



2017 ANNUAL REPORT  
LIFESAVING SOCIETY  
BC & YUKON BRANCH



# LIFESAVING SOCIETY

*The Lifeguarding Experts*

## THE LIFESAVING SOCIETY IS

The national, non-profit, voluntary organization that has been training swimmers to be Lifesavers, Lifeguards and Instructors in Canada since 1908 and in BC since 1911.

Dedicated to the prevention of incidents and the saving of life in aquatic environments across Canada. A member of the Royal Life Saving Society Commonwealth organization and the Canadian representative in the International Life Saving Federation

## LIFESAVING SOCIETY AIMS

- Promote public awareness and understanding of the responsibility every Canadian assumes when working or playing in an aquatic environment.
- Provide educational opportunities for preparing swimmers to be lifesavers and for training highly skilled lifeguards.
- Pursue research to enhance and support the continuing development of its programs and to maintain technical excellence.
- Provide consultation services for education, recreation and health agencies in communities throughout the country.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



In my second and final year as President of the BC & Yukon Branch, I again have been honoured to serve in supporting our common objective of preventing drowning and water-related injury. 2017 was a year of awareness on the global health problem of drowning.

In July, during National Drowning Prevention Week, our team of volunteers and staff were welcomed to Government House in Victoria to host a very special Family Swim to Survive session. Her Honour, Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon, presented each family member with a certificate for their participation.

I am also privileged to be the newly appointed Public Education Commissioner for Lifesaving Society Canada and I am excited about this role as I have represented the BC & Yukon Branch on the National Board for several years and have formed many meaningful relationships that will be valuable in this position. I am also delighted to work closely with our former Branch Education Director, Wendy Schultenkamper, as the key national office staff member assisting the Commission in our work. We are joined by BC & Yukon Communications Manager Krystyna Domes and volunteers Sheila Polard and Paul Wechselberger. I am pleased to have such strong representation from our Branch in this group.

Our biggest accomplishment this year was hosting the 2017 World Conference on Drowning Prevention in Vancouver. With over 800 delegates from 60 countries, this was the largest conference to date. The event was truly remarkable. Sessions were excellent, the buzz at the venue was congenial, and most importantly, our volunteer team was outstanding. Without our volunteers, the event would not have been such a success. There were so many terrific exhibits and presentations at the conference, however, I must mention one in particular. Our Krystyna Domes along with Zia and Tamu Stolbie organized Drop Drownings – an event designed to inspire youth to work towards a Canada free from drowning. The event drew speakers, musicians, and other local talent. All who attended the Vogue Theatre that evening were engaged and my hope is to see this event grow into a regular occurrence in our Branch.

The volunteer group that helps to steer this Branch is a wonderful group that I'm pleased to be a part of, that being our Board of Directors, namely President Elect Peter Fox, Vice Presidents Jason Blood, Anita Chevalier, and Tony Toriglia; Treasurer John MacRitchie; and our new Governor Nicole Liddell. I am proud to welcome Nicole as the first woman to fill this role. I know she will be an exceptional ambassador for the BC & Yukon Branch.

[Heidi Ogilvie](#), Branch President

# BRANCH PRESIDENTS

Frederick William Burrows	1923 - 1925	Maxwell E. Gordon	1970 - 1972
William Reid Owen	1925 - 1926	Margaret Jean Lathwell	1972 - 1976
Frederick William Burrows	1926 - 1930	Nestor Nick Korchinsky	1976 - 1980
Alfred H. J. Swencisky	1930 - 1932	Dan E. Moon	1980 - 1982
Lestock Charles Reid	1932 - 1933	Doreen Drysdale	1982 - 1987
George Alexander Burrows	1933 - 1934	Ellen Lloyd	1987 - 1992
Gordon Vance	1934 - 1937	Julia Oulton	1992 - 1994
Thomas M. Galloway	1937 - 1938	Ron Aubrey	1994 - 1996
Lestock Charles Reid	1938 - 1940	Tony Toriglia	1996 - 1998
John Lawrence Lugin	1940 - 1942	Heather Straight	1998 - 2000
Rollie S. Henderson	1942 - 1945	Nicole Liddell	2000 - 2002
Gordon Vance	1945 - 1946	Ian Robertson	2002 - 2004
Edward Frank Forsyth	1946 - 1947	Dan Galazka	2004 - 2006
George Alexander Burrows	1947 - 1948	Sean Healy	2006 - 2008
John Thomas Kelly	1948 - 1957	Craig Amundsen	2008 - 2010
H. Douglas Whittle	1957 - 1966	Len Manuel	2010 - 2012
George Alexander Burrows	1966 - 1968	Dalyce Brandt	2012 - 2014
R. Gordon Edmonds	1968 - 1969	Michael Lawless	2014 - 2016
James Bertram Snelgrove	1969 - 1970	Heidi Ogilvie	2016 - 2018

# BRANCH GOVERNORS



Nicole Liddell, Branch Governor

Alfred H.J. Swencisky	Dates unconfirmed
Major-General John M. Rockingham	1980 - 1983
George A. Brown	1988 - 1994
Peter Legge	1995 - 1997
Jon MacKinnon	1997 - 2008
Ian Robertson	2008 - 2017
Nicole Liddell	2017 - present



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

What an active and exciting year 2017 was for this Branch! We climbed to new heights in many important ways and saw so many new volunteers and some new staff members assist us in that climb.

It began by welcoming our new Governor, Nicole Liddell, at the March AGM followed by an emotional Honour & Rescue Awards Ceremony where a Maple Ridge mother, Lelania Chapman, who was fighting cancer, overcame her challenge to save the lives of two young boys in Kanaka Creek Park.

Spring saw the result of months of preparation as Brooke and Cheryl delivered many leadership recertification clinics to ensure all those teaching our programs had the latest research-based information to provide to their course candidates. In combination with regional Affiliate meetings, these visits to all parts of the Branch continue to be an important and valuable component of supporting those Affiliates and individuals delivering the life saving information contained in our courses.

Summer saw the Swim to Survive program add another component in the form of Swim to Survive Days held in 3 Vancouver pools, Saanich Commonwealth Place, the open waters of Clayoquot Sound and in Dawson City, Yukon. During National Drowning Prevention Week, a high profile day at the home of the Lieutenant Governor, Government House in Victoria, launched Family Swim to Survive and during the 2016/2017 school year, Swim to Survive was delivered to 3112 Grades 3 & 7 students by 83 schools.

On the national front, after 2 years acting in the Interim Executive Director role, I was very pleased in July to see a very competent Bobby White hired as our new National Chief Administrative Officer. He has strong support from our former staff member, Wendy Schultenkamper, who is now the National Technical Manager.

On the international front, the year culminated in the Branch hosting the 2017 World Conference on Drowning Prevention on behalf of Lifesaving Society Canada. The conference is the flagship educational event of the International Life Saving Federation and was held at the Westin Bayshore Hotel in Vancouver. Drawing a record number of over 800 delegates from 60 countries, the event was a resounding success from all reports and garnered rave reviews from all who attended.

