

REMEMBER: SENIORS WORKING TOGETHER CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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By the time our members receive this publication, the year would already be one month old. However we still have a few months of Canadian winter ahead of us. Some parts of the province had very little snow so far.

At the time of writing this message, we were still waiting to have our first Liaison meeting with the new provincial government. In November, I wrote to the Minister for Seniors Raymond Cho, who promised a meeting in December or January. These meetings are very important to all those groups and organizations sitting at the table. It is as close as we can get to the provincial government ministries and raise all the important issues on our agendas.

Late last year, after an initial discussion by the board, we set up a committee – Convention Revision Committee, to look at the feasibility of shortening conventions, when not an election year. To further input from members, we are sending out a survey to obtain feedback from members. One reason to look objectively to any change is the cost factor of these conventions. The registration fee does not cover all the costs of accommodations and food. The U.S.C.O. has to subsidize these conventions annually, which is becoming a drain on our finances.

Also a quick reminder that this month in The Voice we have included the information on the May Fundraiser, our Senior of the Year deadlines and the Resolution Form.

Hundreds of our members volunteer across the province in different capacities. Many of us are recognized in our communities and provincially for our efforts. Some towns and cities have special recognition programs for their volunteers. All those that give time and effort to make a difference in their communities should receive annual recognition. Some of our Zones and Clubs have introduced this as an annual recognition / achievement event.

Thank you to all our members who give tirelessly their time and efforts. Rest assured, YOUR EFFORTS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. You are the reason Canada is one of the best places in the world in which to live.

VOLUNTEERS DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE TIME, THEY JUST HAVE THE HEART.
Elizabeth Andrew



