

# The Rearview Mirror

Your way ahead

# BCTA

BC TRUCKING ASSOCIATION

## 2016 BCTA Annual Christmas Party December 1, Surrey

BCTA's annual Christmas Party is a popular networking event that many members attend regularly. It's also an enjoyable end to a day that sees the final meetings of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for the year. BCTA frequently opens Board meetings to all members and their guests. Attendees can follow and participate in discussions on agenda topics and hear the occasional guest speaker invited to address the Board, although there are often enough business items to preclude time for a presentation. Sitting in on the year-end Board meeting is also a good way for members interested in giving back to our association to learn how we're governed and consider applying to join either the Board or a policy committee. BCTA benefits greatly from the involvement, knowledge and guidance of our members.

And, everyone, including BCTA staff, enjoys the chance to network and connect with friends and colleagues at the Christmas Party reception and dinner. The Associate Executive Committee assists in planning this event with BCTA staff, and the Associate Member Service Award for the year is traditionally announced after dinner, just before the evening's entertainment begins. We are indebted to the many generous members – both motor carrier and associate – who sponsor everything from an "on the house" refreshment during the reception to the banquet and entertainment.



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This edition of *The Rearview Mirror* covers this year-end social event, including a brief review of the Board of Directors' meeting held during the afternoon.  
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# Business before pleasure

The Board of Directors Meeting took place from 3 to 4:30 pm at the Sheraton, with Trevor Sawkins, BCTA Chairperson and COO, ColdStar Solutions, in the chair. Highlights from the agenda include:

- 2017 Budget
- MP Outreach Program reports:
  - Mike Bissell met with Mel Arnold (Conservative; North Okanagan – Shuswap)
  - Ben Boon met with Donella Prasad (Constituency Assistant for Terry Beech, Liberal; Burnaby North – Seymour)

BCTA has [MLA](#) and MP Outreach Programs to connect board members with politicians in their constituencies to raise awareness about road transportation and issues BCTA is addressing.

- [Task Force on Weights and Dimensions Policy](#): overview of issues to be discussed at an upcoming meeting including the status of wide-base single tires, aerodynamic devices and longer wheelbase tractors.
- Electronic Logging Device Mandate: Board members were asked to consider whether a Canadian mandate should follow the US mandate and exempt all pre-model-year 2000 vehicles or whether BCTA should advocate for a different MY cut-off date.



See our [Advocacy Update List, June – November 2016](#) for other issues BCTA dealt with over the past six months.

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# Reception - making connections count

Members, their spouses and guests, and BCTA staff all enjoy this opportunity to re-connect, introduce themselves to newcomers, and catch up before dinner.

This year, we tried something new: member testimonials about the value of belonging to BCTA via smartphone. The lighting and sound could be better, but we appreciate the good will of all those who took part. Thanks for your help!



Visit BCTA's [YouTube channel](#) for more video testimonials. Why not follow us while you're there?



## Thanks to:

[Rosenau Transport Ltd.](#) for complementary reception drink tickets, [SafetyDriven – Trucking Safety Council of BC](#) for assisting with the cost of the venue and [Cummins Western Canada](#) for assisting with the cost of our event setup and technical production.

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# Banquet

## Thanks to:

Event sponsors [HUB International Insurance Brokers](#) and [Trailcon Leasing Inc.](#); [Western Star & Sterling Trucks of Vancouver, Inc.](#) for the lovely centrepieces (donated at the end of the evening to one lucky guest at each table); [Ocean Trailer](#) and [Columbia Fuels Inc.](#) for the dinner wine; and [BFL CANADA Insurance Services Inc.](#) for assisting with the buffet.



## 2016 Associate Member Service Award

Ed Genberg, Associate Members Representative to the Board and head of the Associate Executive Committee, [presented this award](#) to Ben Boon, Chevron Canada Limited.

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## Thanks to:

[EMC Mortgages](#), [Harbour Link Container Services Inc.](#), [Seaspan Ferries Corp.](#), and the [Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel](#) for contributing door prizes.

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## *The Children's Wish Foundation*



50/50 ticket sales during the evening contributed \$815.00 to the BC & Yukon branch of the [Children's Wish Foundation](#).

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets! Your contributions go towards granting the favourite wish of a child diagnosed with a life-threatening illness – we're all winners in being able to create some joy in the lives of these children and their families. In fact, [with help from donors like BCTA](#), Children's Wish has granted 1,195 wishes over the past year.

# Mark your calendars!

Next year's Christmas Party is scheduled for **December 7, 2017**. Please save the date.

BCTA will also be looking forward to our first 2017 business and social event, the annual Associate Dinner Meeting at the Sandman Signature Hotel, Langley on **April 20, 2017**. We hope to see you there.

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