Co-sponsorship from the World Health Organization, participation from the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation and Bloomberg Philanthropies along with the support of over 20 trade show partners provided a lively and interesting three days. An amazing body of knowledge was exchanged through 253 oral presentations and 91 posters.

Needless to say, it was a monumental effort to not only accomplish this feat, but to do so at a high level of excellence. Naming individuals would not make sense as it was a tremendous group of nearly 100 volunteers and staff who worked together as a team to provide a well-run and enjoyable event at which much was learned and shared on drowning prevention globally.

Many thanks go to the thousands of people who support the Lifesaving Society's drowning prevention mission in so many ways. We look forward to continuing our positive growth in 2018!

Dale Miller, Executive Director



## EDUCATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Two-thousand seventeen was full. It began by saying goodbye to Alvin Cheung, our First Aid Program Coordinator as he took his new position with the City of Surrey. Alvin was instrumental in launching the First Aid/CPR Online Update which began, what I will call, an intense year of training.

The program focus of 2017 was three-fold: the tri-stream recertification cycle, the commencement of the Bronze Family revisions and the ongoing development of the National Leadership Training System.

### The Tri-stream Recertification Cycle

This cycle was successfully launched April 1 and as a result of ILCOR's recommendations, our Branch took a renewed approach to distinguishing the difference between procedure-based and principle-based teaching and practice. This invitation created vigorous and healthy dialogue surrounding a variety of topics. I want to commend our Instructors and Trainers for engaging the material and asking the tough questions which helped fashion and solidify the next two years of training.

The tri-stream certifications also provided an opportunity to realign responsibility and accountability within our leadership. The theme and challenge was for each of us to remember our integrity as we deliver and teach programs. The call to accountability took the form of guided self-reflection and Letters of Agreement for our Instructors and Trainers. At the end of the year, accountability took a similar form for the Branch and our Affiliates as we reaffirmed our relationship in the form of an Affiliate Agreement. Our heart and hope was, and is, to provide clarity and consistency in program delivery on all fronts.

### Bronze Family Revisions

Nationally, the Lifesaving Society embarked on the journey of evaluating our Bronze Family programs: their purpose, relevance and content alignment with research and statistics. The BC & Yukon Branch chaired the committee responsible for the knowledge curriculum. We are excited to reintroduce WaterSmart messaging into the programs with more emphasis. The program began its first pilot cycle in September.

### Ongoing Development of the National Leadership Training System

Many of the building blocks of the National Leadership Training System came together in 2017. After attending the National Trainer course in May, we focused our attention on creating clear documentation to support the competency-based model. Much of the work done in 2017 has laid the foundation for our Branch to begin the leadership launch journey.

In closing, we recognize that none of the aforementioned would have been possible without our co-workers at the Branch office, our hospitable Affiliates and the diligent work of Society Committee members and volunteers. We appreciate you so much and thank you for helping make this year successful.

Brooke Cherfils, Education Director

# PROGRAM MANAGER REPORT



It has been a whirlwind first year! I have had the opportunity to meet and work with Affiliates and volunteers in communities around the Branch and I am impressed and humbled by the professionalism and dedication of our members.

## Public Education

This year has included the amazing Public Education opportunity of the World Conference on Drowning Prevention hosted by our Branch, which afforded staff, volunteers, and our Lifesaving community access to learn from international research and programs on drowning prevention.

The School Swim to Survive Grant program provided funding for the 2016-17 school year to 83 schools with 3112 students participating in either the Grade Three or the Grade Seven Swim to Survive Plus program. Despite the funds winding down we are extremely happy that many schools continued with this important program in the new 2017-18 school year.

Our Branch hosted wonderful local events targeting BC residents with drowning prevention messages and Swim to Survive skills. Over 1000 youth trained at seven successful Swim to Survive Days in Vancouver at Kits Pool,

Second Beach Pool and New Brighton Pool, Dawson City Yukon at the Dawson City Pool, Victoria at Saanich Commonwealth Place Pool and in the open waters of Clayoquot Sound.

The Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia hosted the Drowning Prevention Week launch of Family Swim to Survive on July 18 at Government House in Victoria. We look forward with excitement to upcoming 2018 National Drowning Prevention Week events.

## Lifesaving Sport

This year also marked another successful year of lifeguard competitions and the introduction of Lifesaving Sport Fundamentals with our first Coaches Clinic in mid-October at Vancouver Aquatic Centre. Stay tuned for the growth of Lifesaving Sport and Junior Lifeguard Clubs throughout the Branch.

## Aquatic Safety Management

Aquatic Safety Management Services saw significant growth in 2017 through our Aquatic Safety Audit Program and Aquatic Safety Management Training. With the introduction of the Safety Supervision and Enhancement (SEE) Auditor certification and Aquatic Safety Management Inspector training we are able to offer more tools for the aquatic professional to assist in the safe management of their facilities and grow their staff's capabilities.

Be on the lookout for more PAL units (Public Access Liferings) in BC and in the Yukon as more communities have provided the public with safe and quick access to this important rescue tool featuring customized Lifesaving Society safety signage.

## Volunteers and Advisory Groups

Because we have such amazing and talented volunteers, and because we value their support, we have created three new Advisory Groups to participate in upcoming projects. The Public Education Advisory Group led by Sheila Polard, the Lifesaving Sport Advisory Group led by Anita Chevalier and the Aquatic Safety Management Group with Len Manuel leading this group of experienced volunteers. Our goal is to have voices from throughout the Branch and continue to include talent within the lifesaving community in our current and future work. I look forward to meeting more Lifesavers this year.

Cheryl Sibany, Education Director

# COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER REPORT

Wow! What an exciting year full of challenge, spirit and innovation it has been for the Lifesaving Society BC & Yukon Branch! It has been a pleasure to continue to support the Branch in my role as Communications Manager and as a member of the National Public Education Commission on the communications portfolio.

As the Branch grows and evolves, the need for new and creative ways to train the next generation of lifesavers, while staying true to the history and reputation of the Lifesaving Society, is paramount.

Among 16-24 year olds, social media and search engines are the primary tools used to discover new information and as such, it is of utmost importance that our online presence continues to prosper. Sharing photos and videos online from events such as WCDP, Swim to Survive Day, National Drowning Prevention Week and Drop Drownings has proven to be an effective way to reach and inspire youth. We have used the increased exposure to share valuable lifesaving information to this audience and will continue to do so.



In 2017, I had the privilege of joining an exceptional team of staff and volunteers on the world stage in the role of Marketing Coordinator for the World Conference on Drowning Prevention. Not only did WCDP give us the chance to reach a global audience, but it provided an opportunity to make new connections with partners, volunteers and Affiliates, both in person and online.

