

**President's Report**  
**NTWWA 12th Annual AGM**  
**November 21, 2004**

It is my pleasure, as your outgoing President, to report to you on NTWWA activities in 2004; and to highlight the challenges we face in 2005 and beyond. We made some progress in 2004 but much still needs to change. For a starter, each of you volunteering to serve on an NTWWA committee of your choice will be a good thing.

This is because NTWWA draws its collective strength from the skills, energy, and dedication of each of you. And considering that it is through committee work that the best minds of the association can be put to work at solving the important problems that face the profession, your participation on the committee of your choice is critical.

**2004:**

In 2004, NTWWA operated without an Executive Director and a Secretary/Treasurer. The Board of Directors collectively performed those functions. You will have a chance to fill those vacancies among others at this AGM

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION:**

We have a qualified volunteer in the person of Matthew Hough, P.Eng. for your consideration to fill the vacancy. The Board supports his candidacy, although a detailed job description for the position is yet to be developed. You will have an opportunity to vote on his candidacy when the Board vacancies are filled. His election/appointment will be on his understanding as well as yours that when the job description is ready it will reflect the directives you provided during the Visioning Exercise at the 2003 AGM.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER POSITION:**

Whoever fills this position should be a Yellowknife resident to make it easy for cheques etc. to be signed. Looking back, perhaps the Board should have done some pre-recruiting. In any event I encourage as many of the YK residents as possible to consider serving in this important vacancy.

**UPDATE ON THE 2003 VISIONING EXERCISE:**

You proposed that the following committees be set during the Visioning Exercise.

Conference Committee  
Finance Committee  
Membership/ Marketing Committee  
Bylaw Committee

Operators Committee

Newsletter Committee\*

\* On hindsight you missed a Newsletter Committee on the list. The Board recommends its inclusion now. The committee will be responsible for the FULL CYCLE – NTWWA's newsletter. The Full Cycle is a professional development tool and as such requires the commitment of each and every one of us. Each of you has something to share. Therefore, I implore you to share that expertise by volunteering to serve on the newsletter committee and/or by regularly submitting/contributing articles for publication in the newsletter.

#### THE VISIONING EXERCISE DIRECTIVES:

The Board has held numerous conference calls on the matter since April 2004. The Board appointed Chairs from among its ranks to head the committees you proposed during the visioning exercise last year. The Board reviewed the directives from the visioning exercise and allocated the tasks to the appropriate committees. Letters were sent out to all participants of the Iqaluit Conference to serve on the committee of his/her choice by contacting the Committee heads. Unfortunately you failed to respond and so some of the committees never got off the ground. You will have a chance, later, to volunteer to serve on some of those committees in order to get them operational.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE: Kim Phillips is the permanent Chair for the Conference Committee. And for this 12<sup>th</sup> annual conference, the response of the Conference Committee under the Co-chairs of Kim Phillips and John Bulmer is the result of the well-attended conference and marvelous program here in Inuvik. I thank the 2004 Conference Planning Committee on your behalf for a job well done.

BYLAW COMMITTEE: The Bylaw committee under Ken Johnson's leadership has a draft bylaw for your review and input. Following any suggested changes you will propose, I will recommend that the bylaw be passed at this AGM.

OTHER COMMITTEES: The Finance Committee; Membership and Marketing Committee; Operators Committee and Newsletter Committee – all need your participation to get off the ground.

The call is for volunteers to serve on the committees, starting with:

- Finance Committee (Chaired by Paul Guy, may need a new chair)
- Membership/Marketing Committee (Chaired by Nelson Pisco)
- Operators Committee (A Chair is to be appointed)
- Newsletter Committee (A Chair is to be appointed)

I thank all the volunteers in advance for the positive response.

**2005 and BEYOND:**

Never lose track of the fact that the founder(s) of NTWWA envisioned an Association that serves and has members in all the Northern Communities. Northern in this context means NWT, NUNAVUT, Yukon, Labrador, Nunavik, Alaska and ultimately the circumpolar neighbourhood. We made a leap towards that goal with the attendance and participation of BOB TSIGONIS from Alaska. Bob is a representative of Lifewater Engineering Company in Alaska. Make the goal a reality in the years ahead.

Finally, I thank you for the privilege of serving as your President in 2003/2004. We will see you at the next Conference and AGM.