

President's Report  
For the  
UNTDA Board Meeting  
Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Most of us have been very active since our March meeting in advancing the work of the Committees and in carrying out special tasks. We all are volunteers and that has created an extra burden as we ramp up activity particularly in the case of those who are actively employed. The expectations of Board members is considerable and your time and effort is appreciated.

I believe that our meeting Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> will be very interesting in light of the many activities underway and the implications arising.

While all of you have seen the initial proposal "*Absent Friends*" developed by Kim Kubeck, it was given the go ahead a great deal has been happening on that front with Ross Connell becoming very involved in providing support to Kim particularly on the technology front. One of the significant developments was to find a name that better represented the project. The new name is ***Citizen Sailor Virtual Cenotaph (CSV)***. Kim aided by Ross will provide an update on both the preparations involved in rolling out the project and the nature of the volunteer assistance required.

In his new capacity as Second Vice-President, with responsibility for building our relationship with Navres, Daniel Haché has not let any grass grow under his feet! Notwithstanding the four day week responsibilities he has in Ottawa, he has been hard at work making contacts and assessing our relationship now and in the near future with Navres which he will report on at the meeting. He has also undertaken to work with the communications Committee on developing a UNTDA approach to social media.

You have heard from Marta Mulkins as she unfolds the process *for Planning for the Future of the UNTDA – 2025*, proposing what the role UNTDA might look like by 2025. She will provide a short update on progress. Again, her work is not only important it is done notwithstanding the considerable day to day employment pressures she must cope with.

Special thanks to Barry Frewer for getting out the Gunroom shots which has become a new and welcome staple underlining our activities.

In addition as his role as Treasurer, Ross continues to work on the Website while he too has substantial outside employment that occupies much of his week.

Russ will provide an update on the work of the Recruitment Committee and after a number of successes in new recruitment by the committee, he will underline some of the challenges that lie ahead.

Roger will provide an update on the work of the 2023 Committee and keep us apprised of some of the planning underway as we enthusiastically await the big event in May 2023.

Nick as the new Chair of the Communications Committee will no doubt advise us on the issues and initiatives he anticipates including the advancement of social media.

As we established an Executive Committee to act on behalf of the board between meetings consisting of me as chair, the two VPs, the Treasurer and the Secretary, I want to advise you of our activities.

The Executive Committee met on Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup> to follow up on the detail required relating to the decisions made to pursue the CSVC and Marta's planning for the Future of the UNTDA – 2025 and to recommend to you approval of the CSVC project.

In addition to the above, the EC considered the UNTDA Signature Format for decision and the issue of Directors and Officers Liability.

Finally, I have attached a proposal prepared by Bill Thomas that addresses the issue of our grants for memorials etc. while it is unlikely we can anticipate all demands of this nature it may be useful to consider appropriate guidelines to assist our decision making.

As always, I am very appreciative of the work of all the Committees and those engaged in our many projects.

Graham Scott

## **Draft Criteria for the UNTDA Responding to Grant Requests:**

To date, we have approved the following projects:

1. The Homecoming Statue 2010 (RCN Centenary) on the Inner Harbour Causeway - Victoria
2. Sackville Trust 2018 - RCMI Mess Dinner
3. Shipbuilding Monument - North Vancouver - 2019

Criteria:

- The project produces a long – lasting publicly accessible artifact or Award that supports/memorializes an aspect of the RCN/RCNR/RCNVR and its sailors and veterans.
- The project produces a long – lasting publicly accessible artifact or Award that supports Canadian Maritime interests
- The project includes a publicly visible acknowledgement of the UNTDA support
- The project comes from a recognized organization, or by credible individuals with a connection to the Navy or the UNTDA
- The project is supported by other organizations or maritime businesses, or would be if we contributed seed money.
- The project produces a one-time artifact or Award unique to its regional placement.
- There is sufficient funding available.