

BCHPCA WORKSHOPS 2019

The BCHPCA 2019 Workshops, organized in conjunction with the BC Centre for Palliative Care, were a huge success! Thank you to all attendees and contributors. Together, we continue to advance hospice palliative care in British Columbia.

A wide range of topics were covered during the workshops this year, including Fundraising and Social Media Fundamentals; Gaming Grant Basics; Volunteering in the Non-Profit sectors; Care for Persons Living with Dementia; Advance Care Planning; and Spreading Compassionate Communities.

We would appreciate your feedback on the events and invite you to click on the link below to take a brief survey:

[Click here to complete Survey!](#)

We are very grateful to the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem for your sponsorship and the grant opportunities made available to our members. Your generous support of our organization has helped us facilitate these workshops across British Columbia.



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY DONNA FLOOD

I would like to start by giving recognition to our Board of Directors who have gone above and beyond to maintain the organization's operational functions, as we work toward sustainability. Our board is comprised of volunteers who have been generous in sharing their time, treasure and talents with BCHPCA while balancing other competing life priorities. -Thank you

We are grateful to the generous support of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem that has shared their expertise in helping us identify opportunities and has graciously continued to provide funding through grants to our Hospice Organizations throughout the province. -Thank you

The BC Centre of Palliative Care has been a valuable partner in hospice palliative care and we are privileged to work alongside them. As we move forward we are discovering how our work in tandem in support of how people can die with dignity in our province. -Thank you

I am grateful that our Hospice Societies have continued to believe that together we are stronger and continue to support. We, in turn, are working to ensure we are providing our members with the support, education, and information they need to provide compassionate care in their communities- Thank you.

BCHPCA MEMBERSHIP SURVEY 2019

We want to acknowledge and thank those of you who took time out of your busy schedules to complete the BCHPCA Membership Survey 2019. As your newly-elected Board of Directors, we also want you to know: We have heard you. We dedicated a significant amount of time to thoroughly analyzing the survey data, and are developing new Strategies based on the feedback we have received. As a leading example, this newsletter has been initiated in response to your calls for increased communication between the association and members.

Because 87.5% of respondents see BCHPCA's role as one of advocacy, we are now planning innovative ways to elevate our voice as a united one for hospice-palliative care in the province of B.C.

Survey responses also indicated remaining priorities of our members, including education, membership support, and public awareness. We will be establishing focused working groups on these priorities, and inviting members to volunteer alongside the Board.

Some of the most exciting action will be based on survey results regarding industry-related trends and service needs. A surprisingly high percentage of respondents (65.5%) identified an "increased need for hospice-palliative support in long term care facilities in our community," and we are now looking at new solutions to provide support and education where it is needed most.

Above are just a handful of examples of how we intend to use your incredibly valuable responses and feedback moving forward. Please stay tuned because we have numerous opportunities and exciting news forthcoming!



Directors Marissa Stalman, *left*; Donna Flood, *centre*; and Judi Smart, *right* collaborate with the rest of the team to analyze the Membership Survey

BOARD POSITIONS

BCHPCA currently has three vacancies on the board for the Vancouver Coastal Regional Director, Fraser Regional Director, and Provincial Regional Director. If you are interested in joining our volunteer Board of Directors please email Board President Donna Flood at donna@bchpca.org.

Welcome to our team.

Angela McLaren joined our team 4 months ago as the Operations Manager. Angela McLaren was originally born in South Africa and moved to British Columbia in 2008. Previously, while living in South Africa Angela was working within the marketing industry focusing on strategic business management. Shortly, after moving to Canada Angela founded both the Fort St James Humane Society and the Prince George Humane Society and has extensively worked on fund development, and has provided strategic direction for multiple non-for-profit organizations. Angela has received several awards for her work within the non-profit sector and believe she will be an asset to our team.



We want to hear from you!

Victories? Struggles? Innovative fund-development ideas? Great stories? New ideas? We want to hear them! Please email us at office@bchpca.org and we will do our best to help increase exposure through our newsletter and/or social media.



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

BCHPCA would like to thank Bonnie Atwood for her years of service to the organization and to wish her well in her future endeavors.

We welcome Heather Lueck to our team. Heather brings extensive digital and technical administration experience to the organization. We are very excited to have her as a part of the BCHPCA team.