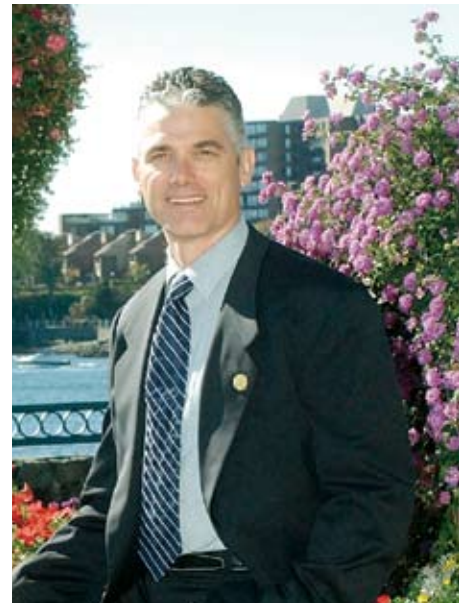


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# Working Together to Give Back



*You must give some time to your fellow men. Even if it's a little thing, do something for others—something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it.*

ALBERT SCHWEITZER  
French philosopher and physician  
1875 – 1965

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.*

MARGARET MEAD  
US anthropologist and popularizer  
of anthropology  
1901 – 1978

One of the duties of the President of our Society is welcoming the new Notaries at their graduation and swearing-in luncheon.

Unfortunately, a prior Society commitment prevented me from attending this year's event. I still had the privilege of writing a short speech to welcome the new class of Notaries and attempt to impart some of the wisdom passed on to me over the past 23 years from the Notary Society. That includes current and past members, colleagues of the "Allied Professional" type, and of course the people who mentored and shaped the manner in which I conduct myself today.

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Ironically, I wanted to stress to the new members that they get involved in their communities; I tried to explain that could be any form they deemed necessary to improve their respective localities—their church, children's sports, Guides, Scouts, a favourite charity, or some organization that captured their imagination and passion.

The list of my own involvement in the community is varied and eclectic and, in hindsight, quite suited to my personality: the local theatre board, Municipal Police board, arts endowment, coaching hockey and baseball (not all that well, I might add), fire and safety board, and of course throughout most of the years, The Society's Board of Directors and the Notary Foundation.

So there you are. Give some of your time to help—for the sake of helping.

That brings me to our Allied Professionals topic this issue and the three foundation boards.

Without too terribly much self-promotion, we at the Notary Foundation do a pretty good job of giving back to our industries through our administration and governance of the monies available through Interest earned from Notaries' trust accounts. Every member of the board does his or her part to add to the success of our foundation for the good of the people of British Columbia and, in some manner, mankind.

Every time we provide our professional services, we are generating a side benefit for legal education for the less fortunate and for special interest groups that would otherwise be unable to get their message out.

The three foundations featured in this issue are a great springboard for motivating us all to get involved to further assist the people of British Columbia. The harder we all work as Notaries, lawyers, and real estate professionals, the more resources we garner for our respective foundations.

We all help—a little or a lot. We participate together in the success of our foundations and should feel good about helping create such a positive byproduct through our diligence and hard work! ▲