A cross-platform digital strategy was integral to WCDP's success. Over a two year period, we established interest in WCDP through Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn. As registration began, we used Facebook and WhatsApp to work together with small teams, volunteers and special interest groups, such as RLSS Commonwealth's Emerging Leaders, to communicate directly with individuals from around the world without the barriers of time and distance.

During the conference, a specialized team of social media and photography volunteers worked around the clock to deliver up to date information to delegates and engage with those online. Conference delegates and speakers loved seeing photos of themselves and sharing them with their personal networks. I am proud that we created spaces where international drowning prevention work can continue well beyond the conference. All of the channels created for WCDP 2017 will be passed on to Lifesaving South Africa as they prepare to host the World Conference on Drowning Prevention 2019.

Another 2017 highlight was working together with Parks Canada on the launch of CoastSmart, an educational campaign on ocean safety. The BC & Yukon Branch was pleased to announce its official endorsement of CoastSmart and was there to celebrate the official launch on March 25th, 2017 at the Kwisis Visitor Centre, Wickaninnish Beach, Ucluelet. CoastSmart is a pilot project in the Pacific Rim region of British Columbia designed to enhance coastal safety along the shoreline and in the surfzone. We look forward to continuing drowning prevention work with Parks Canada and CoastSmart.

Looking forward to 2018, sharing our drowning prevention message remains the top motivation for using social networks and digital platforms. We hope to expand our reach by engaging in activities such as live streaming, photography and video for social media and the launch of a new website.

Thank you to each and every volunteer who has helped to make 2017 one for the record books!

Krystyna Domes, Communications Manager

# NATIONAL LIFEGUARD COMMITTEE REPORT



**Committee Members:** Alyson Dewey, Chris Cordova, Emma Jacobsen, Gordon Macdonnell, Julie Kaufman, Lauralee March and Karen Hillmann (chair)

**Regional Representatives:** Aaron Moldenhauer (Kootenays), Becky Tomlin (Yukon), Jerry Michael (Island), Kyle Kronebusch (North) and Melina Sweezey (North).

**Staff Representative:** Brooke Cherfils, Education Director

March 2018 ends the current two year term of the NL Committee. During the past two years as Committee Chair, it has been a time of support and dedication from a group of committee members who volunteer their time and efforts through monthly meetings, group projects, discussions or debates. I give my thanks to the Committee Members and the Branch Office for their recommendations and feedback towards topics and resources related to the NL program.

In 2017, the NL Committee and the Branch Office worked on various projects throughout the year:

## JANUARY – MARCH 2017:

- Discussions started for NL resources such as assignments, quizzes and the NL Candidate Workbook
- The NL Precert/Recert document started its review in preparation for the 2017/2018 NLI Recert cycle
- Discussions continued for the NL Instructor Recert cycle
- A pilot was held in March 2017 for the NL Instructor Recert

## APRIL – JULY 2017:

- Resources were completed for the new recert cycle
- Final revisions were completed from feedback from the NL Instructor Pilot Recert before Recerts started in Spring 2017
- NL Instructors started the process of recerting for the 2017/2018 cycle
- A proposed equipment list was developed for NL Waterfront and Surf courses and recerts
- Continued work on the NL Candidate Workbook and resources with the goal to complete for September 2017
- Video shoots started for NL program resources
- More resources were also started for the use of rescue aids

## SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2017:

- More NL Instructor Recerts were added for instructors that missed the Spring round
- Waterfront/Surf candidate information was reviewed for the recerts
- Call-outs were started to promote upper level leadership courses
- Big highlight and excitement for the Fall was the ILS World Conference on Drowning Prevention

Please remember that the NL Committee is there to represent NL Instructors. If you have any questions, input or ideas, don't hesitate to ask or use the NL Instructor Facebook page; there have been many excellent questions and discussions that have come up through the years. The Committee actively participates in all aspects of the NL program to ensure a consistent and quality-driven program.

I give my thanks to each Committee Member as well as the Branch Office for their time during this Committee's term.

**Karen Hillmann**, NL Committee Chair

# LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT



**Committee Members:** Danny Burgi, Jaime Fennell, Judi Ambrozaitis-Torrao, Krista Sabatino, Riley Huntley, Sasha Maleki and Veronica Grusnick (chair)

**Regional Representatives:** Javan Johnson (Kootenays), Kyle Kronebusch (North), Trevor Sproule (Thompson-Okanagan) and Wade Thoreson (Island).

**Staff Representative:** Brooke Cherfils, Education Director

April 2017 was the start of a new two-year term for the Leadership Committee and the start of my first experience as Chair. The number of applications we received for the committee this term was outstanding – it was a tough decision to narrow down to the team we have. We wish to thank all who applied. As always if you have suggestions or ideas to improve courses in the Branch please contact myself or the Branch Office.

We began our term by evaluating and reorienting our focus. Traditionally, the Leadership Committee had a singular focus: the Lifesaving stream. However, we quickly realized that to be successful in the challenges ahead, that focus was too narrow. We broadened our scope to create resources to support all streams as leadership encompasses lifesaving, first aid and lifeguarding. With this understanding, the Committee spent the latter part of 2017 working on completing documents started by the previous team and updating documents with the 2015 ILCOR guidelines. Also created were combo workbooks and lesson plans for Bronze Star/Medallion as well as Bronze Medallion/Cross. These documents are currently in the process of being edited and formatted and will be on the website soon.

Our second workplan involved Committee members reviewing the mandatory manuals for each program stream and putting forth recommendations on changes/revisions to align all the resources and keep them current.

One of our members, Riley Huntley, took on an independent project and spent time working with Branch Office staff to create and format fillable test sheets for all program streams. If you didn't get the email sent out by the Branch office – test sheets no longer require Instructor signatures, all of these new test sheets are uploaded on the site ready and waiting for you to download and start using.

During the second year of our term, the Committee will turn its attention to developing Branch curriculum that aligns with the National Leadership Training System. We are excited for the challenge to take the competency-based model and make it tangible in resources for our instructors and trainers. We have been laying the foundation for this all along by spending time examining the existing curriculum. It is an exciting time to be on the Committee.

I wish to thank all members of the Committee and the Branch Office for their support, dedication and commitment to the growth and development of resources for Instructors in the Lifesaving, Lifeguarding and First Aid streams.

**Veronica Grusnick**, Leadership Committee Chair

# COMPETITION COMMITTEE REPORT



**Committee Members:** Tia Town-Schon, Chris Cordova, Veronica Grusnick and Kim TownSchon (chair)

**Regional Representatives:** Jerry Michael (Island)

**Staff Representative:** Cheryl Sibany, Program Manager

The Competition Committee saw another productive year in 2017. Everyone worked hard to complete and distribute a brand new Competition Manual. This reference material replaces any previous manuals/handbooks and has been updated with all current competition information. Everyone from Judges to Officials to Competitors to Coaches are strongly encouraged to get a copy of this manual for their own use. It is now the definitive manual for competition within our Branch.

