



## **SPRING FORUM REPORT 2012**

On behalf of the Canadian Right of Way Education Foundation (CRWEF) Board of Directors, I am pleased to provide the following updates from your Education Foundation.

**Charitable Organization Application** – On November 2, 2011 Darcy Anderson, the CRWEF’s solicitor, provided the CRWEF Board of Directors with a letter advising that Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) had not received additional information it had requested by its July 25, 2011 deadline and thus the CRWEF’s application had been dismissed.

Darcy’s letter further advised that the CRA’s request for the additional information had been misfiled in her office and she had contacted the CRA to discuss a possible solution. CRA advised that the CRWEF could either appeal the decision or resubmitted the application with resubmission being the more timely option.

The Board of Director discussed this matter and Vice President Brenda Becker, SR/WA agreed to submit a new application on behalf of the CRWEF. The new application has been updated and was resubmitted on March 29, 2012. A special thanks to Brenda for taking on this onerous task.

**CRWEF’s Web Site** – Brenda is continuing to work with Headquarters in regard to having the CRWEF’s website updated so it can be used as a source of information for members, i.e. copy of reports, minutes of meetings, etc. Some progress has been made in this endeavor.

Please check out the CRWEF’s web site by going to the IRWA website, click on Partners located at the top of the page; then click on CRWEF located on the right hand side of the page; this will bring you to the CRWEF website. Scroll down the page and click on Resources (bottom left of page); this will bring up the heading of the information we hoping to populate the page with. Right now we have all the CRWEF’s AGM minutes from 2003 – 2011 posted.

**Course 803C – Expropriation Law Basics of the Right of Way Profession** – The much awaited Course 803C – Expropriation Law was piloted in Toronto in September and Winnipeg in October of the last year. There were 96 participants (72 Toronto, 24 Winnipeg) that registered for the piloted course. 73 participants took the exam and there was an 87.67 pass rate. The course reviews indicated that the course was generally well received.

The CRWEF would once again like to thank Chapter 29 for the generous contribution towards the development of this course.



### Financial Update:

**Value Plan Account** – \$22,227.50 is on deposit as of March 30/12.

**Community Account** – \$50,741.70 is on deposit as of March 30/12.

**GIC's** - Term Investments – \$125,250.00 in total on deposit as of August 5/11 (date of last statement)

- From last year's Annual Conference the Foundation received \$1,130.00 from the Golf Tournament and \$1,272.86 from the Auction and Casino Night. These numbers have been included in the totals above.

On behalf of the CRWEF Board of Directors, we would like to thank all of those who made contributions to the Foundation this past year and those who continue to contribute year after year to the Foundation when paying their annual dues.

**Proposed By-Law Amendment** - At this year's AGM in Seattle the CRWEF's Board of Directors will be proposing to an amendment to its existing By-Laws.

Currently Section 23 of the By-Laws states that the three elected board positions, President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer, shall serve only a one year term in a given position and then be prepared to advance to the next position.

The proposed amendment would to increase the length of the terms to two years.

Since 2006 the length of the term has been discussed several times. The Board members concurred that a one year term does not provide sufficient time for an elected Board member to adequately learn and perform the prescribed duties of the given elected position before moving on to the next position. The Board feels that two year terms would be more appropriate in this regard.

**CRWEF Booth at Annual Conference** - Head Quarter has asked if the CRWEF would like to have a booth at the Annual Conference in Seattle this year. The Board of Directors has discussed this and believes that there is not enough time to organize a booth for this year however would like input for the Regions and Chapter as to whether or not they would be willing to support running a booth.

Stewart Anderson, SR/WA  
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***“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.” - Anthony J. D'Angelo***