

# President's Greeting

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President Jim Howse will formally pass the gavel at our August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting with the New Board assuming responsibility on September 1<sup>st</sup>. As incoming President, at the August 4<sup>th</sup> Board, I extended on your behalf our appreciation for President Jim's leadership which began in 2017-18 and will conclude August 31, 2021 when he completes his duties as Immediate Past President. Jim will be presented with his Past President's badge when we resume our meetings at the ICC.

To say that Jim's Presidential year has been unusual would be an understatement. He chaired the meetings during Dale Lockie's absence which puts President Jim in the Club's record book as chairing the most meetings of any previous member. President Jim chaired the first meeting of the Club via video-conference and the first meeting of a speaker not only addressing us from outside Guelph but outside Canada.

At the Board's request, Past President, David Bain chaired a Task Force to review and recommend changes to the Board's structure and also recommend changes and additions to the Board's duties and responsibilities. In the coming months, you will be hearing about outcomes from this "Ad Hoc Committee Report". An immediate requirement has been an update in the Club's Bylaws which was undertaken under the leadership of our Club Secretary, Ron Dolynchuk. The draft of the proposed Bylaws will be circulated for your approval at a special General Meeting.

The 2020-21 budget includes a one-time reduction in Club's fees due primarily to fewer months of ICC room rental fees. Since we are not meeting in person, you kindly are requested to send your membership fee by mail. A separate notice with details is included in this Bulletin.

The Board will also be developing a plan for returning to face-to-face meetings. It is too early to anticipate when we will be able to recommence our meetings at the ICC. You will be kept up to date through our Club Bulletin. We will continue to offer Zoom access throughout the transition. Many of you have pointed out that video-conference access does provide members who are unable to attend the meeting in person with this option. As we have already experienced, Zoom also provides a wider scope in recruiting our weekly guest speakers.

Jim Sanders