The BC & Yukon Branch of the Lifesaving Society is an active member of the community dedicated to preventing death and injury in, on, or near the water. We search out opportunities to include everyone as driven by the needs of our community. We endeavour to collaborate with all groups and individuals with like aims. We are a dynamic organization that celebrates growth, flexibility, innovation, excellence and proactive leadership.
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President’s Message

It has been an honour to serve as the BC & Yukon Lifesaving Society Branch President for these past two years, and I am pleased to present the 2021 Annual Report.

The year began with the Society’s Annual General Meeting in March, a successful virtual event followed in May by the Society’s first ever virtual Honour and Rescue Award Ceremony. This well-received event was the 109th annual award ceremony and was an opportunity to recognize the many dedicated volunteers that have supported the Society as well as courageous individuals who have rescued a person in distress, often at great risk to themselves. On a special note, the Society was honoured to present Dr. Steve Beerman with the King Edward VII Cup, awarded in recognition of his outstanding contributions to drowning prevention.

Spearheaded by contributions from some of the Society’s longstanding members, an endowment fund was set up this past year through the Vancouver Foundation. Through the generous support of donors, which to date has exceeded $145,000, this fund will ensure the Society is able to support worthy drowning prevention initiatives for years to come.

There have been other successful initiatives through 2021 as well. This past summer saw the continued success of the Society’s lifeguarding program at Buntzen and Hayward Lakes. In the second year of providing lifeguard services at these two BC Hydro locations, the Society is enhancing safety supervision at previously unguarded waterfronts. The Society was also able to provide financial assistance in the form of grants to affiliates. The Society provided grants in the amount of $24,000 to 16 communities to purchase equipment to initiate or build a Junior Lifeguard Club as part of a larger effort to support lifeguard training and recruitment. In addition, 20 affiliates were recipients of $500 Swim to Survive Day grants to support community members in challenging the Swim to Survive standard.

Through 2021, the BC & Yukon Branch, as a part of a larger national effort, worked closely with the Canadian Red Cross to build the framework for a transition to the Lifesaving Society’s Swim for Life Program across Canada. As the Red Cross focused greater organizational energy on humanitarian efforts, they looked to the Lifesaving Society to take on a greater role in leading learn to swim programming. The announcement in early January of this year is the result of strong collaboration between the two organizations and speaks to the willingness of both to put the water safety needs of all Canadians first. The Society would like to thank the Red Cross for their years of strong leadership in support of water safety and swimming education for all Canadians.

I’d like to share my deep appreciation for the support and guidance of our Governor Nicole Liddell, as well as for the leadership and contributions of my fellow board members. I look forward to my role as Past President with the Lifesaving Society and am confident that the Branch will see strong leadership from the Board and from our new President Anita Chevalier. Thank you for all your support.

Jeffrey Holland, Branch President
Branch Presidents

Frederick William Burrows 1923 - 1925
William Reid Owen 1925 - 1926
Frederick William Burrows 1926 - 1930
Alfred H. J. Swencisky 1930 - 1932
Lestock Charles Reid 1932 - 1933
George Alexander Burrows 1933 - 1934
Gordon Vance 1934 - 1937
Thomas M. Galloway 1937 - 1938
Lestock Charles Reid 1938 - 1940
John Lawrence Lugrin 1940 - 1942
Rollie S. Henderson 1942 - 1945
Gordon Vance 1945 - 1946
Edward Frank Forsyth 1946 - 1947
George Alexander Burrows 1947 - 1948
John Thomas Kelly 1948 - 1957
H. Douglas Whittle 1957 - 1966
George Alexander Burrows 1966 - 1968
R. Gordon Edmonds 1968 - 1969
James Bertram Snelgrove 1969 - 1970
Maxwell E. Gordon 1970 - 1972
Margaret Jean Lathwell 1972 - 1976
Nestor Nick Korchinsky 1976 - 1980
Dan E. Moon 1980 - 1982
Doreen Drysdale 1982 - 1987
Ellen Lloyd 1987 - 1992
Julia Oulton 1992 - 1994
Ron Aubrey 1994 - 1996
Tony Toriglia 1996 - 1998
Heather Straight 1998 - 2000
Nicole Liddell 2000 - 2002
Ian Robertson 2002 - 2004
Dan Galazka 2004 - 2006
Sean Healy 2006 - 2008
Craig Amundsen 2008 - 2010
Len Manuel 2010 - 2012
Dalyce Brandt 2012 - 2014
Michael Lawless 2014 - 2016
Heidi Ogilvie 2016 - 2018
Peter Fox 2018 - 2020
Jeffrey Holland 2020 - Present

