elks and Royal Purple Lodges at present, is telemarketing which brought in \$100,000.00 this year. They are also facing challenges with the current economy. How can we maintain sustainability to operate our camps, we cannot continue to spend more than our revenue.

We seriously need to look at closing certain camps during the winter. This is something the membership needs to discuss during this meeting particularly when a motion was carried during the Annual General Meeting in 2010 that we (The Board of Directors) and the Finance Committee present a balanced operating budget by the 2012 Meeting. A recommendation was made to close certain camps for the 5 winter months for a trial period if the closures enable efficient cost savings. This would include the reduction of Caretakers wages to 7/12 of existing wages. This would save up to \$38,000.00 per year with the closing of three of four of the camps.

For the fiscal year of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 to March 31, 2011, it cost \$4,969.73 per group per stay at Elkness or \$115.09 per camper; Elkhaven cost \$1,491.63 per group or \$58.98 per camper, Elkgrove costs: \$1,034.28 per group or \$35.73 per camper and Elkcanoe cost: \$1,987.00 per group or \$63.99 per camper.

It has been recommended that we impose a user fee of \$30.00 per person per day/night (19 years and over). A group damage deposit of \$500.00 would apply and would be refunded if no damage occurred. Charges to handicapped adults may be subject to further consideration.

Attendance at our camps has not reached the targeted numbers that we had hoped for. Even if the camps were used to capacity, we would still lack funds to operate them. Lodges are encouraged to approach local children's groups and advertise the fact that we have facilities at four diverse locations that are free of charge for their use. Input from individuals and lodges are important and welcome. All members need to take a greater pride in our charity endeavors such as our Camps and publicize the great work that we do in our communities.

Presently we are covering operation short falls by borrowings. Therefore it is imperative that we find alternative ways in order to reach a balance budget and one of these alternatives may be the requirement to reduce the number of Camps in order to reach the 2012 objective. To keep all camps open 12 months a year, we need to find new ways to raise additional funds. We have looked at several alternatives some of which are too expensive and others that would require a substantial commitment from the members of each of the Lodges. This commitment by members over the years has been reduced substantially.

Respectfully submitted by, Board of Directors 2010-2011

**CAMP COMMITTEE REPORT BY CHAIRMAN DAVE DEYETTE**

Worthy Grand Exalted Ruler, Provincial President, BC Elks Executive, Brother and Sister Elks.

**CAMP ELKGROVE:** This camp is still well booked. The new freezer has been delivered and the freezer that was lent to us has been taken to the dump. Concerns about hydro use at the Caretakers home have been an issue for a long time. We did a test for dirty power ourselves a few times and didn't know if we did it right and hydro use didn't change. So I brought in an electrician in and he tested all power in out and out, all the power sources we were being billed for is being used, however; he noted two of the heavy sources are the hot water tank that is over 12 years old (the older the tank the more they use which is costing \$30.00 to \$40.00 per month). A new hot water tank would cost \$10.00 to \$20.00 a month and has been budgeted

for. Secondly, the hot tub is a major power draw; it was hooked up and active. He tells me that a new hot tub is about \$80.00 per month and this one is 10 years old and he thinks it would take at least \$100.00 per month. The Camp Coordinators told me that the hot tub was unhooked 5 or 6 years ago, but apparently not so. The Caretaker was sent a letter stating that they were to pay \$100.00 per month and has since disconnected it.

**CAMP ELKNES:** This camp has some concerns, there has only been 11 groups this past year. This camp has also become very expensive to run. It is over budget the cost of heat and hydro is high. Keeping the loader running is becoming very costly. We recently found out the Caretaker is running his hot tub and no longer paying the \$25.00 per month towards the hydro costs. He stopped paying in August, 2009, as he felt he was bringing in enough donated material. We talked about closing for the winter at the Fall Board meeting but it was too late to arrange for the shut down. The Caretaker refused to help assist with a winter shutdown.

At this meeting we must seriously discuss winter closures for Elkness.

**CAMP ELKHAVEN:** Not much to report on this camp. It is fairly well booked and the Caretaker keeps it very clean and maintained. Spending is kept well under control, no problems here. Brother Denis and the Caretaker are currently working together on a Soccer Camp Program which will bring in some revenue to the Camp Society.

**CAMP ELKCANOE:** This camp has not been overly busy. Advertising has been weak as we have not had a lot of revenue to properly advertise this camp. Jack Bibby and Ole Cumming have come up with a new use idea. The hockey teams have started to use the camp as there are not enough accommodations in Salmon Arm. They fall within the proper age usage and don't have to pay; but they save a lot of money and have money budgeted for hotels and donate some to the camp. This is a win, win situation to us. The Caretaker is doing a great job keeping this camp clean and helping to get bookings.

