

Okanagan Historical Society
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Sunday, April 21, 2024, 10 am.
Penticton Art Gallery
199 Marina Way, Penticton, B.C.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Lois Marshall

CALL TO ORDER: President Lois Marshall called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.
Thirty-two members were present.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Motion: That the minutes of the April 24, 2023 annual general meeting be adopted as printed in the 87th Report and on the society website.
Larry Shannon / Margot Pridham. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

a) President - Lois Marshall

Copies of the first ideas for OHS logo review and update were available on the business meeting tables for people to provide their comments on. This is one of the centennial initiatives being reviewed for use on social media platforms. Comments will be passed on to the Executive council.

b) Secretary – Maggie Ricciardi

c) Treasurer – Lois Marshall for Bob Cowan

Comment: No Budget for upcoming year.

Lois: As a Non-profit, the OHS budgets to break even.

Question: When the Father Pandosy site is turned over to the site does the OHS retain any of the funds on the Father Pandosy line?

Lois: No. The funds attributed to Father Pandosy are part of a Heritage BC grant received to do restoration work on the site. Any unused money will be returned.

d) Editor- Ken Mather

The new publication should be ready by July at a new price of \$30. Ken might reduce the number printed to 600 or 650, which will also reduce the number of books left on hand. The

Reports are our main source of income. The fall 2025 issue of British Columbia History magazine will be totally devoted to the OHS. Ken will be acting as guest editor. This will be Ken's final year as editor.

Motion: To accept the table officers reports.

Gayle Cornish/ Mary Trainer. Carried.

6. Branch Reports – Read as submitted.

- a) Oliver / Osoyoos - Larry Shannon
- b) Penticton - Karen Collins
- c) Summerland – David Gregory, read by Lois Marshall
- d) Kelowna - Margot Pridham
- e) Vernon – Clint Evans
- f) Armstrong / Enderby - Carmen Kirkland
- g) Salmon Arm -Linda Painchaud

Motion: That the reports of the Branch Presidents be approved.

Mary Trainer/ Maggie Ricciardi. Carried.

7. Committee Reports – Lois Marshall read the Father Pandosy, Website and Index Reports.

- a) Father Pandosy - Domenic Rampone
- b) Essay Contest - vacant
- c) Website - Lois Marshall
- d) Index - Joan Cowan
- e) Membership Committee – Carmen Kirkland

A motion to allow branches to have access to membership lists from book sales for their area by Giovana DeBruin/Neil Wooliams was tabled.

Motion: To request the OHS Executive develop structure to compile, maintain and distribute membership to the branches.

Giovana De Bruin/ Neil Wolliams. Carried.

Motion: To accept the Committee Reports of the Directors-at-Large.

Linda Painchaud/ Barbara Raynor. Carried.

Centennial Committee Update: Lois Marshall

Erin identified available grants. Branches were to send their information to Erin. Grant deadline is end of April. Community financial support is key. This is not just monetary, in-kind donations are also considered financial support.

Examples: reduction in printing costs, volunteer hours etc.

Karen will send out the most current Centennial Committee Report to all Executive Council members with the AGM Minutes.

8. Unfinished Business - None

9. New Business

a) Separation of report purchase and memberships: Executive Council will have the conversation and bring back to the 2025 AGM.

Questions: If we have an increase in the price of the report and a separate membership fee, will we scare people away?

What are we going to provide as membership benefits?

How will we determine membership for voting at AGMs?

Comment: Need to have more younger people involved, perhaps reach out to students civic classes.

Lois:

b) Governance Committee (Lois Marshall, Paige Hohmann, Dale Kermode) Dale was not in attendance. Clint Evans spoke on governance issues.

The structure of OHS is the biggest concern. Branches are somewhat independent but have no real power which is a problem when trying to apply for own grants. Society needs to be restructured. The committee will present to the Executive Council, and this will be brought to the 2025 AGM.

Question: Does the OHS (or branches) belong to Chambers of Commerce? This might provide more support and more members.

