



BC ABORIGINAL NETWORK ON DISABILITY SOCIETY  
"TO PROMOTE THE BETTERMENT OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES"

# Voices & Visions

## President's Update Mike Touchie

October 2006

Hello everyone, I hope all is well. Since the last newsletter we have recovered our finances, and are back on track.

We will be looking at our Constitution and bylaws as they were written for the organization when we had only 120 members. The organization's membership now exceeds 5000. With the assistance of Blair McKenzie we will be looking at updating some of our bylaws, and constitution to better reflect the needs of our membership.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank-you to our staff for doing a wonderful job over the

last year. Our funding has been re-established, upon present action to INAC, of our strategic plan.

Our next A.G.M. will be held at the Victoria Friendship Centre, November 20, 2006. Due to lack of finances we will not have a conference this year; and for the first time will not be able to sponsor members to attend the A.G.M. I respectfully request that if you are able to attend on your own, please call our office at 1-888-815-5511 and register. We need to plan meals and set-up. Thank-you. We will be trying for a full A.G.M./Conference for next year.

My apologies for any inconvenience.

I would also like to say thank-you to the First Nations Summit for their support. At the last First Nations Summit meeting in Kamloops our Protocol Agreement was renewed for two years. We will be having a meeting with the Summit leaders to find out how we can better utilize the agreement.

Once again I would also like to send thanks to Lillian Allison-Sanders and her husband Casey for the years of volunteering for B.C.A.N.D.S.. Thanks also to Terreane Derrick for her volunteer efforts and support.



Logo by Allan Thickfoot a Cree artist who is a quadriplegic and a member of our Society

## President's Update Mike Touchie cont...

Over the last sixteen years I have served as a board member, and have seen a lot of board members come and go. I have met a lot of Ministers over the years, attended so many meetings, dealt with housing, education, accessibility and a variety of other issues that affect first nations people with disabilities on and off reserve, in B.C. and across Canada. First Nations people, generally speaking, across Canada face the same problems, and deal with the same issues in there home territories.

**"I have to say thank-you to all past Board members for their support and dedication to the organization."**

I am advising membership that I will not be running for another term as a board member. I am moving on due to a couple of issues in my life. I need to look after my health, and I need to plan for my future, as I don't receive a pension for the accident that disabled me.



I have to say thank-you to all past and present Board members for their support and dedication to the organization. If not for their selfless efforts we would not be the unique and wonderful national organization that we are.

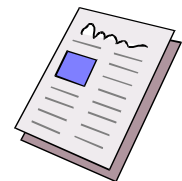
Thank-you to all past and present staff for their dedication also, as they have accomplished so much over the years. If you are planning on running for a position on our Board of Directors, we ask that you have some experience. It isn't an easy task. There is a lot to understand, there is a lot of responsibility associated with being a board member.

Take care

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# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 15th Annual General Meeting  
of the B.C. Aboriginal Network on Disability Society  
will be held on Monday, November 20th, 2006 at the

**Victoria Native Friendship Centre**

231 Regina St., Victoria, BC

from 9:00 am to Noon

**AGENDA**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Call to order
3. Report of the President
4. Report of the Executive Director
5. Review of the audited financial statements
6. Appointment of Auditor
7. Election of 3 Members to the Board of Directors
8. Consideration of change to the Society's bylaws
9. Other Business

***Motion for consideration by the Members attending the Annual General Meeting:***

Whereas it is deemed necessary to institute a formal procedure for the nomination of any person to express their desire to be considered for election to the Board of Directors,

and

Whereas this proposed procedure would allow for the orderly nomination and maximum assurance that the Society will be electing the best qualified people to sit on the Board of Directors and provide good governance to the function and operation of the Society,

and

Whereas this recommendation if approved would become effective for the election at the 2007 Annual General Meeting,

Be it resolved that:

A section to Part 5 of the Society's bylaws be added as follows:

"Nominations for any vacant position on the Board of Directors may only be put forward in writing prior to the Annual General Meeting, and must be submitted to the office of the organization at least 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Such nominations must be proposed by at least 5 members in good standing of the Society and may only be put forward on the organization's official nominating form."

# DON'T FORGET OUR HEALTH RESOURCE CENTRE!

## DON'T FORGET OUR HEALTH RESOURCE CENTRE!

Since 1998, we have been managing the Centre on behalf of the  
First Nations and Inuit Health program of Health Canada.  
This facility is available to provide information services and  
health programs to communities throughout B.C.

The Resource Centre is readily available to provide:

- ✓ Information in kits, charts, books manuals, reports, videos and CDs through our lending library system.
- ✓ Complimentary health promotion & prevention material, health awareness & information resources to Aboriginal health practitioners and others in the all communities.
- ✓ Parenting and prenatal educational packages to local First Nations centres.
- ✓ Assistance through community visits, conferences, special events or any type of gathering with a health-related theme.

We're pleased to announce that Addie Taylor is back and coordinating things at the Centre for BCANDS. If you need material, more information, or a catalogue, just give Addie or Debbie Thomas a call at 1-800-815-5511 or email to:

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