Branch Governors

Alfred H.J. Swencisky Dates unconfirmed
Major-General John M. Rockingham 1990 - 1998
George A. Brown 1988 - 1994
Peter Legge 1995 - 1997
Jon MacKinnon 1997 - 2008
Ian Robertson 2008 – 2017
Nicole Liddell 2017 - present

Nicole Liddell, Branch Governor
Executive Director Report

As we all lived through a second year of the challenges presented by the pandemic, the BC and Yukon Branch of the Lifesaving Society persevered, and thanks to the work of our Affiliates, instructors, volunteers and staff, were fortunate to see a more positive year in terms of program participation, finances and the reopening of most pools. We continued to provide guidance in regard to COVID-19 precautions as we optimistically looked forward to a gradual lifting of restrictions and full reopening of aquatic facilities.

In Mid-May, due to the pandemic, our annual Honour and Rescue Award Ceremony was held virtually. It was well received and included the recognition of Dr. Steve Beerman receiving the prestigious King Edward VII Cup presented for his extensive body of work in local, national and international drowning prevention.

During the summer, thanks to the hard work and youthful digital knowledge of Emma Dotto, Education Assistant, and Ciara Wilson, Communications Assistant, the Branch saw a heightened profile within social media promoting our public education messages. Increased activity included Take-over Tuesdays and WaterWise Wednesdays along with many other posts that drew high levels of engagement.

In addition to the National Drowning Prevention Week messaging provided by our national Public Education Commission, 2021 saw the first ever World Drowning Prevention Day as sanctioned by United Nations and the World Health Organization. Although its first edition received modest exposure, we intend to build on the messaging to further cast a spotlight on the need for drowning prevention messaging locally and internationally.

The Branch was again pleased to provide lifeguard services at Buntzen and Hayward Lakes within the BC Hydro recreation areas. We were fortunate to have an adequate number of excellent staff, likely thanks to so many wanting to work in an outdoor environment and the beautiful settings of these two lakes.

As with any year, the program education component of our work was a major focus with the excellent support of new education managers Sheena Fulop and Kyle Kronebusch following up on the mid-year departure of Brooke Cherfils, who left much good work to be continued. They worked closely with advisory groups to accomplish the ongoing enhancement of programs including additional online opportunities.

As we now move into 2022, a year of transition in many ways, the excellent support of committed staff and volunteers is very much appreciated and will be even more critical in the year to come. Thank you to all for your support of the Lifesaving Society’s important work!

Dale Miller, Executive Director
Education Report

Although not quite back to the pre-pandemic educational capacity, 2021 was a year full of advanced leadership and growth across the Branch.

We wish to extend a warm welcome and congratulations to all new instructors and trainers certified across BC and the Yukon in 2021:

- 27 NLIs
- 7 NLTs
- 7 FAIs
- 18 NLTs
- 172 LSIs
- 69 LSTs

In March the Bronze Medal program was revised to give Bronze Cross the exciting new designation of Assistant Lifeguard training and now features more lifeguarding content with an emphasis on the principles and techniques of active surveillance (including scanning) in aquatic facilities. Due to the individual purposes of the Medallion and Cross certifications, combination Medallion/Cross courses are no longer permitted.

