

Board Observer
Annual Report
2004-2005

I have been able to attend each monthly open meeting of the Selkirk College Board except one. I receive the pre-reading material a week before each meeting. I have been welcomed as an observer and have been offered the opportunity to add information from SCFA if desired. At these open sessions, the Board conducts its business in an organized and thoughtful manner; each person wishing to speak is given the respect to do so. This year, Board membership increased with the election of two student representatives; they have been able to provide input to Board decisions from a student point of view.

At Board meetings during the past year, some of the ongoing discussions have been about the following:

- The College's role in the local, regional, national, and international community
- Marketing the advantages of enrolling at this college
- Enrolment
- The College's financial status
- Development of the College's renewed vision for the future
- The value of the Economic Impact Study done by the department of Institutional Research
- Development of the BC Regional Innovation Chair at the college.
- The Best Practice guidelines for governance boards of public sector organizations as forwarded by the Board Resourcing and Development office in the Office of the Premier

This was the year Selkirk College made a noticeable appearance not only in articles in the Globe and Mail and MacLean's magazine, but also in a presentation on the Life Network. The President's regular reports to the Board and the President's newsletter for faculty gave a comprehensive picture of the myriad of activities in which this college is involved.

Lastly, at the December dinner meeting of the Board, the 20th anniversary of the College was celebrated with the honouring of past and present Board, Foundation and committee members.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Gibson