Lois: The OHS parent body belongs to the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce, which allows us to use their building for meetings.

Comment: Branches have too much autonomy. Each branch has its own bank account.

Question: What about insurance? Do we have Director's Insurance?

Lois: OHS has an insurance policy which is partially paid for by each branch. Yes, there is Director's Insurance and \$5,000. liability insurance is available to every branch to cover events.

a) Election of Officers – Larry Shannon conducted the election of officers. The following officers were elected by acclamation.

President - Lois Marshall

Vice President – Paige Hohmann

Secretary - Karen Collins, Maggie Ricciardi

Treasurer – Bob Cowan

b) Appointment of position of editor. Lois Marshall/ Larry Shannon.

Editor - Ken Mather

COMPLIMENTARY RESOLUTIONS:

a) That we thank the Oliver-Osoyoos and Penticton Branch for organizing the use of the Art Gallery and the AGM – Lois Marshall

b) That we acknowledge the volunteer hours that go into organizing the event – Giovana De Bruin

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a) The next annual general meeting will be held in April 27, 2025, Kelowna.
- b) The next executive meeting will be held July 14, 2024, 10 a.m. Kelowna Chamber of Commerce.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by president Lois Marshall at 11:41 a.m.

Notice: All of the reports presented at the AGM may be found online on the society's website: okanaganhistoricalsociety.org.

Guest Speaker: Following the business meeting, Brenda Baptiste presented her thoughts on growing up on reserve in the 1960s, historical partnerships, the importance of our historical society, and what reconciliation means to her. Brenda is a member of the Osoyoos Indian Band, currently Mental Health Substance Abuse Lead for Penticton Indian Band and board member of the South Okanagan Women in Need Society. She has been the Chair of the Indigenous Tourism Association of British Columbia and was named a recipient of the Order of British Columbia in 2021 for her work in Indigenous Tourism.

The luncheon was held at the Rusty Anchor restaurant at the Penticton Yacht Club, a short walk from the Art. Gallery. Larry Shannon, Oliver-Osoyoos Branch and Randy Manuel, Penticton Branch shared the duties of emcee.

Life Members: During the luncheon program, recognition was paid to three Life Members that we have lost since our last AGM- Rob Dale, Armstrong-Enderby Branch; Peter Tassie, Vernon Branch and Dave Morgenstern, Penticton Branch. Life Members who were unable to attend for health reasons acknowledged: Diane Ambil, Salmon Arm ; Bob Hayes, Kelowna ; Betty Bork, Penticton ; Dan Roberts, Oliver and family reasons Joan and Bob Cowan, Enderby. Life Members attending were introduced: Carmen Kirkland, Coldstream; Randy Manuel, Penticton; Mary Roberts, Oliver; Larry Shannon, Oliver and Allan Wilson, Salmon Arm. Larry Shannon vice-president of the Oliver-Osoyoos Branch presented long-time branch member Gayle Cornish with a Life Membership

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President's Message

Welcome to our Annual General Meeting, hosted by Oliver-Osoyoos and Penticton Branches.

Thank you all for your support and continued contributions to the Okanagan Historical Society and to your communities.

Branch health continues to be top of mind for our branches. Thanks go to Ken Mather for working diligently in 2023 to reinstate Vernon Branch membership, and to those Vernon members who have taken on leadership roles in OHS. The OHS will not survive without all the dedicated support we receive from our membership. To that end, through contract with Inspiring Minds, the Vernon branch is piloting various digital initiatives to engage younger audiences. I look forward to seeing the success of these projects, and hope that all branches will benefit from these initiatives. OHS also partnered with UBC Okanagan Faculty of Management students to review other historical societies in BC and Canada and make recommendations on what OHS can do to attract membership. I look forward to reviewing their recommendations and moving forward as appropriate.