Throughout Spring, 66 Trainers across the Branch were updated and given the opportunity to network and develop their Leadership Competencies throughout the digital Trainer recertification cycle.

In December the NL program was revised seeing many NLIs complete their first fully digital recert cycle.

In regard to policy changes for the Lifesaving Instructor program, after careful consideration and consultation with Affiliates, Lifesaving Trainers and Lifesaving Instructor candidates, the Branch decided to remove the apprenticeship requirement from the LSI program and retroactively issue all LSI Competency Level 1 (non-vocational) certificate holders with LSI Competency 2 (vocational) certifications. Going forward the LSI apprenticeship requirement will be removed and all candidates who complete the LSI course will be issued both the Instructor and Examiner awards.

We wish to sincerely thank all those who supported the LSI apprenticeship process for their mentorship.

In closing, we recognize that nothing that we do would be possible without the support and hospitality of our Affiliates, or the hard work of our National Trainers, Trainers, Instructors, volunteers and Branch colleagues. We appreciate each one of you and thank you for making the best of this trying year.

Sheena Fulop
Education Manager

Kyle Kronebusch
Education Manager
Advanced Training:
The Advisory Group continues to develop and promote blended learning programs for the Aquatic Supervisor Training (AST) program and the Aquatic Management Training program (AMT).

Audit Program:
Auditors are pleased to again be able to access facilities to perform safety audits. Through 2021, two comprehensive audits and one Pool Safety Plan review were completed with five previously scheduled audits now confirmed for the first four months of 2022. A new audit evaluation system has been incorporated and revised in accordance with the BC Swimming Pool Regulations, BC Guidelines for Pool Design, BC Guidelines for Pool Operations and Lifesaving Society national recommended standards.

Standards and Major Incident Management: The Advisory Group reviewed and submitted comments on the standard providing for the safe use of major aquatic inflatables. The group also initiated and submitted the Open Water Supervision Standard for consideration and approval by the national Safety Standards Commission.

I would like to thank the ASM Advisory Group members and in particular, Denise Yoreff, for taking on the chair role as I moved into a staff position. We look forward to a successful 2022. Also, on behalf of the Advisory Group, I want to congratulate and thank the BC & Yukon Board of Directors, volunteers and staff for their extraordinary efforts during another challenging past year.

Len Manuel, Safety Services Manager
Committee Members:

Staff Representative: Kyle Kronebusch, Education Manager

The Program Advisory Group is a committed group of members that actively participates to support program development within all streams of the Lifesaving Society.

Despite the challenges and uncertainties, the COVID pandemic has caused, the Program Advisory Group has worked diligently to support Lifesaving Society program development. This includes:

- Updating the NL Instructor Guides
- Assisting with the launch of the new National Lifeguard Program
- Welcoming 6 new group members
- Developing a 2022 work plan to create additional teaching tools for Lifesaving Instructors and National Lifeguard Instructors, videos for lifesaving and lifeguarding courses, and tools for Affiliates.

We would like to thank all members for their dedication, patience and understanding during this challenging year. It looked a little different than previous years, but we would have not completed these projects without you. Your commitment to this group is valued. We look forward to working through this year’s work plan!

Julie Kaufman & Krista Mueller, Program Advisory Group Co-Chairs
## Lifesaving Society Core Program Statistics

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## Statement of Financial Position

**For the year ended December 31**

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<td>102,724</td>
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After enjoying his days as a lifeguard in Burnaby and a national level competitive swimmer at SFU, Doug Perks continues to give back to the aquatics field through scholarships to support aquatic staff in pursuing post-secondary education. The three awards of $1,000 in 2022 mark the 28th year of the scholarship through which Doug has contributed $55,000 to 95 recipients.

His generosity is evident not only through the Lifesaving Society scholarships, but also through many other initiatives Doug supports with several other organizations. He often expresses his appreciation for what the aquatics field has given him as his motivation to give back to others.

