



The Board met Minister Stephanie Cadieux to introduce her to the organization, its mandate and objectives.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **Symposium 2011**

The Board reviewed the progress, key programming elements and budget details for the 2011 Symposium in Richmond. The theme for this year's Symposium is "iRec...transformation and renewal through innovation". Sessions will be held in the form of plenary keynotes, national discussion sessions and concurrent educational sessions. The Board was encouraged with the success of the new model for delivering Symposium and encouraged staff to continue to communicate the benefits of the new model to members.

### **BCRPA Strategic & Business Plans**

The Board was presented with the final version of the BCRPA Strategic Framework and a draft BCRPA business plan for Board feedback and discussion.

The business plan is intended to be a guiding, live document. The Association will continue to track trends and emerging issues to ensure the business plan capitalizes on new opportunities to support our overall vision of "quality of life". The Board was very supportive of the Business Plan and felt the proposed activities will achieve the priorities, goals and objectives of the BCRPA.

### **BCRPA Provincial Awards - Student Scholarships**

The Board reviewed the proposed revisions to the BCRPA Student Scholarship Program. The program is an important feature of BCRPA support to the field and is highly valued by educational institutions and students.

The proposed changes reflect the reduction in BCRPA capacity, in that the annual scholarship has been reduced to \$500 with the addition of a one year membership in the BCRPA after graduation and a complimentary registration at Symposium. The Board was very pleased that the scholarships are returning and that BCRPA will be able to continue to support emerging leaders in the field.

### **Awards Committee**

The Board convened the Awards Committee consisting of the President Elect (as Chair), Regional Liaisons, CEO and two Past Presidents. The Board also approved a new award for communities making healthy food and beverage choices in their facilities.

### **Nominating Committee**

The Board convened the Nominating Committee consisting of the Past President (as Chair), President, President Elect, CEO and an external representative, to be appointed by the Nominating Committee, to review selection criteria and develop a slate of Board candidates for 2011-2013.

### **BCRPA 2011 Budget**

The Board approved draft budget with the proviso that an additional full-time one-year term management position will be added to the personnel budget in early 2011.

## **ADVOCACY**

### **Sectoral Strategic Plan**

The Board received a progress update with the implementation of actions within the 12 strategic result areas in the strategic plan for the parks, recreation and culture sector in BC, *The Way Forward*. A progress report will be made at the AGM and members will be consulted on priority areas.

### **Infrastructure Renewal Campaign**

The Board received an update of the progress of the Infrastructure Renewal Task Group. The Board was very supportive of the Task Group's recommendations including advocating at the federal level, putting recreation issues on the UBCM agenda and encouraging resolutions from members, reconnecting with former sport/recreation portfolio ministers as well as senior government staff responsible for infrastructure programs. The Board was also happy to hear that the Task Group confirmed that enough research has been completed on this file to advocate successfully to government.

### **Swimming Pool Regulations**

After much advocacy work by BCRPA and the Lifesaving Society, the Ministry has now released revised Swimming Pool Regulations. The Board received a progress report with the industry consultation being undertaken by BCRPA in partnership with the Lifesaving Society.

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

### **Recreation Foundation of BC**

The Association is discussing a funding opportunity with the Foundation.

### **CPRA**

CPRA is no longer in a deficit position and is recruiting for a permanent part-time Executive Director. Discussions at the CPRA Board of the alliance model and shared leadership are continuing.