



Canadian Baton Twirling Federation

La Fédération Canadienne de Baton Sportif

Past-President's Report– 2019 Fall Conference

The main responsibilities as Past-President are to advise and assist and to conduct the elections process.

2019 Elections

As this is an odd-numbered year, the following Executive positions are scheduled for election:

- President (incumbent: Joanne Moser)
- 2nd Vice-President (incumbent: Beth Swain)
- Secretary (incumbent: Cindy Dietrich)

And, on the Technical Committee:

- Judges Rep (vacant)
- Coaches Rep (incumbent: Maureen Johnson)
- Athletes Rep (see notes below)
- Group Events Rep (incumbent: LeeAnn Wilson)
- SDP Rep / Badge Officer (incumbent: Sara Thibeault)
- Sanction Officer (incumbent: Sue Mephram)

In addition, the following positions are scheduled for appointment by the Board:

- WBTF Judges Rep (incumbent: Ron Kopas)
- WBTF Technical Advisor (incumbent: Maureen Johnson)

As Past-President, I contacted the incumbents for all positions to obtain their consent to be nominated.

In addition to those nominations, the Nomination Committee received two nominations:

- Jenna Jemieff for Judges Rep
- Cory Archer for Coaches Rep

For those positions where there is only one nominee, that nominee is automatically appointed to the position without the need for a vote.

For those positions where there is no nominee, nominations will be taken from the floor at the AGM. An election will be held for the nominees received. If no nominees are received, the Board will either appoint someone to the position or the position will remain vacant.

This year, we had one contested position – Coaches' Rep. The election for that position is currently ongoing. The results will be announced at the AGM.

For the position of Athletes Rep, at the 2018 Fall Conference, the Board supported the proposal to create an Athletes' Commission comprised of the Provincial Athletes' Reps, and that Commission would choose the National Athletes' Rep from their own group.

The necessary by-law changes for this procedural change were scheduled to be included on the agenda for the 2019 AGM.

Other Duties

Unrelated to my position as Past-President, I am also the CBTF.CA website administrator. The website was upgraded to a new version of the content management software we use (Drupal). For this upgrade, the site was offline for several days between Dec 25 2018 and Jan 1 2019.

Website traffic was up in 2018-19 as compared to the same period in 2017-2018:

	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15
<i>Total users</i>	10,723 (+20%)	8,905	11,477	9,203	11,383
<i>Total sessions</i>	28,026 (+32%)	21,222	29,047	21,537	26,193
<i>Total pageviews</i>	130,934 (+44%)	91,122	128,119	89,005	105,227

The CBTF website earned \$110.09 in advertising revenue in the period Aug 1 2018 through Jul 31 2019. These funds partially offset the cost of operating the website: domain name registration and website hosting. CBTF does not pay for the website design or content administration – that is provided on a volunteer basis.

The CBTF Facebook presence:

	2018-19	2017-18
<i>Followers</i>	1,517 (+19%)	1,279
<i>Likes</i>	1,473 (+14%)	1,295

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Johnson