The Committee was also excited to have a new Office Representative, as Cheryl Sibany joined the Branch Office staff. The Committee is looking forward to promoting competition with renewed interest and support of the Office.

The Committee piloted a number of changes to the Barnsley Simulated Emergency Response Championship this year, some deliberate and some out of necessity. This year we ran a one day event, due to low registration; it was a busy but successful day. We are still looking for more feedback about the Barnsley event, so please feel free to pass on any feedback you might have to a committee member so it can be used for future planning. The Committee also planned out the Schon Cup, including JLC events, however that event was cancelled due to low registration.

Moving into 2018 the Committee is looking to expand, including more involvement from the various regions throughout the Branch. The Committee is also going to be focusing on Judges & Officials. We are setting up a database as well as rolling out various levels that judges and officials can work their way through via experience and training. This should provide a progression through various roles and challenge volunteers to take on new roles within the management of a competition event. This will also match up with what other Branches do as well as what is done nationally and internationally.

As always, the Competition Committee continues to look for keen interested people who wish to stay involved with competition. Whether that means joining the Committee or helping to organize an event, there is much to do and the Committee is always looking for people to help out. If you are interested in joining the Committee, hosting a regional or Branch competition, starting a Junior or Lifeguard/Lifesaving club, making a lifeguard team, or just have questions about competition in general please don't hesitate to contact us at [guardcomps@lifesaving.bc.ca](mailto:guardcomps@lifesaving.bc.ca).

[Kim TownSchon](#), Competition Committee Chair

# SPORT ADVISORY GROUP REPORT



**Committee Members:** Chris Cordova, Oliver Nugent, Laurel White, TiaTown-Schon, Claire Nicol, Stefanie Panesar, Gail Findlay-Shirras, Rachel McMillan, Paula Thulin, Craig Amundsen and Anita Chevalier (chair).

**Regional Representatives:** Alannah Dobell (Island) and Martin Henderson (Island)

**Staff Representative:** Cheryl Sibany, Program Manager

Lifesaving Sport, recognized by the International Olympic Committee and Commonwealth Games Federation, is the only sport that has been developed out of humanitarian purposes. As lifesavers, we hone the skills that save lives and prevent drowning.

The Lifesaving Sport Advisory Group was implemented in the fall of 2017. Former National Team Athlete and Coach, Anita Chevalier, is heading up the Group along with a strong team of members keen to see Lifesaving Sport take off in BC and the Yukon.

The Group met for the first time in September 2017, establishing a working plan for the following two years with a vision to grow the sport starting from a grassroots level—focusing primarily on junior club development.

In conjunction with the Competition Committee, the Lifesaving Sport Advisory Group hopes to establish a lifelong tradition of Lifesaving Sport in this Branch for future generations.

Looking ahead, the Lifesaving Sport Advisory Group hopes to achieve several goals over the next cycle such as:

1. **Increase awareness of Lifesaving Sport –what is it, where can I join, how do you do it?**
  - a. Lifesaving Sport is a multi-disciplinary sport consisting of Pool, Surf and First Aid events. Each event is designed to replicate a skill necessary for rescuing a person in still water or surf conditions.
  - b. Lifesaving Fundamentals teaches lifesaving sport skills in progressive levels and uses the True Sport Principles: Go For It, Play Fair, Respect Others, Keep it Fun, Stay Healthy and Give Back. The BC & Yukon Branch plans to implement this program into Junior Lifeguard Clubs and pool programming.
2. **Develop more clubs and programming:**
  - a. Currently there are only a handful of Junior Lifeguard Clubs in the Branch. It is the Group's aim to increase the number of clubs and establish the Lifesaving Fundamentals program into more communities. It is our aim that once these clubs are established, interest in lifesaving sport and subsequently lifeguarding, will ensure a larger pool of strong candidates with solid skills to enter the lifeguard workforce.
  - b. In October, 12 new Lifesaving Sport Coaches and 4 Coach Trainers were certified.
3. **Establish TeleGames, a home-based competition:**
  - a. TeleGames is a 'dial-it-in' competition, where junior lifeguards aged 9-15 years compete at their home pool. The results are submitted by coaches and instructors then tabulated at the Lifesaving Society, where placings are determined and ribbons are sent to the respective clubs.
4. **Marketing and Promotion:**
  - a. The Sport Advisory Group is currently in discussion with KitsFest organizers to demonstrate Lifesaving Sport events during their popular weekend at Kitsilano Beach this coming summer.

Anita Chevalier, Sport Advisory Group Chair

# LIFESAVING SOCIETY CORE PROGRAM STATS

		2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
LIFESAVING	Canadian Swim Patrol	1,890	1,287	1,640	1,683	1,173	1,211	1,005
	Bronze Star	875	894	1,010	937	818	1,151	1,243
	Bronze Medallion	3,708	3,686	3,877	3,818	3,704	4,224	4,334
	Bronze Cross	3,065	3,182	3,275	3,265	3,014	3,376	3,626
	Total Lifesaving	9,538	9,049	9,802	9,703	8,709	9,962	10,208
FIRST AID	AED	539	633	809	895	955	1,359	1,595
	CPR	2,597	2,132	2,723	2,757	3,301	3,347	4,907
	Aquatic Emergency Care	132	97	167	160	152	273	250
	Health Care Provider	1,252	687	656	707	770	987	654
	Emergency First Aid	3,257	2,412	1,657	2,201	1,730	1,812	1,808
	Standard First Aid	4,021	2,923	2,486	3,211	2,693	3,230	2,824
	Worksite First Aid	7	23	73	119	169	147	100
	Total First Aid	11,805	8,907	8,571	10,050	9,770	11,155	12,138
NATIONAL LIFEGUARD	National Lifeguard	1,525	1,675	1,568	1,631	1,683	1,796	1,984
	National Lifeguard Recert	2,287	2,474	2,309	2,405	2,200	2,472	2,575
	National Lifeguard Waterpark	333	370	382	361	331	416	475
	National Lifeguard Waterpark Recert	357	390	354	389	350	356	358
	National Lifeguard Waterfront	86	110	60	69	60	43	88
	National Lifeguard Waterfront Recert	92	99	100	92	96	91	95
	National Lifeguard Surf	7	10	0	0	0	0	12
	Total National Lifeguard	4,687	5,128	4,773	4,947	4,720	5,174	5,587
LEADERSHIP	Lifesaving Instructor	408	510	438	470	479	534	573
	Lifesaving Instructor Recert	870	565	942	510	922	517	1,099
	National Lifeguard Instructor Course	14	36	6	39	16	29	20
	First Aid Instructor Course	20	53	31	9	63	31	28
	Lifesaving Instructor Trainer	0	10	11	8	6	12	5
	Total Leadership	1,312	1,174	1,497	1,027	1,423	1,092	1,697
SAFETY MANAGEMENT	SEE Auditor	27	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Aquatic Safety Inspector	19	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Total Safety Management	46	---	---	---	---	---	---
CORE	Total Core Programs	27,388	24,258	24,643	25,727	24,622	27,383	29,630

