

AGM 2009
Third Vice President's Report

A motion was passed at the BOD meeting proposing that the Federation hold a recruitment contest called "The Class of 2010 Contest." In order to get things off the ground I've recently written a promotional article for the Cross Trail News and forwarded copies to the Cariboo Connection and Valley Circle magazines for inclusion in their next issues. The official contest rules and an online fillable entry form, courtesy of Phil Douziech are ready and will be posted on the Federation Website as soon as I can advise Phil where the completed entry forms are to be directed. A contest judging committee will need to be appointed by the incoming executive; a couple of volunteers who are available to help out after the contest closes on May 31, 2010 would be nice. Their duties may include compiling and rating comments regarding the recruiting practises of entrants, checking the accuracy of statistics supporting prize winning entries and possibly presenting prizes to the winners at our next AGM if practicable. I'd like to put it all together and have a comprehensive report to present to the Federation at our next AGM.

In the past year, only one person contacted me about borrowing from our video library, this person being from Mountain Brook, Alabama. Apparently an omission on our website, "Only Available to Federation Members" was the flaw which led the person to make the request. The executive had a bit of a discussion as to whom we should let borrow items from our library, how far we would be willing to send items and at what cost to the borrower. In the end the problem was resolved by repairing the omission. With regards to costs however, a trip to the post office revealed that depending upon where in BC you wanted to mail a video tape, it would cost from \$9.00 to \$9.50 per tape. To cover this expense, we need to raise the shipping charges on library items from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per item.

The bigger question in my view is why our library is so under-utilized. Aside from lack of awareness, it is too expensive, bothersome and complicated to use and seems to be a bit out of step with the times. I think we should look into converting as much of our library as possible into digital files which can be accessed at no cost to our members in a "view only format" on our website. This concludes my report.

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