



This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> yr as BCMD Division President, it has been a rebuilding of branches/corps since the transition from virtual to in person cadets over the last year.

Some of our branches have active & strong branch members and some we hardly have any contact with.

We also introduced some new strategies: holding bi-monthly branch zoom meetings. Division Exec have also been doing “wellness checks” with their branches. We also held two virtual training sessions: “treasurer’s role” & “NL by Laws” both with the assistance of National Office, which has been a huge success for us.

Our October AGM we were lucky to have over 75% of our branches attend in-person, two branches declining due to financial reasons. One branch attended virtual. This was our first time holding an AGM both in person & virtual and it was a great success. From our AGM we learnt that branches are still re-building, needing assistance from Division and wishing to continue with in-person AGM’s. We also held a NL Officers/Area Division training session at the AGM as a break out, which went really well.

BCMD Division is honoured to have CPO1 Colin Douglas, RCSSC 349 Chilliwack corps as National Sea Cadet of 2022. Colin joined our AGM and was our main speaker at Mess Dinner. We are hoping Colin will be able to join the National AGM as well.

Our Area Division Officers have increased over the last year, we now have a full slate on Division which over a year ago we only had 2 Officers. This is mainly due to the great work LCdr Commander (NL) Ian Kangas has done. Ian has created monthly virtual meetings for NL Officers, increased training sessions and continued to visit corps in person over the last year, which is all increasing our NL corps.

Both Sea & NL Cadets have been increasing slowly over the year. I think this is due to the active presence of our cadets in our communities again, tagging, parading or attending activities. I am hoping for the rest of 2023 we will see a further increase in both NL & Sea Cadets corps.

BCMD Division Executive is a small group of dedicated volunteers who are all a tremendous team whom I am honoured to work with.

I thank all BCMD branches, volunteers, officers & executive all dedicated to this program. Through all the challenges over the last year I believe BCMD Division is a strong, growing and dedicated Division.