The 87th Report was released in summer 2023, and sales are good. Articles include Through the Eyes of Indian Children, Mah Yick and His Family, Shuswap River Bridges, Public Art in Osoyoos, The Seafaring Origin of Syilx Ancestors, A Sheep Drive through Vernon and Similkameen Fruit Land Company. We are now preparing for the 88th publication. I look forward to reading about new stories of heritage and local history.

The Father Pandosy Mission site governance is important for the Executive. Domenic Rampone, as OHS representative, is working to facilitate the transition of the site to the City of Kelowna, but progression continues to remain slow in 2023. Conservation work began on the site as a result of funding by the federal government through the Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program (CERIP) grant (\$78,158). Work was planned to be completed in 2023, but due to an unexpected illness, Digby Heritage Services closed their contract, and Caherogan Enterprises (Alisdair Smith) was awarded the work. We received an extension for the grant, and now plan completion in 2024. While this federal grant is important for the preservation of the site, funding general operations continues to be a great burden for OHS. The site needs to transition to the City of Kelowna. OHS no longer has the volunteers or the operating budget to maintain this heritage property through its lease with the Diocese of Nelson.

A Centennial Committee was formed to prepare for the 2025 Centennial next year, with representation from each of the branches. The committee brainstormed many ideas for centennial activities. Erin Stodola is volunteering as grant writer, to help with the applications. So far centennial activities include a valley-wide celebration event on Sept 20, 2025, at the Mary Irwin Theater in Kelowna, a commemorative book, various local branch speaker series, and new and updated digital initiatives and marketing materials. All of these activities require funds and volunteers. If you are interested in becoming involved in centennial activities, please speak with me, or your branch representative.

In conclusion, I am very thankful for everyone's work as we continue to record our Okanagan

history.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Lois Marshall

Correspondence Secretary Report

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Over this year I have received inquiries regarding cancellation of subscriptions, where books could be purchased, method of payment for books and cost of postage if being shipped. All forwarded to Carmen who dealt with them in short order. Thank you, Carmen.

I also replied to requests for information on early families or particular sites. The requests for information were for the Similkameen as well as various Okanagan areas. Thank you to Bob Hayes, Joan Cowan and Karen Collins for their assistance in providing information.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Ricciardi

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Treasurer's Report

Please see the attached 2023 Financial Reporting Package (year ending Dec 31, 2023) as prepared by Amrita Jawanda.

Total Assets: \$100,051.03

.... Includes \$54,682.16 for Father Pandosy and CERIP grant

Total Income: \$24,895.43

Total Expenses: \$26,205.43

Net Loss: \$767.29

Respectfully submitted,

K. Lois Marshall

on behalf of Amrita Jawanda and Bob Cowan

Editor's Report

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Most of the articles for this year's report of Okanagan History have already been received and the editing process has begun. So far, I have 29 articles, with excellent representation throughout the valley. The printed copies should be available in July for distribution. Based upon the total number of last year's report that have been sold by June, I may reduce the number of printed copies of this year's report to 650 or even 600. This will reduce the number of unsold copies at the end of this year's sales.

This year's quote from Get Colour Copies in Vernon is as follows:

700 Perfect Bound Book, 245 pages 5.75 x 8.75	700 Books @ \$6.75
each	
Membership Cards Perforated	700
Cards \$195.00	
Total with GST	\$5166.00

This is an increase of 50 cents a book from last year, which means a total increase of \$368.00 overall. This is still significantly lower than what we were paying previously.

Discussions are still ongoing as to what format the report should take for our 100th anniversary edition in 2025. Depending upon the outcome of grants that we have applied for, we may be able to include more content and colour photos. I am still open to suggestions from members.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Mather

Oliver Osoyoos Branch Report to the Okanagan Historical Society

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The Branch has a small but active membership. We continue to have a presence in our communities and promote awareness of local history. This includes the distribution of the Okanagan Historical Society annual reports in the Oliver Osoyoos area.

The Branch acts as the caretaker of the O.H.S. Fairview Townsite property. We are happy to report that our significant maintenance project on the Kiosk has been completed. Total cost was approximately \$6,000. All the funds were collected locally. The site is visited regularly by the general public.