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

		2017	2016
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	Cash & equivalents	---	32,868
	Accounts receivable	172,913	91,107
	Interfund receivables	13,623	22,511
	Inventory	78,731	43,140
	Prepaid expenses	4,839	52,889
	Total Assets	270,106	242,515
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	Bank indebtedness	54,929	0
	Accounts payable	66,273	13,560
	Interfund payable	8,891	7,315
	Deferred revenue	83,163	95,448
	Total Current Liabilities	213,256	116,323
<b>FUNDS BALANCE</b>	Balance at beginning of year	126,193	134,261
	Excess of receipts over (under) disbursements	(43,179)	66,286
	Inter fund transfers	(26,164)	(22,172)
	Balance at end of year	56,850	126,192
	Total Liabilities & Funds Balance	270,106	242,515
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	Administration	129,601	128,075
	Awards	603,167	499,704
	Donations	---	340
	Literature Sales	337,040	256,404
	Merchandise sales	92,957	85,960
	Outreach funding	396,826	249,187
	Total Receipts	1,559,591	1,220,300
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	Accounting and legal	10,800	10,665
	AdventureSmart expenses	353,751	228,536
	Advertising and promotion	8,458	7,100
	Bad debts	0	0
	Bank charges and interest	10,315	8,434
	Committees and events	96,042	74,041
	Cost of sales and awards	328,019	238,646
	Equipment and repairs	11,245	2,812
	Insurance	14,135	18,206
	Office and miscellaneous	55,614	29,481
	Postage and shipping	29,859	22,825
	Premises	26,206	25,396
	Salaries and benefits	553,454	483,658
	Supplies	7,655	9,116
	Technology upgrades	25,363	14,286
	Telephone	9,704	7,242
	Travel and accommodation	26,394	25,753
	WCDP	35,763	---
	Total Disbursements	26,394	1,206,197
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements		(43,179)	14,103

# AFFILIATE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Each year the Lifesaving Society recognizes facilities that provide our programs. Certificates are issued to facilities certifying the most candidates in each program stream based on population.

## 2017 AFFILIATE AWARD RECIPIENTS

### Bronze Programs

Over 175,000	Jewish Community Centre, Vancouver (LIT)
100,000 – 175,000	Sungod Recreation Centre, Delta
50,000 – 100,000	Maple Ridge Leisure Centre, Maple Ridge (LIT)
20,000 – 50,000	West Vancouver Aquatic Centre, West Vancouver
Less than 20,000	Cowichan Aquatic Centre, Duncan

### Lifesaving Instructor Courses & Recerts

Over 175,000	C.G. Brown Pool, Burnaby
100,000 – 175,000	Sungod Recreation Centre, Delta
50,000 – 100,000	Canada Games Aquatic Centre, Kamloops
20,000 – 50,000	Whitehorse Aquatic Centre, Whitehorse
Less than 20,000	Creston & District Community Complex, Creston

### National Lifeguard Courses and Recerts

Over 175,000	Jewish Community Centre (LIT), Vancouver
100,000 – 175,000	City Centre Aquatic Complex, Coquitlam
50,000 – 100,000	Oak Bay Recreation Centre, Victoria
20,000 – 50,000	West Vancouver Aquatic Centre, West Vancouver
Less than 20,000	Cowichan Aquatic Centre, Duncan

### First Aid Courses & Recerts

Over 175,000	Link2Life, Vancouver
100,000 – 175,000	Life Preservers, North Vancouver
50,000 – 100,000	Four Seasons Leisure Pool, Prince George
20,000 – 50,000	Strathcona Gardens Recreation Complex, Campbell River
Less than 20,000	Pacific Alpine Institute, Whistler

### Seasonal Pools

Lower Mainland	Kitsilano Beach Pool, Vancouver
Outside LM	Hooksum Outdoor School, Tofino
Camp	Camp Hatikvah, Oyama

### Individual Affiliates

All courses	Karen Hillmann
First Aid	Karen Hillmann
Lifesaving	Shandy Kariatsumari

# AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

## INSTRUCTOR RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENTS

### New Lifesaving Instructor Recognition Award

Henry Osborne, Vancouver Island  
John William Connell, Metro Vancouver  
Joel Seifrit, North  
Sharman Learie, Thompson/Okanagan  
Kara Deane, Kootenays

### New National Lifeguard Instructor Award

Kevin Ianson, Vancouver Island  
Riley Huntley, Metro Vancouver  
Jenna Sullivan, Thompson/Okanagan

### New First Aid Instructor Recognition Award

Ryan Bell, Vancouver Island  
David Russell, Metro Vancouver  
Brennan Marion, North  
Erin Hemmerling, Thompson Okanagan  
Cindy Larson, Kootenays

## AED AWARDS

The AED Rescue Award is an Affiliate award that recognizes rescuers who have used their Lifesaving Society training under the AED Quality Assurance Program.

The focus of the AED-QAP program includes not only training in effective CPR and on the facility specific AED, but also training in the deployment of the AED to the scene in a timely manner.

Since 2007, the program has seen a total 37 AED deployments, 31 of which were successful. Research has shown that effective resuscitation and the application of an AED within the first few minutes of a cardiac arrest can dramatically improve survival outcomes. This is evident in our 84% success rate... well above the national average.

### 2016 Recipients

Prince George Aquatic Centre, Prince George  
February 24, 2016

### 2017 Recipients

Canada Games Pool, Kamloops  
February 20, 2017

UBC Aquatic Centre, Vancouver  
March 7, 2017

# DB PERKS SCHOLARSHIP

2018 marks the 24th year of the DB Perks/Lifesaving Society scholarships. Since their inception in 1995, \$43,000 has been provided to 83 recipients from 765 applicants. For this year, Doug Perks again increased the total contribution by changing the awards to 3 at \$1,000 rather than 5 at \$500.

