



THE ASBC PAGES

Letter from the President

Dear Readers,

To borrow a great line from a recent e-mail I received from Patricia Ormerod, our Past President, "Welcome to the new year, everyone! How does it feel to be 40?"

That's right! The Archaeological Society of BC is turning 40 this year. The ASBC was founded in Spring of 1966 and it's been an incredible 40 years with many great accomplishments. I'm proud to say that many of the earliest members can still be found on our membership list today along with the rest of our nearly 300 members in three different Branches (Vancouver, Nanaimo and Victoria).

Keep your eyes peeled for information about the 40th anniversary events we're in the process of planning. Each Branch will hold it's own event(s); the Vancouver area is planning a celebratory barbeque in May or June. We'll be looking for volunteers to help out on small projects and at the barbeque, so if you're interested in getting involved you can contact me for more details.

Along with planning the ASBC's 40th Anniversary, the Vancouver, Nanaimo and Victoria Executives have met and hammered out proposed amendments to the whole set of ASBC By-Laws. We will be presenting these to you over the next few months in order for you to vote on them at our Annual General Meeting in June. The purpose of revising our By-Laws is to create a smoother, more transparent Society that better incorporates and recognizes the ASBC's Branch societies, in order that future Executives can focus more on running fun activities, promoting the Society, and educating the public about archaeology; in short, to allow the ASBC to focus on its original goals dating back 40 years. I hope that you will all take a serious look at the hard work that has gone into coming up with a set of mutually agreeable proposed By-Laws, and that you all feel free to contact your ASBC Executive members with any questions or concerns you may have.

I strongly feel that if these By-Laws are accepted by you, our members, the ASBC will be set up and ready to enjoy another 40 years of success.

One final note: I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce two new ASBC volunteers, Jennifer Jones and Sarah Baldry. Jennifer has joined the ASBC Executive as our Midden Representative (no small job – she sits in at both ASBC Executive AND Midden team meetings with a pen in her hand and a smile on her face). Sarah has signed up as our new Midden Subscriptions person and her cheerfulness and energy are an asset to our team.

My best to all of you in the New Year!

Sarah Ladd
President