

Report from Mae Fawcett first vice-president of bc federation

What has been happening within my role as 1st vice-president this past year

Firstly the grant committee consisting of myself , norm cox, and wendy trudel have had a very busy year reviewing and approving grants for leadership , restart ups, advertising, new dancer class bursaries and financial assistance to new callers as well as seasoned callers to attend caller workshops (williams lake in August 2023 and Alberta summer of 2023) and repayable startup loans for region 2s festival 2025

Our bc federation treasurer has the exact amount of all moneys spent, but bc federation has financially supported callers, clubs and dancers in BC with approximately \$30,000.00 to date

This financial support is a vital role of bc federation , our committee has been glad to have assisted in this

The other objective of my role in bc federation is to give encouragement to members and support in the running of their clubs

So far this has been accomplished by;

Supporting Caller school workshop in Williams lake
Planning for another accredited caller school in june 2024

And forward thinking of how to assist the new callers in finding them places to call, equipment and music and Clarifying licensing rules

Communication within our members has been addressed with ;

Plans in progress to unite our clubs over bc by creating a data bank of members

Updating region webpages on the bc federation website

Creating a more member driven and used website, beginning with a kitchen table chat space for members to talk and share what their club is doing

And beginning a monthly newsletter to share the success stories of clubs around the BC and beyond, encouraging members to use the bc federation website to find dances, information ect

Creating a personal face to bc federation by speaking to club leaders and attending dances in regions across BC

Working towards making bc federation more than just a place for clubs to get their insurance thru Canadian society when they pay their dues has been addressed by;

Asking members what they need and want from bc federation

Plans to create a promotional brochure describing what bc federation can provide in financial and club promotion aids

And helping to work on an up to date, handbook guide on policies and procedures and information to assist club leaders in running their clubs

All of this work this past year has resulted in sending a message of hope from bc federation to BCs clubs and dancers

And I am excited to have been part of this resurgence of bc federation's commitment to the dance world

Sincerely Mae Fawcett
1st vice-president of BCSR