## 2017 Recipients

Jamie Magrill, Richmond  
Riley Huntley, Surrey  
Sarah Schlatter, Victoria

## 2016

Anthony Lee, Burnaby  
Martin Chan, Richmond  
Lindsay Munroe, Coquitlam  
Becky Tomlin, Whitehorse  
Sarah Schlatter, Victoria

## 2015

Matteo Ferrarasso, Burnaby  
Ryan Wilmlink, Vancouver  
Sienna Joyce, Port Moody  
Wyatt Henry, Kamloops  
Timothy Bientjes, Kamloops

## 2014

Rachel Hennig, Langley  
Julie Kaufman, Vancouver  
Anna Legault, Victoria  
Michelle Lukas, Vancouver  
Rebecca Roy, Kamloops

## 2013

Amanda Tuey, Burnaby  
Marc Lacroix, Surrey  
Cameron Meldrum, Chilliwack  
Julia Sharma, Burnaby  
Claire Bruce, Prince George

## 2012

Vanessa Butler, Surrey  
Melissa Gillespie, Saanichton  
Sheena Fulop, Pender Island  
Colin Pistawka, Kelowna

## 2010

Noel Lai, Vancouver  
Sasha Maleki, Coquitlam  
Amanda Penny, Williams Lake  
David Slade, Delta

## 2009

Veronica Grusnick, Surrey  
Emily Hails, Coldstream  
Cailey Hume, Sparwood  
Ben Tettamanti, Vancouver

## 2008

Leo Chan, Coquitlam  
Christian Gotengco, Vancouver  
Brittany Hollett, Kamloops  
Brittany Williams, Surrey

## 2007

Natasha Corewyn, Vancouver  
Eric Iadarola, Kamloops  
Jerry Michael, Victoria  
Quinn Yu, Surrey

## 2008

Lisa Flegel, Bella Coola  
Jamie Lee McSweeney  
John-Jose Nunez

## 2007

Sarah Glenn, Ladysmith  
Yvonne Gomez, Victoria  
Jessamyn Logan, Saanich  
Amanda Lust, Penticton

## 2006

Janet Maxsted, Kelowna  
Ashley Rota, Vancouver  
Christina Smirl, Sooke

## 2005

Sven Bellamy, Burnaby  
Jen Brett, Savona  
Lois Moore, Whitehorse

## 2004

Natasha Files, Surrey  
Janice Newkirk, Hagensborg  
Ryan Radford, Vancouver

## 2003

Candace Brown, New Westminster  
Brian Campbell, West Vancouver  
Trevor Roy, Kelowna

# 105TH ANNUAL COMMONWEALTH AWARDS

The Honour and Rescue Awards celebrate the human spirit of giving. The Honour awards praise the dedicated efforts of the Lifesaving Society's volunteers. The Rescue Awards continue the celebration by rewarding people for unselfishness in putting their lives on the line during a water rescue. The selections are made from rescues reported in the news, from individual recommendations and from police reports.

Awards presented at the 105th Honour and Rescue Awards Ceremony on March 18, 2017:

## HONOUR AWARDS

**Certificate of Thanks**  
Paul Wechselberger

**Service Medal**  
Alyson Dewey  
Renee Field  
Heidi Ogilvie  
Kim TownSchon  
Tia Town-Schon

**Bar to Service Medal**  
Jeffrey Holland

**Service Cross**  
Graham Esplen  
Michael Lawless

**President's Plaque**  
Ian Robertson

## RESCUE AWARDS

**Silver Medal for Merit**  
Avtar Hothi  
Randy Knockwood  
Hailey McIntyre  
Nicole Mulcahy  
Betty Timuss

**Silver Medal for Bravery**  
Mike Broadway  
Lelania Chapman  
Daniel Christie  
Clayton Hill  
Randy Robinson  
Cathy Thomson  
Timothy Tom  
Erin Wiltse

**Governor's Gold**  
Lelania Chapman



## WATERWISE TEAM

With guidance from experienced Team member, Sienna Joyce, this year's crew of Jennifer Lee and Jenny Gleimius travelled far and wide to spread information on drowning prevention and water safety to the public through school presentations and events!

Nicely captured in graphics, their key safety messages were:



- PREPARE IT** Preparation is the key to prevention. Ensure you have the 3 T's before you head out on the water: Training, Trip Plan, and Take the Essentials.
- WEAR IT** 90% of boating-related drownings are caused by not wearing a lifejacket or PFD. The simple act of wearing a lifejacket can save your life.
- KNOW IT** Learning water safety and water rescue skills can dramatically increase your odds of surviving an emergency.
- SHARE IT** Promote WaterWise in your community. Visit [www.waterwiseteam.ca](http://www.waterwiseteam.ca) to find out how you can share it!

WaterWise Wisdom presentations were delivered to middle schools and elementary schools. For older audiences, the Team emphasized the dangers of drinking and boating, highlighted statistics on drowning, identified risk factors, and warned about the risk of cliff jumping.

The Team also worked with at-risk New Canadian populations, teaching 25 Syrian refugees about water safety as well as delivering WaterWise Wisdom to ESL students at Douglas Training Centre in Surrey.

A new website was launched in 2017 including tips of how to be WaterWise, blog posts and Team updates, booking request forms, and much more! Visit: [www.waterwiseteam.ca](http://www.waterwiseteam.ca).

WaterWise safety brochures were widely distributed to various visitor centres and vessel rental locations in BC. The brochures include informative safety water tips, a safety equipment checklist, as well as a trip plan.

The WaterWise school presentations were very successful in 2017 and included 50 Lower Mainland schools, 12 in the Okanagan region and 6 on Vancouver Island for a record total of 10,977 students educated. The Team received very positive feedback from teachers and schools such as:

"Lots of user-friendly and age-appropriate water safety tips! Please ensure to keep this an annual presentation as it is extremely relevant for our Okanagan Valley Schools."

"This is SO relevant and important for our students who are in and around the water regularly. I liked the questions and opportunities for the kids to answer and participate."

During the 2017 National Drowning Prevention Week (NDPW) the Team visited local pools, provided a free educational presentation at Government House in collaboration with the Lifesaving Society's Swim to Survive Program, and set up an informative booth at Ukee Days in Ucluelet.

Social media was also an important component of the Team's activities including:

### #CAUGHT YOU SHARING IT

Students designed a postcard/poster to illustrate the importance of boat and water safety. Schools were encouraged to 'Share It!' including an important message they learned through the WaterWise Wisdom presentation. Selected posters were awarded a \$20 gift card to Dairy Queen.

### #CAUGHT YOU WEARING IT

Back again this year, the contest was a huge success in which water enthusiasts were encouraged to wear a lifejacket when swimming, on vessels, etc. There were weekly winners on social media who won prizes kindly donated by various sponsors.

The 18th season for the WaterWise Team was very active and productive with a record number of people educated on being safe around the water. We certainly hope it leads to a decrease in tragic stories for many years to come.



# AdventureSmart



*Get informed & go outdoors!*

## ADVENTURESMART TEAMS

In the second year since its reinstatement in 2016, BC AdventureSmart has seen exponential growth, led by the BC Coordinator, Sandra Riches. With a culmination of 3 seasons (Winter 2016/2017, Summer 2017, and Winter 2017/2018) BC AdventureSmart team members directly impacted 21,158 individuals across the province with their message of preparedness. Indirectly through social media, traditional media and other means, the AdventureSmart messaging was seen and heard by thousands more.

