

Meet the Board of Governors

Ken Sherk: In Hot Pursuit of Goals and Dreams

Born in Vancouver, Ken grew up in the North Shore Highlands and Capilano areas. He attended Highlands Elementary and Handsworth Secondary School.

After graduating from UBC, he started teaching, but in the early '80s, full-time teaching positions on the North Shore were scarce for new teachers. The job market and his interest in law directed Ken to the Notary profession. Further studies at UBC led to his commission as a Notary for West Vancouver in 1983.

Ken knew many people on the North Shore, and West Vancouver seemed like a good place to start a practice. He located at the corner of 15th and Marine Drive, in the heart of Ambleside, and remains there to this day.

He finds many aspects of being a Notary Public quite satisfying; he has always liked the human interaction the profession affords. Ken marvels that in almost 20 years, he has never had to check his watch, to see when the workday will end. "It's rare to enjoy your profession and have the time go by so quickly; working has never felt like work," he states.

Ken has been on the Board of The Society for a number of years, and has made many close friends within The

Society itself. He considers himself fortunate that his peers have elected him a Director of The Society for the past 17 years, and placed him on the Executive Committee. Ken was President of The Society from 1998 to 2000. He is currently Second Vice President.



He has served as a Governor on The Notary Foundation Board for 15 years, and has been its Chair for the past two. Because the Board is not made up solely of Notaries, Ken is always interested in the points of view brought to the table by the non-Notary Governors in dealing with matters that pass before the Board.

As a Governor, Ken appreciates the work of The Foundation in supporting

Legal Aid and funding groups that deliver legal services to the general public. Many of The Notary Foundation's grants, directed to the various providers, have real impact in providing additional legal services and information to people and groups that would not otherwise have access to this type of information or service.

Basketball is a lifelong passion. Ken coaches his son in the North Shore's Steve Nash basketball league and has been a Director of BCAMI. For many years, he has coached basketball at both the high school and college levels. He still plays the sport regularly, and water skis, plays baseball/softball, and snow skis.

Ken yearns to get into adventure racing. Should the producers of TV's "Amazing Race" need a participant with a Notarial background, he's available. Ken is also Chair and Treasurer of a private school.

In life, his family comes first. (Second priority is getting on "Amazing Race"!)

In his business life, he would like to see, and will continue to work toward, BC Notaries' being able to provide a broader range of legal services to the public.

Ken lives every day to its fullest and believes you should never give up on your goals and dreams. ▲



Ken Sherk (centre), Chair of The Notary Foundation, and G. W. (Wayne) Braid (R), Executive Officer of The Foundation, present Mark Benton, Executive Director of the Legal Services Society, with a cheque for \$217,295.00, which brings the total contribution by The Notary Foundation to \$10,188,357. Mr. Benton expressed his appreciation to all members of The Society for their efforts on behalf of the Legal Services Society and the people they serve.



The Board of The Notary Foundation

From left: C. Keri Martens; George Tanco; Leta Best; Ernie Janzen; Brent Atkinson; Ken Sherk; Robert Adamson; Chris Dupuis; Executive Officer G. Wayne Braid; and Bill Anderson

Not present: Directors-at-Large Eleanor Sleath and Jennifer Harry



The 12-member Board of Governors of The Notary Foundation is comprised of:

- eight members of the Board of Directors of The Society of Notaries Public of BC;
- one representative from the Attorney General's office in Victoria;
- two Directors-at-Large, appointed by the Attorney General; and
- the Executive Officer.

The eight members from The Society are elected by the Directors of The Society from among their ranks, for a three-year period.

Current Governors

- Ken Sherk:** Chair
- William G. Anderson**
- Brent W. Atkinson**
- Leta C. Best**
- Christopher W. Dupuis**
- J. Ernest Janzen**
- C. Keri Martens**
- George J. Tanco**
- Robert Adamson:** AG's representative
- Jennifer L. Harry:** Director-at-Large
- Eleanor Sleath:** Director-at-Large

The Governors of The Foundation have the responsibility of guiding The Foundation in its mandate to disperse the funds generated by interest on Notaries' Trust Accounts for the following purposes.

1. Legal education
2. Legal research
3. Legal aid

4. Educational and continuing education for Notaries and applicants for enrollment as Notaries
5. Establishing, operating, and maintaining law libraries in BC
6. Contributions to the special fund established under the *Notaries Act of BC*.

G. W. (Wayne) Braid, Executive Officer of The Foundation, is responsible for administration of the office, staff, and the diverse investment funds of The Foundation.

The Board of Governors meets quarterly to consider applications for funding from various organizations, to set policy, review The Foundation's financial status, and provide direction for the administration of The Foundation.