Fraternally, Dave Deyette, Camp Committee Chairman

## Contributions to the Camp Society

**April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011**

### Totals – Per Capita

<b>Region</b>	<b>Lodge Name</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Donations Apr.10-Mar.11</b>	<b>Membership Mar.31/11</b>	<b>Donation By Membership</b>	<b>Donations To Date (From 1976)</b>
<b>Region No.1</b>	Agassiz	311	250.00	16	15.63	18,986.41
	Burnaby	497	2,000.00	36	55.56	64,712.98
	Mission	30	1,000.00	125	8.00	22,843.35
	Port Coquitlam	49	8,008.50	60	133.48	114,451.36
	South Vancouver	55	0.00	14	0.00	105,715.73
	Squamish	119	0.00	21	0.00	21,201.87
	Vancouver	1	2,000.00	37	54.05	218,238.12
	<b>Region Total:</b>			<b>\$13,258.50</b>		
<b>Region No. 2</b>	Alberni Valley	101	0.00	22	0.00	21,220.17
	Campbell River	373	2,800.00	31	90.33	44,497.17
	Courtenay	60	13,346.34	76	162.45	119,011.24
	Duncan	69	0.00	186	0.00	34,162.56
	Lake Cowichan	293	750.00	13	57.69	18,160.43
	Nanaimo	26	2,000.00	38	52.63	41,028.34

	Parksville-Qualicum	589	2,500.00	62	40.32	47,723.60
	Victoria	2	1,600.00	47	34.04	36,060.67
	<b>Region Total:</b>		<b>\$21,996.34</b>			
<b>Region No. 3</b>	Aldergrove	66	15,098.95	30	503.30	97,190.61
	Chilliwack	48	8,072.00	39	206.97	87,378.55
	Cloverdale	335	3,000.00	24	125.00	113,650.19
	Delta	531	2,500.00	15	166.67	41,634.32
	Langley	259	4,449.00	45	98.87	156,088.55
	White Rock	431	4,000.00	102	39.22	46,246.79
	<b>Region Total</b>		<b>\$37,119.95</b>			
<b>Region No. 4</b>	Grand Forks	493	0.00	17	0.00	40,825.62
	Keremeos	56	100.00	24	4.17	15,246.65
	Oliver	267	4,200.00	127	33.07	40,953.57
	Osoyoos	436	2,000.00	40	50.00	31,248.41
	Penticton	51	4,586.00	246	18.65	109,316.55
	Princeton	280	0.00		0.00	7,318.33
	Trail	50	0.00	3	0.00	37,521.52
	Kelowna	53	3,000.00	139	21.58	186,192.43
	Vernon	45	0.00	41	0.00	76,067.01
	Westside	592	1,000.00	22	45.45	22,441.93
	<b>Region Total:</b>		<b>\$14,886.00</b>			
<b>Region No. 5</b>	Clearwater	499	1,000.00	32	31.25	14,092.49
	Kamloops	44	391.66	36	10.88	56,558.74
	Lillooet	467	500.00	20	25.00	2,763.54
	Merritt	441	0.00	37	0.00	2,325.00
	North Kamloops	469	51.50	22	2.34	70,195.50
	Cariboo	239	500.00	15	33.33	21,324.32
	Houston	533	0.00		0.00	8,450.00
	Revelstoke	453	1,000.00	24	41.67	19,618.33
	Salmon Arm	455	3,044.10	37	82.27	70,371.35
	<b>Region Total:</b>		<b>\$6,487.26</b>			
<b>Region No. 6</b>	McBride	533	0.00	19	0.00	6,132.73
	MacKenzie	342	1,000.00	58	17.74	33,146.86
	Prince George	240	10,000.00	73	136.99	285,768.71
	Quesnel	425	0.00	16	0.00	33,672.90
	Prince Rupert	342	2,000.00	15	68.34	60,261.00
	Smithers	240	1,500.00	25	60.00	49,735.24
	Terrace	425	2,000.00	25	80.00	85,317.48
	Vanderhoof	473	2,000.00	18	111.12	59,332.23
	<b>Region Total:</b>		<b>\$18,500.00</b>			
<b>Elks District No. 1</b>			32.50	<b>Total Donations for 2010-2011: \$113,125.55</b>		
<b>Elks District No. 3</b>			178.72			
<b>Elks District No. 6</b>			507.90	<b>\$3,006,018.08(includes defunct lodges)</b>		
<b>Elks District No. 5</b>			65.63			
<b>Cash Donations Elks Lodges</b>			92.75			
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$877.50</b>			

