

BC Notary *of the Year* 2004

Vancouver Notary George Tanco graciously accepted the 2004 Notary of the Year Award at the Fall Conference in Cranbrook.

A familiar face to the pages of *The Scrivener*, George was featured in the Cover Story interview in October 2000, along with his friend and longtime partner Joe Quan. (*Scrivener* archives: www.notaries.bc.ca/scrivener, Vol. 9, No. 3) In December 2001, George was profiled in “Meet the Board of Governors of the Notary Foundation” (Vol. 10, No. 4).

George became a BC Notary Public in 1977. On the Board of Directors of The Society since 1984 and Society President from 1994 to 1996, he currently serves on several Committees: Discipline, Legislation & By-Laws, Information & Privacy, and the Magazine Committee. He is also a longstanding member of the Board of Governors of The Notary Foundation and its former Chair.

Very much a family man, George is so proud of his two daughters—lawyer Susan and psychologist Sheryl—and his precious granddaughters Alexandra and Francesca.

He is an Honourary Life Member of the Mount Pleasant Legion, Branch 177. For his work with the Mount Pleasant War Memorial Community Co-operative Association, the “George Tanco Community Service Scholarship” is awarded annually to a student at St. Patrick’s High School.

Wayne Braid, Secretary/Executive Director of The Society, calls George a Yes Man: “Whatever I ask him to do—whether it be fill in for me while I am away, come down and swear documents, serve on a committee, or come to a meeting or an unplanned event—George invariably says Yes!”

Leta Best, Immediate Past President of The Society and President of the Board of Governors of the Notary Foundation, offers these words: “George is my closest friend and greatest sounding board in The Society. Everyone depends on George.”

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Members of the Board of The Society Speak about George

Laurie Salvador, also a member of the Board of the Notary Foundation, says: “With his ever-ready smile and grace, George Tanco is an icon in our Notary culture. We have counted on George’s sage advice on the Board for many years. He is always eager to do his part and quick to learn and slow to burn. He is a real gentleman with a passion for life.”

Akash Sablok: “George Tanco represents to me the kindness, courtesy, and values we should follow in our professional lives and, more important, in our personal lives.”



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Bill Anderson: As my mentor and friend over the years, George has unwaveringly shown his dedication to our Society. The fact that our Society has evolved to what it is today is a result of having a person of his calibre as a member.”

Tiah: “I can’t think of anyone who deserves the honour of Notary of the Year more!”

A Few Words from George

George is very considerate of others’ opinions, yet not afraid to voice his own.

“Wayne has taken us into the modern era electronically, to keep us current and competitive. We are serving the public in a very time-efficient manner. With such cultural diversity in BC, many people require attestations to documents for use in their home country. The BC Notary can provide a letter of good standing or have the clients’ documents authenticated—by the Lieutenant Governor, if necessary.

“It is encouraging to see the younger Notaries in The Society really take an interest. They are participating in the new technology available to BC Notaries. They are standing for the Board and being elected and they are offering their time and expertise to our various Committees.

“For the future, I see continued growth. Notaries are here by Statute. The role of the Notary will be here forever.” ▲

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