

Presidents Message



Greetings and welcome to the website! Our webmaster has been working hard to give the website a new look and to keep it current.

The executive welcomes Cst. Sharon Warren of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary, who volunteered during the most recent AWLE conference to take on The Notebook editor position. If you have articles for submission to The Notebook, contact Sharon at sharonw@rnc.gov.nl.ca.

Congratulations to Cst. Sherri Curley of the RCMP "H" Division Traffic Services for successfully hosting the most recent AWLE conference, in Stellarton, NS. At the 2008 conference in Sydney, NS, Sherri enthusiastically offered to host the conference and began the tasks of planning and organizing. Due to circumstances beyond her control, she became the sole conference committee member and was transferred to Halifax, where she planned the conference long distance. I was unable to attend the conference due to a scheduling conflict where I was required to be in British Columbia for a pre-Olympic training exercise, but from all accounts of people I've spoken to, the conference was an overwhelming success. Thanks to Sherri, the executive, and delegates for participating, and congratulations to award recipients! A report on the conference can be found on the website under the "Conference" tab.

The deadline for membership dues for 2010 passed on December 31. To receive the member rate at this year's conference in Fredericton, your membership must have been paid by the deadline. If you haven't renewed your membership, you can still take advantage of the early conference registration rate for non members.

At the recent AWLE conference it was decided by the membership that elections for executive positions be staggered to ensure continuity. At the upcoming Fredericton conference there will be an election for the three positions of Media Relations, Membership Coordinator, and Notebook Editor. More information regarding the election will be forthcoming.

This year's AWLE conference will be hosted by the Fredericton Police Force from October 19-22. Conference co-chairs Staff Sergeant Kim Quartermain and Corporal Bobbi Simmons-Beauchamp have been working with their conference committee to develop a training itinerary that will focus on "Your Career-Your Way". More information on the conference and the registration form are found on the website under the "Conference" tab.

We're excited to announce that we have just printed new pamphlets and posters for AWLE. The pamphlets provide information on what the AWLE is about and have an enclosed membership form, while the poster advertises the upcoming conferences. We're in the process of distributing our new media so if you'd like copies; please advise Cst. Tammy MacDonald, Media Relations, at macdont@halifax.ca.

The 2012 IAWP conference will be held in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. This will be the 50th anniversary of the IAWP training conference and the 20th anniversary of AWLE training conferences. If you can provide assistance or information on guest speakers or fundraising and sponsorship, please contact conference co-chairs Sgt. Suzanne Bill of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (sueb@rnc.gov.nl.ca) or Cpl. Colleen Fox of the "B" Division RCMP (colleen.fox@rcmp-grc.gc.ca). There will not be an AWLE conference in 2012, but the IAWP conference will provide a unique and exciting opportunity for training and networking. I encourage you to get involved and plan to attend. At the recent IAWP conference in Seattle, Washington, the IAWP 2012 Committee hosted an information booth and promoted the conference and the AWLE. The AWLE was well represented in Seattle, with all but one executive member present. There were also several members of the Atlantic Provinces in attendance. Plans are underway to host another booth at this year's conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota in September.

I would like to congratulate AWLE Past President, Chris MacNaughton, on her recent commission to Inspector. Chris has been an advocate and supporter of the AWLE for several years and has served as an executive member in various capacities. When I took over from her as President in 2007 she facilitated a seamless transition and was always available for assistance and advice. She was instrumental in leading the team that secured the bid to bring the International Association of Women Police (IAWP) Training Conference to St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador in 2012, and has most recently served as Conference Advisor. With her promotion and subsequent move to Ottawa, Chris leaves the AWLE with a promising future. Thanks Chris, for all you've done for the AWLE! I appreciate it and wish you all the best in your new venture. I'm sure we'll see you in St. John's in 2012.

With Chris's departure, IAWP Region Eleven Coordinator, Deputy Chief Leanne Fitch, has agreed to become the new IAWP 2012 Conference Advisor. Leanne brings a wealth of experience to the position and will be a valuable asset leading up to and during the conference.

The AWLE executive is working hard to ensure the success of the organization. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve, or if you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact any executive member.

Paula

Cst. Paula Raymond
AWLE President

paula.raymond@hotmail.com