



Lay Councillors' Report

Twenty sixteen has been a challenging year of transition for Lay Councillor positions, beginning

with the departure of Maureen McDermid and David Hughes, 2 long-serving lay members whose terms expired in March. I had remained sole Lay Councillor for much of 2016 which required me to assume additional responsibilities beyond the Communications Committee.

I was asked to also serve on the Audit Practice and Review Committee (APRC) to replace Maureen. I found this Committee to be one of the best environments in which to get "a bird's eye view" of both the significant professional contributions made by College members and the important elements of the regulatory work of the College.

I have also been involved as a member of the College Council's hiring committee to replace the outgoing Executive Director who left the position in May. As Interim Executive Director, Linda Stordeur, RPBio, has been a tremendous support in providing continuity to the organization by assisting with a variety of projects and activities.

Remarkably, Linda has been filling the equivalent of three positions --- Interim Executive Director, Registrar, and Assistant Registrar, with the departure of the former Assistant Registrar in April.

The College welcomed 2 new Lay Councillors in the late fall, with the appointments of Tony Fogarassy and Jim Bayles, bringing the Council back to its full complement of 3 Lay Councillors. I look forward to working with Tony and Jim in 2017. As 2016 winds down and we look forward to 2017 as a time of renewal, Lay Councillors will have new opportunities to support the important work of the College.

It is a privilege to serve as Lay Councillor on the College of Applied Biology's Council. Leadership and support provided by President Vanessa Craig, the Executive Committee and Council members, combined with the dedication and professional commitment of staff, have been outstanding. I wish to thank all members for their support in making such a positive difference to enhancing the position of Lay Councillor. 

Respectfully submitted,
Cairine Green, Lay Councillor

Meet New Lay Member, Jim Bayles

James Bayles retired in 2016 after a career spanning 40 years in the paper industry. His most recent position was Senior Vice-President (VP), Sales and Marketing, with Richmond-based Catalyst Paper, where he was part of the senior executive team. Prior to this, he was VP of International Sales for 20+ years, which allowed him to visit all corners of the world as an ambassador for his company while selling BC paper products to printers and publishers in 30 different countries.

Mr. Bayles has remained active since his retirement, pursuing cooking classes and sailing lessons along with volunteer work at the Union Gospel Mission in Vancouver. Mr. Bayles recently finished a 6-year term as a board member of reSource Leadership

International, a non-profit organization which promotes theological education excellence in the developing world. He has also been a mentor for Mosaic, a Vancouver-based immigrant aid organization which helps new immigrants find work in Canada.

Mr. Bayles continues to enjoy travel and has just returned from a 6-week trip to Nepal, Hong Kong, and China. While in Nepal, he joined a group of 14 other 'trekkers' from Vancouver, hiking to just above Everest Base Camp and an elevation of 18,500 feet at the summit of Mt. Kalapatar. While Jim found it physically challenging with limited oxygen, he found the epic scenery of the Himalayas along with the friendly Nepalese made it all worthwhile. 

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Bayles, Lay Councillor

