

BC-AIRS President's Report 2001

When I started my term, I checked the mission statement, and realized, yet again, how thoughtful and complete it is. In looking back at the year, I feel that we had another successful year, which adhered to our 'raison d'être'.

BC-AIRS members met once a month during the year, as we have been doing in the past. We had a series of stimulating speakers, who helped further our knowledge, promote our professionalism, and enhance our skills. Our spring workshop was well organized, and well attended. The topics were timely and educational. Thank you to Roberta Wong, Debbi Leith, Valerie Wehrle and Isobel Curtis for convening the workshop.

It is the second year that we have provided an opportunity to take AIRS certification in the city, so that those wishing to take the exam do not have to travel to the USA.

At this point in time we enter an important period of change in the field of I&R, with 211 Project, and changes to the map of organizations and affiliations. It is absolutely necessary for BC-AIRS members to stay vigilant, and keep abreast the developments in these areas, which will impact the field as we know it.

211 Project is still at the planning stage. Thank you to Jack Vickery for keeping BC-AIRS informed on the news from this front, and being the liaison between BC-AIRS and 211 Project. It is important that BC-AIRS is part of the process, as the changes will impact us all.

InformCanada is to be the national I&R organization in Canada. It was created in order to pursue the 211 project in Canada. It is affiliated with AIRS, so that all Canadian I&R services, wishing to be members of AIRS, will have to do so through InformCanada. BC-AIRS members are invited to join InformCanada, when the process is set. Although we were not consulted on the process, it is important that we keep in touch with the organization, and voice our concerns where necessary.

It is with regret that I leave this position earlier than intended. I enjoyed my time as president of BC-AIRS, and enjoyed working with you all. In particular I wish to thank Franca Lattanzio, our treasurer, for her hard work all year, and Sherry Lynch and Elysia Donald for seeing that the minutes are done and sent out. As well I thank Isobel Curtis who was our in-house resource on AIRS, certification, and InformCanada. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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