

**CANADIAN BATON TWIRLING FEDERATION**  
**FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT ANNUAL REPORT**  
**CBTF Annual General Meeting - September 2017**

As 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, I was responsible for the following projects and tasks during the 2016-17 year:

**HONOURS AND AWARDS**

- Completed further revisions to the Procedures which were accepted at the 2016 FBM and via eVote in May 2017 (Revision #4).
- Arranged for the gifts and certificates that are to be presented to the 2017 International Cup and Grand Prix Canadian Contingent (Level A & B medalists; top 10 Elite placings).
- Conducted the CBTF Annual Awards nomination process
- Contacted last year's winners to remind them to return the annual awards
- Compiled a list of annual awards that require new plates
- Provided brief written introductions for the Canadians announcer for each award
- Worked with the Canadians Committee to determine when each award would be presented
- Joanne Moser arranged for Keeper Awards for the Athlete of the Year awards
- Work in Progress: Criteria Review & Clarification for 4 Annual Awards

The Selection Committee determined that the nominees submitted for the Honorary Membership and Lifetime Achievement did not fulfill the criteria for these awards and therefore no awards were presented for this year. A review of the criteria is in progress.

The number of nominations was very low this year. Thank you to those who took the time to nominate. Once again, I ask for your serious consideration when nomination forms are posted for next year's awards.

**RECORDS AND ARCHIVES**

The Executive is considering arranging for the transfer of CBTF files, programs, newspaper clippings, pictures, past Technical Talking newsletters and other important memorabilia onto digital files.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS, PUBLICITY**

It was very exciting to be listed as #143 on the Participaction 150 List to celebrate Canada's birthday! A former World twirler, Dallas Flexhaug, "taught" twirling on the Calgary Global Morning Show in the spring which went viral on Facebook – a great boost for our sport!!

Also, a HUGE THANKS to all the clubs and provinces who participated in World Baton Twirling Day on April 10, 2017!! It was great to see so many of our members having fun learning the routine and twirling together!

**OTHER**

I have participated in various email discussions, webinars and conference calls for the Executive, Board and Technical Committee throughout the year. I sat on the CBTF Education Committee as a contributor and was pleased with the successful completion of many of the projects and tasks.

It has been my pleasure and certainly a privilege to work on behalf of the CBTF and I look forward to a successful year ahead.

Respectfully Submitted,

**KAREN GRATTON, CBTF 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**