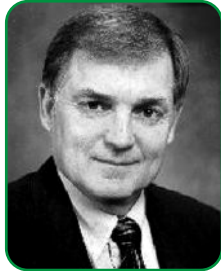


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Following a very successful 2006 Convention in Parksville, I had time to reflect on the BC Fundraising results. It is apparent that the Pacific Region had a very successful year and is moving in the right direction.

Congratulations to the Oceanside Convention Committee for hosting a fantastic and action filled Convention. Many thanks to the organizers and helpers for the hours of commitment and hard work, making the 2006 Convention a very memorable event for the Attendees. I think we all enjoyed the various speakers but especially Dave Mellor's talk on thinking big. Most impressive was the Greenwings turnout at 24.

It was great to have President Peter Carton and Perry McCormick, National Fund Raising Manager, in attendance and actively participating in the Provincial Council meetings and Business sessions. We appreciated their valuable input. As well, thanks to our Regional staff: Rory Brown, Gordon Stewart, Manda Hanson, Alan Sanders, Ken Ferris, Patti Erickson, Ian Barnett, Kathleen Fry, Dan Buffet, Ellen Baragon and Les Bogdan.

I would also like to thank everyone for your input and comments at the open forum sessions on "Communication" and "Best Practices". This information will be reviewed by the Provincial Council and an action plan set to address the priority items. We again have some new faces on the Provincial Council. Welcome to all the new Senior Volunteers; Rob Harmer, District Chair Vancouver-Sunshine Coast; Julius DeBarr, District Chair Fraser Valley; Fred Young, District Chair Kootenays. I look forward to working with the existing Council and congratulate Don Hubbard moving up to the Vice Chair position and Bob Clark taking on the additional role of Government Liaison. Subsequent to the annual meeting, June Clark has agreed to take on the

position of Communications Chair. This appointment couldn't come at a better time with the need to improve our Pacific Flyer and other media we use to keep our Volunteers informed.

The Fund Raising targets for the next two years are challenging. However, if we are to keep pace with the Wetland restoration and acquisition needs for BC we need to find a way to accomplish them. Over the next few months you will

hear more about this at the Chapter level. We are all looking for ways to be more successful in our Conservation efforts and this can only start with increasing our fund raising dollars.

The 2007 Convention Committee has been set for 108 Mile for the end of May. Look for more information as your Provincial Council gets set for next year.

John Simkins
Provincial Chair

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