### ROYAL PURPLE LODGES (B.C.)

Contributions to: The Elks Recreational Children's Camp Society of B.C.  
Plus Historic from 1976 to March 31, 2011

LODGE NAME	NO	APRIL 1, 2010 TO MAR. 31, 2011	ALL DONATIONS TO DATE
Aldergrove	38	1,000.00	12,969.17
Ashcroft	263	0.00	557.72
Clearwater	302	0.00	9,368.00
Courtenay	158	500.00	20,123.00
Kelowna	56	2,437.13	49,171.12

Keremeos	83	500.00	1,614.25
Lillooet	274	500.00	2,800.00
McBride	112	0.00	293.22
Merritt	239	.00	0.00
Mission	30	0.00	6,025.23
Nanaimo	16	1,500.00	19,938.84
North Kamloops	277	5,000.00	47,289.48
North Surrey	249	2,000.00	28,872.10
Oliver	63	0.00	7,620.00
Osoyoos	240	0.00	2,100.00
Port Coquitlam	10	5,050.00	58,134.37
Prince George	48	0.00	26,240.21
Prince Rupert	8	2,000.00	29,000.00
Princeton	82	0.00	145.00
Salmon Arm	279	3,500.00	17,001.30
Smithers	47	100.00	3,200.00
South Burnaby	260	0.00	31,398.75
Terrace	216	0.00	19,151.02
Vancouver	1	0.00	75,176.60
Vernon	123	0.00	9,004.30
Victoria	5	100.00	6,112.09
Williams Lake	126	0.00	2,430.59
B.C. Royal Purple Districts		0.00	75.15
B.C. Royal Purple Association		1,524.91	16,258.91
<b>Total Contributions</b>		<b>\$25,712.04</b>	<b>\$590,308.39</b>

(includes defunct lodges)

**MOTION: CARIBOU NO. 239 (Tom Essery)/TERRACE NO. 435 (Glenn Holmes) To Adjourn.  
CARRIED**

**CIRCULATED RESOLUTIONS-B.C. ELKS ASSOCIATION**

**Circulated Resolution No. 1**

**Whereas:** the membership in the Elks of Canada has decreased drastically, to the point where the membership dues no longer support, financially, the current operations of the Grand Lodge, and;

**Whereas:** many within our membership are eking out a living on a fixed income, thereby restricting affordability;

**Therefore be it resolved:** that the Grand Lodge reduce the Cost of Operations by Thirty Percent (30%).

MOVED: Brothers Neill and Cobbs  
Submitted by Port Coquitlam Elks No. 49  
Approved: Region 1 Spring Region Meeting  
**NOT CARRIED**

**Circulated Resolution No. 2**

**Whereas:** the financial cost of operation of the Grand Lodge, as well as many of its subordinate Lodges cannot be supported because of the decrease in membership and voluntary workers;

**Therefore be it resolved:** that all life memberships be cancelled and recalled.

*And be it further resolved that:* all life memberships recalled be replaced with the awarding of an appropriate Certificate of Long Term Service to the Order.

Submitted by Port Coquitlam Elks No. 49  
Approved: Region 1 Spring Region Meeting  
**NOT CARRIED**

**Circulated Resolution No. 3**

*Whereas:* Roll Call has become a redundant exercise

*And Whereas:* Members are no longer part of Roll Call

*And Whereas:* Attendance statistics can be derived from Members registrar book

*Therefore be it resolved that:* Roll Call be removed from order of business of Lodge

Submitted by: Salmon Arm Elks Lodge No. 455  
Approved by: Region No. 5 at Spring Region Meeting  
**NOT CARRIED**

**Circulated Resolution No. 4**

Restructure and Re-organization

*Whereas:* pursuant to Resolution No. 1 from the 2008 Conference held in Williams Lake, the Association entered into a two year trial program intended to determine the feasibility of a proposed restructure of the present District Deputy Program, complete details of which have been previously provided to all Lodges;

*And Whereas:* this trial program expires at the conclusion of the 2011 Provincial Conference;

*And Whereas:* the recognized universal management functions consist of planning, organizing, staffing, directing and controlling;

*And Whereas:* these functions are properly within the mandate of the duly elected Provincial Executive so as to ensure continued programs towards achieving the Provincial Associations goals and objectives;

*And Whereas:* to achieve these goals and objectives the Executive Committee are of the opinion the trial program has proven the merit of the proposed restructure to the benefits of all;

*Now therefore be it resolved that:* subject to a review some regional boundaries with the several Lodges concerned, the proposed restructure be endorsed;

*And be it further resolved that:* the current Article 8A within the Constitution and By-Laws be amended accordingly, along with a complete rewrite of the current Regulation 10 headed "District Deputies".