2022 DB Perks Scholarship Recipients

**Fred Smith Award:**
Kayla Sevensma, Abbotsford

**Previous Award Recipients**

**2021**
Rachel DeCicco
Jasmin Schluck, Prince George
Julie Kaufman, Surrey

**2020**
Elliott Gee, Burnaby
Natalia Lupynis, Richmond
Ceilidh Robertson-Jones, Victoria

**2019**
Katie Bowers, Victoria
Michelle Jun, Port Coquitlam
Rachel Way, New Westminster

**Mike Powley Award:**
Aramis St-Gelais, Salt Spring Isl.

**2018**
Riley Huntley, Surrey
Jamie Magrill, Richmond
Sarah Schlatter, Victoria

**2017**
Martin Chan, Richmond
Anthony Lee, Burnaby
Lindsay Munroe, Coquitlam
Sarah Schlatter, Victoria
Beck Tomlin, Whitehorse

**2016**
Timothy Bientjes, Kamloops
Matteo Ferraresso, Burnaby
Wyatt Henry, Kamloops
Sienna Joyce, Port Moody
Ryan Wilmink, Vancouver

**Derek Laverty Award:**
Jaiden Budhwa, Smithers

**2015**
Rachel Hennig, Langley
Julie Kaufman, Vancouver
Anna Legault, Victoria
Michelle Lukas, Vancouver
Rebecca Roy, Kamloops

**2014**
Claire Bruce, Prince George
Marc Lacroix, Surrey
Cameron Meldrum, Chilliwack
Julia Sharma, Burnaby
Amanda Tuey, Burnaby
Previous Scholarship Recipients

2013
Vanessa Butler, Surrey
Sheena Fulop, Pender Island
Melissa Gillespie, Saanichton
Colin Pistawka, Kelowna

2012
Noel Lai, Vancouver
Sasha Maleki, Coquitlam
Amanda Penny, Williams Lake
David Slade, Delta

2011
Veronica Grusnick, Surrey
Emily Hails, Coldstream
Cailey Hume, Sparwood
Ben Tettamanti, Vancouver

2010
Leo Chan, Coquitlam
Christian Gotengco, Vancouver
Brittany Hollett, Kamloops
Brittany Williams, Surrey

2009
Natasha Corewyn, Vancouver
Eric Iadarola, Kamloops
Jerry Michael, Victoria
Quinn Yu, Surrey

2008
Lisa Flegel, Bella Coola
Jamie Lee McSweeney
John-Jose Nunez
Adam Pospisil, Burnaby

2007
Sarah Glenn, Ladysmith
Yvonne Gomez, Victoria
Jessamyn Logan, Saanich
Amanda Lust, Penticton

2006
Janet Maxsted, Kelowna
Ashley Rota, Vancouver
Christina Smirl, Sooke

2005
Sven Bellamy, Burnaby
Jen Brett, Savona
Lois Moore, Whitehorse

2004
Natasha Files, Surrey
Janice Newkirk, Hagensborg
Ryan Radford, Vancouver

2003
Candace Brown, New Westminster
Brian Campbell, West Vancouver
Trevor Roy, Kelowna

2002
Sarah Canning, North Vancouver
Nicholas Crump, Surrey
Kaitlin Pasqualotto, Trail

2001
Christine Anderson, 150 Mile House
Robert Cousins, Port Alice
Kim TownSchon, Crescent Beach

2000
Kelly Holman, Victoria
April Lacheur, Delta
Ryan Radford, Kelowna

1999
Jason Blood, Nanaimo
Stephanie Eby, Victoria
James Helliwell, Vancouver

1998
Michael Lawless, Victoria
Heather Marshall, Coombs

1997
Carmen De Menech, Abbotsford
Carmen Jackson, Victoria

1996
Gene Benoit, North Vancouver
Rob Evans, Vancouver

1995
Nicole Liddell, Vancouver
Dave Lyon, Burnaby
The BC & Yukon Branch of Lifesaving Society Canada was proud to recognize Dr. Stephen Beerman as recipient of the King Edward VII Cup at the 2021 Honour & Rescue Award Ceremony.