Consistent with seasons past, the AdventureSmart teams travelled far and wide to spread the message of outdoor safety. A main initiative for the teams were to reach as many communities, and to connect with and strengthen relationships with as many SAR groups as possible across the province. From Fort Saint Johns to Kitimat, from Ucluelet to Cranbrook, many kilometres were travelled and many were connections made or strengthened. Collectively, the AdventureSmart teams connected with and supported through public education and outreach, 63 of the 80 Search and Rescue Groups across British Columbia. Sandra Riches and Outreach Educator, Emma Courtney, were also able to attend the SARVAC BC Workshop in Chilliwack, which took place February 5th to 7th. Representatives from all 80 groups across the province were in attendance, and BC AdventureSmart had the opportunity to host a presentation on the work being done across the province, educating the SAR community on how they can get involved.

In addition to the customary outreach through presentations, community events, booths at trailheads and ski hills, AdventureSmart focused on spreading the message of safety through a variety of new means. Specifically, working to target audiences considered high-risk for Search and Rescue, such as New Canadians and ESL Learners. AdventureSmart also partnered with the Canucks Autism Network and Power to Be to create a presentation specific to individuals with learning barriers. In addition to this new initiative, another major drive for the AdventureSmart Teams was to leave legacies in the form of trained volunteers in many of the communities visited. In 2017, 10 Train the Presenter Workshops were hosted across the province, giving volunteers the skills required to present to audiences in their communities.

A major partnership created in 2017 was with the Destination Marketing Organizer (DMO), Destination BC. Destination BC oversees all of the Regional DMOs, in addition to curating the tourism marketing for British Columbia as a whole. This partnership is significant as Destination BC is often the first place of exposure to many individuals looking to vacation or recreate in British Columbia. Destination BC (and other RDMOs in British Columbia - for example, Tourism Vancouver Island, Kootenay Rockies Tourism, and many more) now uses the AdventureSmart messaging and information in their social media posts and blogs, giving AdventureSmart a significantly larger audience.

AdventureSmart now looks forward into 2018, with many more goals on the horizon. Among those, the objective to build a stronger relationship with the hospitality industry, ensuring that frontline workers in tourism are equipped with the message of preparedness to share with any visitor that may ask about a local recreational activity. Also, eagerly anticipated is further collaboration with the WaterWise team on events throughout National Drowning Prevention Week, and Swim to Survive.

BC AdventureSmart would not be made possible without the continued support of British Columbia Search & Rescue Association, Emergency Management BC, and the Lifesaving Society BC & Yukon Branch.



# SWIM TO SURVIVE DAY

Swim to Survive Day is an innovative and barrier-free way to offer the Lifesaving Society's Swim to Survive program to the public in a single session. No community is too big or small to host an event of this kind. In 2017 we saw many exciting events take place across the Branch including over 1000 youth trained at seven successful Swim to Survive Days in Vancouver at Kits Pool, Second Beach Pool and New Brighton Pool, Dawson City Yukon at the Dawson City Pool, Victoria at Saanich Commonwealth Place Pool and in the open waters of Clayoquot Sound.





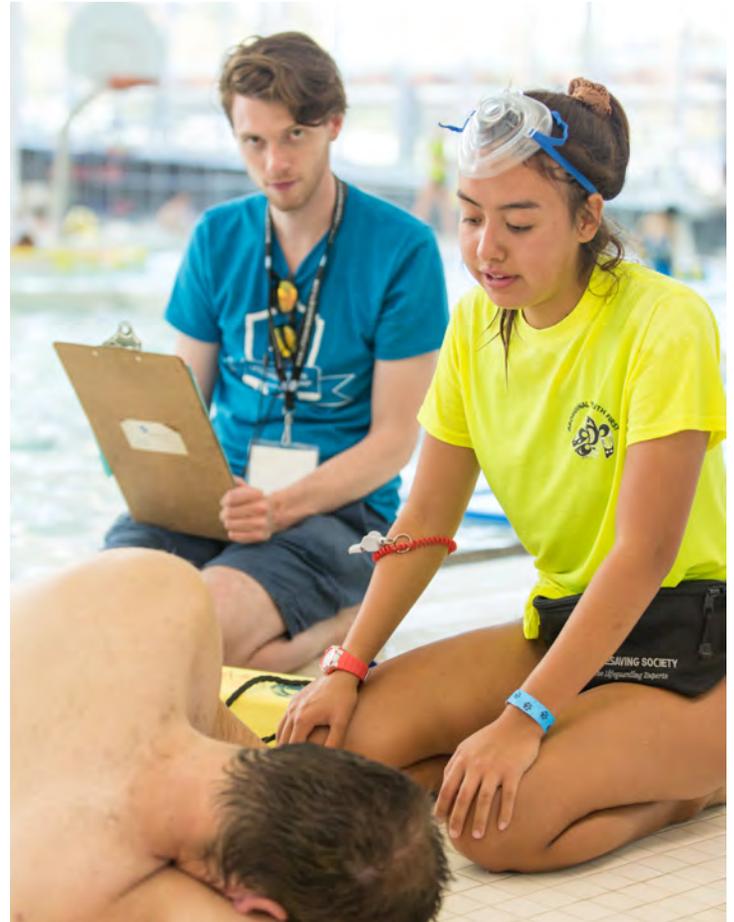
# NDPW 2017 LAUNCH OF FAMILY SWIM TO SURVIVE

During National Drowning Prevention Week 2017, the Lifesaving Society launched Family Swim to Survive at Government House in Victoria, BC with Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon. Family Swim to Survive uses the same skills and principles as Swim to Survive but is designed for adults as well as children, and allows family members to participate in the Swim to Survive program together.



# BARNESLEY BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by the University of British Columbia in their new UBC Aquatic Centre this exciting event saw stellar performances from the winning team, My Heroes. Congratulations to Team Captain Ollie Nugent and his team; Celina Heppner, Shayne Fulton and Sasha Maleki. Rookie Team of the Year went to Stroke Rate lead by Team Captain Albert Kho, Scott Chambers, Nicole Kirigin, and Daniel Vukan. Congratulations to Celina Heppner who was awarded the Stewart Schon Sportsmanship Award.



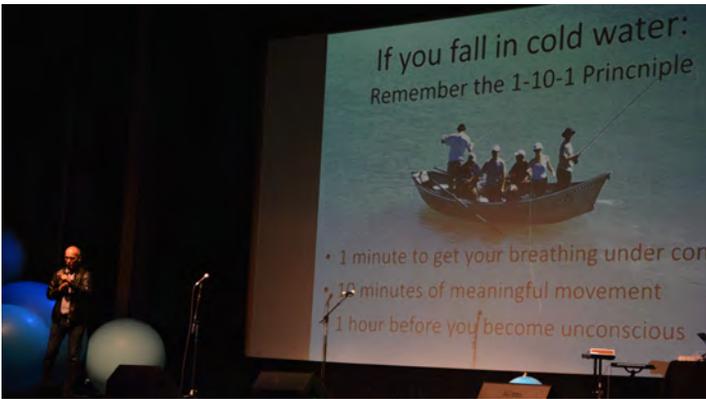
# LIFESAVING SPORT COACH & FUNDAMENTALS LAUNCH

On Oct. 15th the Lifesaving Sport Coaching program and the Lifesaving Sport Fundamental program was introduced to our Branch at the Vancouver Aquatic Centre and Sunset Beach. Our special thanks to Perry Smith, Program Director Lifesaving Society Ontario Branch, for his support in facilitating the day. His experience as an international Official and Competitor was invaluable. We are blessed to have experienced international lifesaving sport athletes in this Branch to lead the launch of these latest programs and grow this exciting sport in our Branch.