Respectively submitted,

Larry Shannon

Penticton Branch Report
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Since our 2023 AGM the Penticton Branch has continued to focus on bringing local heritage to the community.

We have been successful again this year with selling the 87th Report at Cherry Lane Shopping Centre, the Book Shop and the Dragon's Den.

Our regular book sales also continue to do well. Donations of books from families of past branch members and the public keep our inventory varied and interesting. All of our events included displays related to specific heritage topics.

At our fall book sale, we featured photographs along with articles published in the Penticton Herald, written by our branch group of authors. We are pleased that the Penticton Herald has allowed us to submit articles on a weekly basis since last June.

In September Randy Manuel and I participated on behalf of the branch in the Tree Social & Learning Event organized by Penticton Trees, led by Dianne Bersea, Penticton Branch member, at Lakawanna Park on Lakeshore Drive. Our display was one of about a dozen and designed to bring awareness to the heritage trees we still have and those we've lost.

We hosted our annual event Heritage Week at Cherry Lane Shopping Centre over three days again this year, Saturday- Monday, February 17th, 18th and 19th in a unit provided to us by the mall. The South Okanagan Genealogical Society, the S.S. Sicamous Marine Heritage Society Club and the Penticton & District Stamp Club as well as members Randy Manuel and Herb Allen provided displays.

Our display, based on this year's theme Layer by Layer included photos of 202 Main Street from its initial build as the Bank of Hamilton until 2005. The building has had many changes over the years and currently houses Tickleberry's Ice Cream Shop. Looking from the north side of the building you can see the original building behind the large windows.

In the past year, four Penticton Branch members have given presentations for the Penticton Museum Brown Bag Lecture Series.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Collins

Summerland Branch

The Summerland Branch has worked in partnership with the Summerland Museum and the Okanagan Archive Trust Society. These groups have offered successful historic tours and historic presentations. Topics of the tours have included geology, heritage buildings, road history and Summerland's significant indigenous history.

This partnership has included Facebook postings. The 'Summerland Hometown Memory' site now has more than 5.4 thousand visitors. Certainly, interest in Okanagan history is alive and well on Facebook.

Summerland's historic name is 'Nicola Prairie'. These lands once belonged to Grand Chief Nicola. Thirty-six years ago, the museum was concerned about the loss of indigenous sites and created a list of important sites. Recently, two of these sites have been threatened. The Illahie (ilxai) site is an important site. Illahie never had an English name. Another site is sxiyilx aqskepkpina, also known as Banks Crescent. A major battle took place on these lands. In 1808, warriors from the Shuswap attacked Nicola Prairie (Summerland). The site featured unearthed burial sites and numerous artifacts. The remains of fourteen warriors were sent to B.C. museums. Seven skeletal remains were returned to the Penticton Indian Band. An important feature of this site is the oral history of the battle.

Respectively submitted

David Gregory
Summerland

KELOWNA BRANCH PRESIDENT'S AGM REPORT

April 6, 2024

The Kelowna Branch of the Okanagan Historical Society (OHS) wishes to acknowledge that we are on the traditional and unceded territory of the Syilx people whose proud history in this area dates back more than 11,500 years. It is our wish that the Kelowna Branch forges a stronger relationship with the local Indigenous people as we together strive to record and promote the history – pre- and post-contact – of this beautiful part of British Columbia.

The Kelowna Branch has continued to work on many projects and provide in person events to our membership and the public.

The Kelowna Pioneer Cemetery Signage Project continues with the installation of more signs

this year. We now have 6 signs installed in recognition of the “Cemetery History”, “Ranching”, “Chinese Heritage”, “Francophones” and “Dr. Reba Willits” (a member of the Bailey family and the first female doctor in Kelowna) and “Early Health Issues” (Spanish Influenza and Polio epidemics). Signs about “Japanese Heritage”, “Italian Heritage”, “Edith Gay” (a daughter of a Rutland pioneer family) are being prepared for installation this spring. “Agriculture” is nearing completion. This project is ongoing and we hope to have 20 signs when complete.

