

Whistler Proves Outstanding Venue for BC Notaries' 46th Annual Conference

We were graced with the presence of several International guests, including Peter Lawson, Past President of the Notaries Society of England; Angel R. Marrero, Vice President (Americas) of the Union of International Notaries, from Puerto Rico; and our American friends Milt Valera, President and CEO of the National Notary Association (US), and Deborah Thaw, its Executive Director.



From left: Milt Valera, Ken Sherk, Peter Lawson, Deborah Thaw, Leta Best, Angel Marrero.

The recreational day was jam-packed with activities such as ATV and Hummer excursions for the weekend warriors, *bocce* tournament, golf in the dark, and spas for those in need of stress relievers. Many children attended this year; it was fun to see them enjoying themselves in the pool and on their bikes.

The conference was kicked off with a welcome reception complete with juggler, caricature artist, and the hilarious mock trial of our solicitor John Burgoyne.

The education program included some interesting speakers, including Wes Beeston, former President and CEO of IKON BC, who presented valuable tips on Strategic Business Planning.

The gala event brought members and their spouses together for another fun-filled evening, with entertainment by Way Cool Revue. Partygoers sported their ethnic costumes representing the cultures of India, Italy, Scotland, and China, to name just a few. Marny Morin deservedly won the best costume award as a member of the RCMP.



Marny Morin

The Annual General meeting marked our 76th year as an established society in BC. Awards went to those who have been members for 25 years.

Fred Philips received special recognition for his 41-year membership in The Society. In his 81st year, Fred is still practising in New Westminster with a staff of seven.



Fred Philips with President Leta Best