# DROP DROWNINGS

Drop Drownings was an inspiring youth engagement event designed to bring awareness to drowning prevention while highlighting drowning as a preventable public health crisis. Hosted by Bruckner Chase and Chris Wood at the Vogue Theatre on October 16, 2017, it showcased speakers such as Gordon Giesbrecht, Tessa Clemens and Estello Hill and performances by Renan Haiti, Her Brothers and Omar Khan and more.





## WORLD CONFERENCE ON DROWNING PREVENTION 2017

Lifesaving Society Canada was proud to host a very successful ILS World Conference on Drowning Prevention (WCDP) October 17-19 at the Westin Bayshore Hotel in Vancouver.

With over 800 delegates from more than 60 countries in attendance, the interaction was dynamic and intense. Just over 300 delegates were Canadian representing all 10 provinces and 2 territories.

A range of issues were examined over four plenary sessions, 253 break-out session presentations, 4 workshops and 91 poster presentations over the three-day conference. The exchange, debate, development and advocacy will undoubtedly have a lasting effect on the continued efforts to reduce drownings globally and locally.

Speaker highlights included Tima Kurdi, who gave a passionate speech imploring delegates to add their voices to the tragic issue of refugees and drowning. (The photos of her two-year-old nephew Aylan, a Syrian refugee who washed up on a Greek beach, shocked the world two years ago.) Dr. Steve Beerman led a group who composed a Conference Statement related to this issue that has now been released and is now available at [wcdp2017.org](http://wcdp2017.org).

Dr. Wendy Lai, President of Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) recounted the efforts of her organization in assisting with the refugee crisis and 13 year-old youth representative Schuyler Bankes eloquently reminded delegates that “young people can play an important role discussing, debating and promoting water safety and drowning prevention.”

The World Health Organization (WHO), represented by Dr. David Meddings, and Jonathon Passmore co-sponsored the conference. Bloomberg Philanthropies and the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation supported the conference financially.

The conference was also the launch site for the first edition of the Canadian Drowning Prevention Plan presented by Co-chairs Dr. Tessa Clemens, Dr. Steve Beerman and Project Manager Lisa Hanson-Oullette. The plan is a culmination of work from over 30 national organizations and development will continue to provide guidance to improved drowning prevention in Canada.





Royal Life Saving Society Commonwealth hosted their second Emerging Leaders' Workshop with 17 participants representing 10 countries including 6 Canadians and 3 representatives from our Branch, Riley Huntley, Stefanie Panesar and Paul Wechselberger. The aim of the three-day workshop was for individuals aged 18-35 who are in leadership roles within Commonwealth drowning prevention organizations to make the best possible use of their time at the WCDP and to develop the basic project management skills to run effective drowning prevention projects.



Over the course of the conference, artist Aquil Virani invited delegates to contribute to a collaborative painting by responding to the question, "What is the most effective action taking place in your community to prevent drowning?" Responses were integrated into the collaborative artwork which was unveiled at closing ceremonies on Day 3. This amazing piece of art now hangs in the BC & Yukon Branch office and remains a symbol of WCDP 2017.

On the second evening of the conference, delegates came together for a conference dinner to celebrate Canadian culture. The evening was MC'd by Steve Darling, local sports radio personality. Entertainment showed off Canada's diversity through music and dance. Performances included a traditional First Nations hoop dance performance by Alex Wells from Lil'wat Nation, BC; M'Girls, is a trio of local Indigenous women who shared stories and songs about the gifts received from Mother Earth; and the Underground Circus is a Vancouver-based professional circus troupe. The audience was also treated to some light jazz by a very talented pianist, our very own Vice President, Peter Fox!



One of the reasons the Branch hosted the conference was to raise awareness of the drowning problem locally and globally. An example of achieving that goal was evident in a post-conference message from Javan Johnson of Castlegar who wrote,

*"I can no longer ponder if what I've been doing for a career the last 4 years truly matters. I can no longer wonder why I became a lifeguard 10 years ago, and why I continue to teach teenagers how to become certified lifeguards. The last couple of days has enlightened me that drowning is a global epidemic and that what I do at home on the pool deck, although small in comparison to the world scale, contributes to an environment where children and adults alike can enjoy a safe and supervised experience in water and I can teach future leaders to be lifesavers to prevent drowning. Never remembering what it was like to not know how to swim, I cannot fathom what it must be like to fall into water and struggle for my life. Water is a beast of nature and must not be underestimated. I will continue to do my part to prevent drowning and to train leaders who can prevent drowning, whether at home or abroad, as a career, volunteer or as a professional, that I can promise. Thanks WCDP 2017, you've been a splash. Thanks Lifesaving Society BC & Yukon for allowing me to be part of your team!"*

Whether it was the inspiring plenaries and sessions, innovative exhibits, new cultural experiences or the sparks of new professional relationships, we hope that the ILS World Conference on Drowning Prevention 2017 made a lasting impression on attendees personally and professionally. Delegate response was overwhelmingly positive with many saying it was the best conference they've attended.



Special recognition goes to the many volunteers and staff who put in countless hours and provided exceptional service to conference delegates. The Branch could not have accomplished this milestone event without the great support shown by so many people.

The next WCDP will be held in Durban, South Africa, October 8 – 10, 2019 and we hope to see you there!



# WCDP 2017 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Organizers of the World Conference on Drowning Prevention 2017 established the WCDP 2017 Scholarship Program as a strategy to ensure that the conference is accessible to those from nations in greatest need but without the resources required to attend an international conference of this type. Contributions to the fund assisted in areas such as subsidizing registration, travel and accommodation.

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Lifesaving Society Canada – BC & Yukon  
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(Netherlands)  
Royal Life Saving Society - Commonwealth  
Vancouver Lifeguard Association  
DB Perks Group



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Tony & Tammie Toriglia  
Tom Watson  
Marty Wickham

## WCDP 2017 VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Volunteers played a significant role in the success of the World Conference on Drowning Prevention! We are pleased to honour individuals for their investment of time, passion and energy in an effort to reduce the global drowning burden.

Raiyana Alibhai  
Craig Amundsen  
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Ron Aubrey  
John Bankes  
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The BC & Yukon Branch of the Lifesaving Society is an active member of the community dedicated to preventing death and injury in, on, or near the water. We search out opportunities to include everyone as driven by the needs of our community. We endeavour to collaborate with all groups and individuals with like aims. We are a dynamic organization that celebrates growth, flexibility, innovation, excellence and proactive leadership.



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