Submitted by: B.C. Elks Association Executive  
**NOT CARRIED**

**FOR- 34//AGAINST: 24**

*MOTION: Gary Gee (Langley No. 259)/Jim Hurst (Port Coquitlam No. 49): To extend the Regional Director Program for two years and bring back to the Delegates a new program or demonstrate that it is successful.* **CARRIED**

**From Conference 2009:**

"The Association may provide for the establishment of regions within the province, the number and jurisdiction of which shall be determined or revised from time to time by the Association at Conference, each of which will be represented by a number of the provincial Executive who will be referred to as

Regional Director and shall be the Chief Officer of the respective Region, fulfilling all duties and responsibilities as established within Association Regulations.”

And therefore be it resolved that the Judiciary Committee be authorized to draft new Regulations accordingly.

### **Circulated Resolution No. 5**

**Whereas:** the position of District Deputy was removed for a 2-year trial basis;

**And Whereas:** the trial period will be completed in May, 2011

**Therefore be it resolved that:** the position of District Deputy be re-installed

Moved: Brothers George Shipley and Don Walker  
Approved by: Region No. 2 at Spring Region Meeting  
**REDUNDANT**

### **Circulated Resolution No. 6**

#### Vision Statement

**Whereas:** the B.C. Elks Association operates under a Mission Statement which states:

“An Association of Lodges in British Columbia supporting and coordinating Fraternal and Charitable endeavours of its members.” (See page 3, Constitution and By-Laws)

**And Whereas:** this tells us what we are, but we have no Vision Statement which is intended to tell us what we want our organization to be like or to become or where we want to go and how to get there;

**And Whereas:** at recent meetings of the Planning Committee the following was proposed as a Vision Statement, intended to guide us in future planning:

“To be a Recognizable Volunteer Organization Focusing on Helping Children, Communities and Families, and meeting Members Needs through Fraternal and Social Activities.”

**Now therefore be it resolved that:** the Delegates at this 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the B.C. Elks Association adopt the above as our Vision Statement.

Submitted by: B.C. Elks Association Executive  
**CARRIED**

### **Circulated Resolution No. 7**

#### Constitution and By-Law Amendments:

**Whereas:** pursuant to instructions of the Provincial Executive, the Judiciary Committee were requested to review our current Constitution and By-Laws including Regulations, in conjunction with the Policy and Procedures Manual, with the intention amalgamating all within one publication available to all members;

**And Whereas:** this far reaching study and review involved some 25 amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, non of which change the intent of the current Constitution and By-Laws, but serve to clarify any typos or ambiguities which may currently exist, thus providing easier understanding and comprehension;

**And Whereas:** many administrative guidelines previously included within the Policy and Procedures Manual, which was not available to the general membership, have now been included within the Regulations resulting in all matters pertaining to Lodge and Administrative functions being contained within one publication available to all;

**And Whereas:** this extensive review was presented to and accepted by the Provincial Executive;

**Now therefore be it resolved that:** this proposal be presented to this assembly for discussion and approval.

Submitted by: B.C. Elks Association Executive

**MOTION: John Yazlovasky (Penticton No. 51)/ Wayne Herod (Vanderhoof No. 473): To accept the constitutional changes and amendments made at the Conference today.** **CARRIED**

**Circulated Resolution No. 8**

**Therefore be it resolved that:** all legislation, orders, edits, declarations and resolutions which have been adopted at this 83rd Annual Conference be confirmed and that wherever necessary, the Constitution and By-Laws, rules and privileges of the Association be amended to give full force and effort thereto.

Submitted by the B.C. Elks Association  
**CARRIED**

**UNCIRCULATED RESOLUTIONS B.C. ELKS ASSOCIATION**

**Uncirculated Resolution No. 1**

**Whereas:** The Officers and members of the Penticton Elks Lodge No. 52 along with the Ladies of the royal Purple have worked diligently and with friendship to organize the Conference.

