

**CBTF Technical Chair
Annual Report
July 7, 2011**

The completion of my first year as Technical Chair for the Canadian Baton Twirling Federation is quickly approaching. It is rewarding to reflect on the accomplishments of the Technical Committee during this time. I wish to thank my Committee for their enthusiasm and dedication to the numerous initiatives we undertook this past year. Highlights from the past season include:

- Hosting of the CBTF Fall Technical Meeting (Sept 28-29, 2010) in Regina
- Compilation of baseline statistics for the CBTF so that the impact of future initiatives could be measured against
- Development of a Technical action plan with deliverable dates for the upcoming year
- Monthly Technical Committee conferences via Skype to ensure that progress on the Technical Action Plan was made and that critical items could be handled in a timely fashion.
- Attendance at the WBTF Winter Technical Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida
- Worked with Judges' Rep, Ron Kop and President, Jeff Johnson to implement the new National Judges' Selection Process
- Directed the International Cup Qualifier in Calgary and the Canadian Championships in Winnipeg
- Supported SDP representative, Denise Johnston as she spear-headed a complete renewal of the Skills Development Program – this includes revisions to the manual as well as a new video
- Contributed to Coaches Rep, Kim Genton's project to revamp the CBTF Coaches' Directory and to develop enhancements for the delivery of the Level 1 coaches program.
- Worked with Maureen Johnson and Ron Kopas to pilot test the new WBTF Judging system.
- In preparation for International Cup, we have been posting videos of potential content violations on the CBTF website for all coaches and judges to use as examples.

It has been a learning year and I look forward to making progress on our longer-term technical plans during the 2011-12 season.

Sincerely,
Elan Paluck