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Profiles for our Executive Members



Harry McLellan (PEI) Bev Salomons (Alta) Elsie Reid (Manitoba)
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Bev Salomons - President

Bev Salomons grew up in Nova Scotia and has lived in Manitoba, Germany and Alberta for the past 42 years. Since 2000, Bev has been involved with Citizens On Patrol. She was one of the organizers of the Strathcona County C.O.P group and served as President for three years. Bev joined the executive of the Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association in 2009 and has been President since 2010. In 2013, Bev was part of the group that formed the Canadian Citizens On Patrol Association and is presently serving as the President.

Bev graduated from University in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science degree. After that, Bev started a career as a figure skating coach. In 1990, she returned to University and graduated with a Bachelor of Education degree and began her teaching career in the public school system. She recently retired and is enjoying life after work.

Besides her volunteer work for Citizens On Patrol, Bev volunteers as a figure skating evaluator and judge. This brings Bev to communities all over Alberta, the North West Territories and out of province.

Bev is married, has three children and three grand kids. She enjoys travelling, camping, biking, gardening, sewing, knitting, hand work and volunteering as a Citizen On Patrol. Bev looks forward to promoting the Citizens On Patrol program across Canada and educating communities about how to be "extra eyes and ears" for the local police agencies.

Profiles for our Executive Members

Elsie Reid – Vice President

I am a member of the Manitoba Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP). I have been a member for almost 11 years now. I have been Chairperson of our local group - The Pas and Area, in Manitoba for 6 years and have been chairperson of the Manitoba Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) for 4 plus years. My term on the PAC terminates in October of 2014.

I am retired from my employment with the Government of Manitoba as an advisor to municipal councils and staff. I worked in municipal government for almost 30 years. I started my employment with a local town and transferred in to the Provincial Government in 1982. I had to travel in to Manitoba communities where I met some fantastic people who were very committed to their community.

Since retirement I have been involved with Citizens on Patrol, Manitoba's Operation Red Nose Program (a road safety program operated during the holiday season), The Pas Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce and a fund raising Marathon for the Clearwater Lake Provincial Park.

Betty Woolridge - Treasurer

I have volunteered most of my life, starting as a teenager with Sunday School and CGIT. After marriage and children came, it was school, Municipal Recreational programs, 19 yrs. With Figure Skating Official, Boys Scouts, 10yrs. When the empty nest syndrome came I traveled with my husband as much as I wanted to.

While stationed in BC I became involved with the Neighbourhood Watch Program. Upon my husband's retirement we migrated back to the East Coast and settled in Nova Scotia. I wanted to become involved with the community so I contacted the RCMP Detachment to join the Neighbourhood Watch program but they didn't have one, they asked me to form one which I did. That process lead to many other programs, Crime Prevention Association, Citizens On Patrol, Safe Seniors programs. I am also a member of the Ostomy Society of Canada, as well as the Spouses and Significant Others which I developed for spouses and partners living with an ostomy.

In 2002 I was asked to join the RCMP and help develop a Training Manual for Nova Scotia COP. It took 5 years as we were working with many different RCMP Community Policing Officers (there were about 7 volunteers in the project). It took quite a while to get it approved by the RCMP. After the approval of the Manual I was asked to stay on as part of the Advisory Group with other volunteers. Today I am the only original member of that group formed in 2002. I enjoy working with COP. We have done training session here in NS with all COP's including Halifax Regional Police COP. I look forward to working with the Canadian Citizens On Patrol Association to gather more members from all parts of our great Nation.

Harry McLellan – Director at Large

After a successful sales and marketing management career in the broadcast industry (TV, radio) in Atlantic Canada, Harry turned to consulting and helped launch a new FM radio station in PEI. An opportunity then presented to use his marketing skills in an entirely different industry. Harry served as the Regional Marketing Director for Cooke Insurance, a locally owned, independent and rapidly expanding Maritimes business. Having achieved many of the marketing goals for the company, Harry believed he was ready to retire and direct his attention to his "bucket list."

After a short-lived stint at retirement (6 months in), he decided the timing was wrong and missed the challenges of working. He was hired last year as the Marketing and Fundraising Coordinator for the Atlantic Kidney Foundation of Canada for PEI. In addition to this work, Harry is Chair of Citizens on Patrol since its inception in Stratford, PEI six (6) years ago and serves on the Town of Stratford Safety Committee. He is also a member of the Executive of the Holland College Football Team. A personal goal for 2014 is to establish a provincial Citizens on Patrol organization.

Harry lives in Stratford with his wife, Kathy Maher who works for the Medical Society of PEI. They are "empty nesters" with the exception of their two beloved dogs, Colby and Manney. Together they have four children and seven grandchildren living in Moncton NB, Ottawa ON, Burnaby BC and Auckland, New Zealand.

Profiles for our Executive Members (Cont'd)

Brian Cornborough - Secretary

Born in North Vancouver, Brian has lived in several communities including Vancouver, Kitimat, Nelson, Victoria, Cranbrook, and now Nanaimo. He graduated from University of Victoria in 1973 and worked for BC Assessment (provincial government) in Nanaimo and then as owner of his own home based real estate appraisal company, retiring in 2007.

He has always been involved in volunteer work. He was President of Nanaimo Youth Soccer for 8 years (1990-1998) responsible for the operation of the Association with some 2,000 youth from age 5 to 18. In 2000, he joined Citizens on Patrol and has patrolled with many great partners. When the police liaison officer left the detachment, the COPs group formed an executive and he became the first president. In 2008, he and a well-disciplined group of volunteers put on the first of yearly provincial conferences in Nanaimo, attracting just over 100 volunteers each year to our city.

He stepped down from the CEO position of the group in 2013 to work on several projects that he had begun including include good highway signage, a bike unit, and office layout. The projects are moving ahead slowly and will assist the group in promoting the program around the province.

Brian was always keen to see a national organization formed and over the past years was able to 'meet' via email with President Bev Salomons (Alberta) and Tracey Proctor (Manitoba Public Insurance i/c of the Citizens On Patrol program).

He was asked to serve as Secretary of the new Canadian Citizens On Patrol Association at the inaugural meeting of CCOPA in Winnipeg in November 2013.

Brian is married to Susan with 5 children and 7 grandchildren, all who live in Nanaimo.

Other News...



Thank you to the Alberta Citizens On Patrol Association for the donation of \$100 to help get the bank account started for Canadian Citizens On Patrol Association. As well, thank you to the Nova Scotia for their donation of \$27.65 to add to the bank account.



on CCOPA activities

In November, letters were mailed out to every Solicitor General across Canada, to every R.C.M.P. Division headquarters across Canada and to every Police Association

across Canada. To date, responses have been received from the following:

- R.C.M.P. "G" Division
- R.C.M.P. "L" Division
- Jonathon Davis, Alberta Justice and Solicitor General
- Halifax Regional Police

CCOPA is in the process of checking on the name search and has completed the By Laws. The next step will be to get registered as a National Association. As well, acquiring funding will be high on the list



In December, President Bev Salomons had the pleasure of meeting Inspector Adrien Barrieau while on a trip to Yellowknife, NWT. Inspector Barrieau has had experience with C.O.P. groups in the past and would like to see an active group organized in Yellowknife