



President's Report

November 19, 2021

Dear CESBC Members,

The CESBC council has worked hard to continue to offer value to our members through this second year of the pandemic. 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.

Membership Numbers

As of October 31, 2021, CESBC has:

- 160 members, 54 of whom are Credentialed Evaluators (CEs)
- Of these members, 111 reside in the Lower Mainland, 27 on Vancouver Island, 18 in the Interior, 2 in Northern BC, and 2 outside of BC
- 1,289 people on the mailing list

Membership is similar to last year and subscriptions to the mailing list has increased by 43%.

Professional Development

Some of our key achievements from the past year include:

- hosting several virtual events, including:
 - 12 online webinars
 - 5 online workshops
 - 14 virtual meet ups

Collectively, our events have served 1,105 attendees.

Due to the pandemic, we did not hold a conference in 2021. We are now planning for a 2022 in-person conference and are looking for conference committee volunteers!

Our 2021 AGM, like 2020, was a virtual event. The keynote presentation at the 2021 AGM featured provincial Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives, Racha Singh.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee

The DEI committee, chaired by CESBC Vice President Sheila Matano:

- released a DEI commitment statement to make public the CESBC's specific commitments to diversity, equity, and inclusion
- hosted 2 webinars in the Diverse Voices webinar series, which highlights community evaluation projects, programs, and organizations across BC



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- hosted a 2-part workshop on the First Nations Principles of OCAP®
- hosted a 3-part Anti-Racism Workshop Series
- developed a community compiled resource list: We are developing a community resources list to provide information that can support equitable evaluation practice.

Council Membership

There were six positions up for election this year (President, Vice President, Secretary, Member at Large (Professional Development & Communication), Member-at-Large (Membership), Member-at-Large (Conference Lead), and Member-at-Large (Conference Support). (The nominations committee will release a report with the election results). All positions on the council other than national representative are two year terms. We encourage everyone to considering running for council in future years. Details on the roles and responsibilities of council members is available at: <https://www.cesbcy.ca/Executive-Roles-&-Responsibilities>. Please feel free to reach out to current council members (contact information for council members is available at: <https://www.cesbcy.ca/Executive-Council>).

Coming Soon

The council has identified some bylaws that need to be updated. Bylaw changes need to be voted on by the membership, and this process will be conducted by an electronic process that we have previously used for bylaw amendments. Members are advised to watch their inboxes for more information.

Thank you to all the council members and volunteers, past and present, whose hard work makes everything we do at CESBC possible.

Sincerely,
Beth Snow
2021 President, Canadian Evaluation Society British Columbia