

Charles Freeman for OHA President

Hello and Greetings to the Membership of Each and Every Affiliated Society/Club.



I have served as the Vice President of the OHA for almost three full years and am now seeking to step forward to the position of President. I have been nominated by the Executive of Russell & District Horticultural Society and graciously accepted the nomination and the opportunity to continue to serve the Association.

The past years have been a continual learning experience. It has also been an extremely busy time. Conferring with Societies/Clubs that are closing or fighting to stay open, keeping communication lines open with our newest O.M.A.F.R.A. representative, answering to the best of my abilities the many different questions surrounding Society/Club governance, participating in monthly teleconferences as well as any other tasks all contribute to the continuing process of learning how best to lead the OHA.

The continuing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and all of the issues we continue to have to face have caused the business of the OHA to become even more complicated, time consuming, challenging and ultimately rewarding as we navigate all of the changing legislation, rules, guidelines and their differing interpretations.

My time in policing both working on the road and instructing in the classroom, being a Scout Leader, chaperoning school trips and international exchanges and coaching and refereeing provincial basketball has served me well while conducting the regular business of the OHA and then navigated through the COVID-19 pandemic.

I would be honoured to represent the OHA as President. I thank all of you for everything that you have done and continue to do as you represent your Society/Club in your community.

To the Officers and the Board, my deepest appreciation for helping to “keep the boat afloat” and heading in the right direction.

Kathy, “Thank you” is just the beginning of my gratitude for your guidance, assistance and friendship that has developed during the past years. You are leaving large president shoes to fill and I will certainly try to follow your straight forward example without losing sight of my desire to “have fun and just dig in the dirt”.

Everyone, Please, look after one other....

Take Care & Stay Safe

Sincerely,

Charles Freeman, OHA Vice President