A former President of Lifesaving Society Canada (1991-1994) and the International Life Saving Federation (2008-2012), Steve’s passion and meritorious service in lifesaving globally has now been recognized with the King Edward VII Cup.

Steve’s proactive liaison with the World Health Organization stimulated WHO’s focus on drowning as a major public health issue and led to the first comprehensive WHO report on drowning.

Acting on one of the WHO recommendations for national action, Steve played a key role in the formation of the multi-sectoral Canadian Drowning Prevention Coalition and is largely responsible for the development of its first Canadian Drowning Prevention Plan. He continues to provide guidance as co-chair of the coalition.

Steve has provided outstanding national and international leadership in the drowning prevention field for over four decades. Since 1986 when he served as competition lead on the Organizing Committee for Rescue ‘86 in Vancouver, he remains a prime mover in the Canadian and international field of drowning prevention. His leadership is visionary. He thinks big, has a knack for getting others to think big and has raised the profile of drowning as a serious public health issue.

Queen Elizabeth II presented the King Edward VII Cup and medal to Dr. Steve Beerman in early May 2021.
109th Annual Commonwealth Awards

The Honour and Rescue Awards celebrate the human spirit of giving. The Honour awards praise the dedicated efforts of the Lifesaving Society’s volunteers. The Rescue Awards continue the celebration by rewarding people for unselfishness in putting their lives on the line during a water rescue. The selections are made from rescues reported in the news, from individual recommendations and from police reports. Awards presented virtually at the 109th Honour and Rescue Awards Ceremony on May 15, 2021:

Riley Huntley received the President’s Plaque for his volunteer work providing program leadership.

Krista Mueller received a Bar to Service Medal as recognition of her work in leading the Program Advisory Group.

Honour Awards

Certification of Thanks
Judi Abrozaitis-Torrao
Pete Chen
Ruth Depew
James Jing
Albert Kho
Craig Short
Michelle Wilcox

Service Medal
Daniel Burgi
Anita Chevalier
Riley Huntley

Bar to Service Medal
Gary Lefebvre
Krista Mueller
Denise Yoreff

President’s Plaque
Riley Huntley

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Dennis Saulnier of Chilliwack saved his two daughters after their car was cut off and landed in Cultus Lake. He also received the Governor’s Gold award for the most courageous rescue.

Seven year old Cody Krabbendam of Sicamous rescued a 10 year old by jumping into Shuswap Lake and towing him to safety. He was awarded the George A. Brown Memorial medal and $500 scholarship.

Silver Medal for Merit
Lori Taylor Capozzi, Donato Capozzi
Josh Croteau, Thomas Holmes, Jason Pearson
Hannah Reinholt
Jeff Mikus
Devin Waugh

Silver Medal for Bravery
Cody Krabbendam
Asher Paglaro
Joy Pringle
Dennis Saulnier
Kashif Sheikh
Chad Taylor, Meghan Thompson
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The national, non-profit, voluntary organization that has been training swimmers to be Lifesavers, Lifeguards and Instructors in Canada since 1908 and in BC since 1911.

Dedicated to the prevention of incidents and the saving of life in aquatic environments across Canada. A member of the Royal Life Saving Society Commonwealth organization and the Canadian representative in the International Life Saving Federation.

LIFESAVING SOCIETY AIMS

• Promote public awareness and understanding of the responsibility every Canadian assumes when working or playing in an aquatic environment.

• Provide educational opportunities for preparing swimmers to be lifesavers and for training highly skilled lifeguards.

• Pursue research to enhance and support the continuing development of its programs and to maintain technical excellence.

• Provide consultation services for education, recreation and health agencies in communities throughout the country.

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