**And Whereas:** This hard work and diligence has resulted in an outstanding stay in the City of Penticton.

**Therefore Be It Resolved That:** We the Delegates of the 83<sup>rd</sup> conference rise and give them a hearty round of applause to express our appreciation of their efforts to make our stay and Conference the tremendous success it has been.

Submitted by the B.C. Elks Association Executive

**CARRIED**

**CIRCULATED RESOLUTIONS ELKS RECREATION CHILDREN'S CAMP SOCIETY**

**Circulated Resolution No. 1**

**Whereas:** for the past several years the Elks Recreation Children's Camp Society of B.C. has operated, and continues to operate at considerable deficit:

Fiscal Year 2007:	\$44,355.00
Fiscal Year 2008:	\$36,607.00
Fiscal Year 2009:	\$96,551.00
Fiscal Year 2010:	\$67,492.00

**And Whereas:** the Society is again anticipating a deficit budget for the ensuing year. (see proposed budget);

**And Whereas:** there are currently no specific fund raising projects on behalf of the Camp Society;

**And Whereas:** in spite of continued efforts to reduce and/or curtail costs of operation, the Board of Directors are of the opinion that with the ever increasing costs of operating and maintaining all camps it is no longer feasible to continue to operate all four camps at the desired and essential level we have established.

**And Whereas:** the only tangible assets of the Camp Society appear to be the camps themselves;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved that:** a review be conducted of all operations of the Society to determine the feasibility of continuing our current structure, which review may include a recommendation to sell or dispose of a portion of our assets.

Submitted by the Board of Directors  
BC Elks Children's Camp Society  
**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED: DUNCAN ELKS NO. 69 (Albert Scholtens, Robert Forrest)**

**MOTION: LANGLEY NO. 259 (Gary Gee)/ WHITE ROCK NO 431 (Ray Franocoeur ) To authorize the Board of Directors to introduce a user fee charge to users of the camps.** **CARRIED**

**Circulated Resolution No. 2**

**Therefore be it resolved that:** all legislation, orders, edits, declarations and resolutions which have been adopted at this Annual General Meeting be confirmed and that wherever necessary, the Constitution and By-Laws, rules and privileges of the Society be amended to give full force and effort thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Directors  
**CARRIED**

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2011-2012**

**ELKS:**

Installation Officer:	Dave Hurley, Grand Exalted Ruler
Assistant Installing Officer:	Jerry Wernicke, Grand Leading Knight
Installing Secretary:	Denis Heppelle

**ROYAL PURPLE:**

Installing Officer:	Lynda Nolan, Supreme Honored Royal Lady
Assistant Installing Officer:	Ruth Kerpan
Installing Secretary:	Pat MacLeod

**INSTALLED OFFICERS**

Royal Purple Treasurer  
Royal Purple Secretary  
5<sup>th</sup> Vice President

**ELKS**

Laurie Meier

**ROYAL PURPLE**

Darlene Doucette  
Joan Popovich

4 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Dave Sallenback	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Dave Deyette	Annabelle Tucker
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Jacqueline Allain	Marilynn Allen
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Al Cormons	Sharon Schellenberg
Immediate Past President	Deb Sallenback	Sharron Makus
President	Dina Wolansky	Mary Bjarnson

### **ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT, DINA WOLANSKY**

Brother and Sister Elks, Ladies of the Royal Purple

When I joined the Elks in 1998, I wanted to work together with my husband and other members on Lodge projects. The more I was involved with the Lodge the more interest I had in the districts and the Association. Sister Deb was my inspiration when she became District Deputy and then on to the BC Association Executive. I thought I would like to learn more about this great Order and here I am today, which never crossed my mind years before, I didn't even want to take a chair in the Lodge as a new member.

I chose the theme "**CARRY THE TORCH**" why? Because dedicated members who are on your Lodge Charters started our Lodges. Now it is time for us to do our job for this Order. We are members of a great fraternity so it is our turn to Carry the Torch and promote our Order.

In today's world we must be creative, resourceful and visible in our communities. The public needs to know who we are and what we do and we have FUN right? Lets all **CARRY THE TORCH** it is ours to hold high and be proud of this Order as we make life sweeter, people better and the world happier.

Elks are about children and families. The many we have helped really know who we are. It is time to focus, to get motivated, and work together. We need to have every community recognize the Elks, who we are, what we do, and why we are there. Always be positive and proud and have fun in all that you do.

Thank you, all members of the B.C. Elks Association for your support to serve as your president. I will do my best for this Association. To all Lodges, may you have a prosperous and successful year.

Fraternally, Dina Wolansky