

# President's Interim Report to the Board

## August 2022

I hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful summer!

I thought I should bring you up to date on developments as we prepare for our board meeting on Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 1800, particularly as it is almost a month later usual.

The summer has been busier than usual in no small part due to our commitment to get ready for our Centennial Conference (UNTD 80<sup>th</sup>) in May 2023 and our emphasis on developing relationships with the NRDs and expanding our post UNTD membership.

I hope you are regularly checking into our website as it continues to be refreshed as our primary contact point with the membership.

In order that our membership is kept up to date and consistent with our discussion about having an Annual General Meeting in November, the Executive Committee has suggested that it be held Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. We will be posting the announcement of the date on our website next week. This is really more like a "save the date" notice as much of the content will be decided and approved at our October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and then circulated to the membership.

Roger and his team have been extremely active, and I hope you have noticed that you can now register for the conference, and I would encourage you to sign up ASAP. It is an important signal for the future of the UNTDA that the board is seen to be engaged and fully participating in this important meeting. To strengthen the conference planning in the Maritimes and our recruitment in the region, John Henderson, the former CO of Brunswicker, is now working with both Roger and Russ.

Thanks to the work of our former director, Craig Walkington, we have made some excellent progress in the Maritimes, and I would hope to have a recommendation for you for a new regional Director from the region at our next meeting.

Marta's Committee, the Membership Structure Review Committee has been extremely busy with both committee meetings and focus groups to ensure wider input to strengthen the quality of their recommendations to us particularly regarding the Association name and the question of the extension of membership. Her committee's recommendations to us will obviously be an important part of our board meeting and preparation for the November Annual General meeting. You can read the Committee's mandate [here](#)."

The Annual General meeting will address several matters that confirm actions we have already taken such as approving the Articles of Association, By-Laws, and elections of Officers and Directors. It should be noted that the Articles and By-Laws proposed to the Annual General meeting will include the amendments we made at the last Board meeting.

On the Question of the election of directors, the substantial changes will be considered at the Annual General meeting in Victoria in May, but should any members wish to step down at the November meeting you should let me know so that we can plan accordingly and advise the Governance and Nominations Committee.

I am going away on holiday for the first three weeks of September but on my return, you will be receiving a lot of material for the October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and please make it a priority to attend as the Agenda will include very important items for the future.

Enjoy the rest of the summer! G