

## PRESIDENT

# International Connections

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The word *international* means universal or worldly with exchange via communication and association. As I reflected on the meaning, I was impressed by just how closely the organizations with which I have an association embrace this word.

BC Notaries embrace the international spirit. Our membership is diverse—we bring to the social structure of our province an international connection.

### **International Union of Latin Notaries**

The International Union of Latin Notaries (UINL), established on October 2, 1948, is a non-government organization established to promote, coordinate, and develop notarial duties and activities in the whole world, to ensure, through the closest collaboration between and among Notariats, the standing and independence necessary for the best possible service to individuals and legal entities.

The Union represents the spiritual unity and the institution of Latin Notaries whose members are lawyers, independent and impartial advisers who, by delegation of public authority, confer authenticity on documents they prepare, giving a guarantee of legal security and contractual freedom.

### **Zonta International**

Founded in 1919, Zonta International is a global service organization of executives in business and the professions working together, across political and social boundaries, to advance the status of women worldwide.

Zonta International seeks to:

- provide service at the global and local level;
- improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health, and professional status of women;

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- work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of executives in business and the professions;
- promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; and
- be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, implement service programs, and provide mutual support and fellowship for members who serve their communities, their nations, and the universe.

### **The Society of Notaries Public of British Columbia**

The Society, founded in 1919, has adopted its own mission statement to ensure that its members provide the highest standard of notarial services to the public.

In support of this mission, The Society of Notaries Public of British

Columbia is committed to the advancement and protection of the public interest by:

- ensuring the provision of notarial services of the highest standard and maintaining the integrity of its members;
- selecting, educating, and examining the best possible prospective members;
- providing continuing education programs to its members to increase their knowledge, skill, and proficiency in all matters relating to the lawful practice of the profession of Notary Public;
- establishing and regulating professional and ethical standards;
- supervising and disciplining its members; and
- researching and implementing services that may form the lawful practice of Notaries Public.

Communication is a vital ingredient of our profession. We exchange ideas and embrace change.

Our association is administered with integrity and dedicated to the global nature of our profession. ▲

International Union of Latin Notaries:  
<http://www.nacln.org/FILES-HTML/20021004%20UINL%20Statutes%20English.htm>

Zonta International:  
<http://www.zonta.org>

The Society of Notaries Public of BC:  
[www.notaries.bc.ca](http://www.notaries.bc.ca)