

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October 2020



It is difficult to put into words how impressed and thankful I am to the retired teachers who volunteer to give up their free time to work for all of us at the branch and provincial levels of the NBSRT. The *Online Media Committee* for example has been meeting over the summer and all fall and are on the brink of some exciting announcements related to a new website, a new logo and increased visibility. But it's not just them.

The *Group Insurance Committee* met in late summer and got us very helpful clarification on our travel insurance. And the *Wellness Committee* has been meeting and have tried some new initiatives to keep us all interested and to encourage us to stay active and healthy.

In the last little while I have had three formal meetings with the executive but have also had almost continuous communication with individual members on numerous topics. The Executive is dealing with the myriad of issues that come to it in the regular course of business. And along with normal business the Executive has taken on the task of quarterbacking the strategic plan process. We had thought of setting up an ad hoc committee to direct the planning initiative but decided it would make more sense in these uncertain times to have the executive look after the plan.

The branches have all stayed active or as active as they can be with the health restrictions. They are all doing what they can to at least keep members up to date with what is happening around them.

I invite you to check the website on a regular basis to keep informed on what all of our wonderful volunteers are doing on our behalf.

Remember the Online Media Committee's offer to help facilitate Zoom meetings for Branches and committees.

Keep active. Keep Safe.