



President's Report

November 30, 2018

Dear CESBC Members,

As President of the Canadian Evaluation Society BC chapter (CESBC), it is an honour to report on the work and achievements of the chapter this year.

Some of our key achievements from the past year include:

- the creation of a Professional Learning strategy for the chapter
- the creation of an list of approved workshop facilitators, developed through a request for proposals process. This allows us to be better positioned to provide professional development opportunities.
- offering two professional development workshops (on focus groups and the upcoming data visualization workshop being held in Jan 2019)
- the first offering of the Pro Bono Initiative, which paired up emerging evaluators and experienced mentors to offer pro bono evaluations to non-profit organizations.
- hosting several events, including:
 - monthly SEEN (Student and Emerging Evaluator's Network) meet ups
 - a health evaluation seminar series co-hosted with the Rick Hanson Institute
 - joint events with IPAC
 - events in the Interior
- supporting a multi-university team of student evaluators to attend the Student Case Competition at the CES national conference in Calgary.
- supporting the Yukon to re-establish its own chapter and passing a bylaw amendment to formally change our chapter's name from the CES BC & Yukon chapter to the CES BC chapter.
- hosting the sold-out CESBC conference on November 30, 2018

Of note, after hosting the 2017 CES national conference, the chapter decided not to hold a local conference during the 2017-18 fiscal year to avoid volunteer burnout. The decision was made with the knowledge that the chapter had sufficient funds in the bank and in investments to cover the chapter's 2017-18 expenses without conference revenue during that fiscal year. Continuing to host the annual conference, as we have done in the 2018-19 fiscal year, will be vital to the financial sustainability of the chapter.

It is with gratitude to our Executive and volunteers that I submit this report to the CESBC membership and I'm looking forward to continuing to build our vibrant, dynamic chapter in the coming years.

Sincerely,
Beth Snow

President, Canadian Evaluation Society British Columbia