

# BCITRA 2018 AGM HIGHLIGHTS!

Mark Angelo's stunning presentation from Guichon Creek to River Blue demonstrated the benefits to better waterways for all living things. His lifetime passion started here on campus and over time spread out around the province and beyond. He encouraged members to watch the salmon spawning come November and to buy clothing and other articles that are made in a waterways- friendly manner. Some websites that Mark used and are available for you to view are:

- [Guichon Creek Restoration](#)
- [RiverBlue, The Movie](#) (Trailer)
- [World Rivers Day](#)
- [Fashion Heroes](#)

The Treasurers report by Randy Robinson indicated a very stable, debt free financial picture while growing our Bursary endowment to almost \$60,000.

Brian Antonson presented the Fellowship report by encouraging members to take on the benefits of new friendships and reacquainting with former colleagues while serving as a volunteer on the Board or committee.

BCIT President Kathy Kinloch spoke on the infrastructure renewal that is taking place in preparation for campus development. The Health Science building is a major component of this. Kathy also announced that BCIT is having a PD Day on September 7th and all retirees are invited. As well, feel free to make a presentation. Kathy said she had read our latest newsletter and was pleased to learn about the articles in it.

Kimberly Harmesen, Associate Director, BCIT Foundation provided an update on our endowment, stating that 19 donations had been made in the last year and 3 Bursary awards had been made.

Leslie Courchesne, Executive Director of the BCIT Alumni Association is now our prime liaison person and sees many overlapping scenarios with the two groups. She has already had a couple of meetings to enable the BCITRA Board to move ahead.

Mark Costales of Johnson Inc. encouraged members to acquire great travel and home insurance through them which provides a dividend back to BCITRA.

Thanks to the generosity of BCIT and Johnson Insurance many door prizes were won by attendees. The prizes included umbrellas, business cases, clocks, pens, water bottles, journals, T shirt, BCIT bags.

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BCITRA Board members spoke of the many changes during the past year which were achieved not only by great team work of the Board but with BCIT members joining in. These include:

- Using email as a primary communication method
- Providing PayPal as a means of remitting fees and donations to BCITRA and our Endowment Fund
- On-line registration for memberships
- Accurately getting our contact information updated
- 3 Informative and colorful newsletters
- COSCO Health and Wellness seminars on Senior issues
- Setting priorities, short, medium and long term
- Wi-Fi availability on campus for retirees
- New information brochure
- Better coordination and contact with BCIT departments
- Growth in our BCITRA Bursary fund which is held by the BCIT Foundation.

It is said that 'one picture speaks a thousand words', so the AGM photos have been uploaded to the BCITRA website, and they speak volumes! Have a look - [Photos from 2018 Annual General Meeting](#)

**YOUR ASSOCIATION IS STRONGER WITH YOUR PARTICIPATION  
JOIN US AT THE NEXT EVENT**

BCITRA Annual Spring Luncheon -  
Newland Gold Club in Langley  
April 26th at 1130

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