We have also hired Alisdair Smith, a restoration expert to repair several gravestones in the Kelowna Memorial Park Cemetery including the Robert Morrison family, Robbie family, Pauline Reshke and Thomas Orchard.

The “Daily Courier” newspaper column continues to run weekly with over 1000 articles published. Bob Hayes continues to write and obtain fascinating contributions from other local people interested in our history for the column.

The Kelowna Branch brochure with new pictures and text to better reflect the diversity of the Kelowna peoples and our natural history is being updated and will be ready for printing in the coming weeks. Look for a copy at our events and venues where brochures are available to pick up.

In November and December 2023 we held three sales at Rona of our 2024 calendar, Kelowna Street Names Book, third edition and the OHS 86th Report. Our calendar committee will be commencing work on our 2025 calendar in May. If you have historical pictures to contribute to this year's calendar please speak with Chris Jennens.

Our branch participated in February's Heritage week with a table of calendars and books for sale in the Kelowna Community Theatre lobby. Many young families and older adults interested in our history came out to the week's events.

The Kelowna Branch AGM took place on Saturday April 6th at the Benvoulin Heritage Church and Reid Hall. We had 30 members in attendance from as far away as Grindrod, BC. Refreshments were available after the meeting. The guest speaker was Rachel Truant from Bat Education and Ecological Protection Society (BEEPS). Rachel gave a very informative talk on bats in the Okanagan Valley and how we can contribute to their survival.

Upcoming events include:

1. The Annual Antique Tractor and Machinery Fair promoted by the Okanagan Antique Power Club at Father Pandosy Mission site on Benvoulin Road, Saturday June 1 and Sunday June 2.
2. The Okanagan Historical Society Summer Social in conjunction with the Okanagan Heritage Society will again be at the Benvoulin Heritage Church gardens on Sunday July 21st from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.
3. Look for more information on the annual Fall Social and other events this autumn in the Fall Newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,
Margot Pridham, Kelowna Branch President

Vernon Branch Report, 21 April 2024

The Vernon Branch of the Okanagan Historical Society has experienced a significant turnaround since the last society AGM. A year ago, Ken Mather and a handful of others had recently stepped up to keep the branch alive after the loss of its president and secretary during the pandemic, and in June 2023 they organized a special meeting to discuss the branch's future and the possibility of hiring a marketing consultant to help revitalize the institution in time for the 2025 centennial. The special meeting was well attended thanks in large part to an impassioned plea for volunteers that Ken made on CBC Radio's "Daybreak South."

One consequence of the special meeting was the hiring of Faith Wood of Inspiring Minds Consulting of Coldstream. Faith has since provided the branch with valuable direction and advice on our "Digital Initiative" which includes an electronic document storage system for succession planning, the creation of branch Facebook and Instagram pages, updating the OHS website with new content and, beginning this April, producing a monthly e-newsletter. All of these activities have been facilitated by an influx of new volunteers, by the retention of the existing board members at the branch's AGM in October 2023, and by the election to the executive of former board members who had previously come forward to assist the branch on an informal basis when they saw it floundering in the wake of the pandemic.

One of the first decisions that the new executive made last fall was to partner with the Museum and Archives of Vernon. This partnership includes a regular speaker series which is set to begin at the Museum on May 25 with a talk by local historian Chad Soon. Chad's talk on Okanagan hockey legend Larry Kwong will be followed by a Zoom presentation in June on an interesting aspect of Vernon's aviation history. The speaker series will resume after the summer with a special event at a larger venue: a talk on the pioneering ethnographer and First Nations advocate James Teit by University of Victoria's Wendy Wickwire. Dr. Wickwire's response to our invitation to speak in Vernon has been very enthusiastic, and much of the credit for this belongs to one of our new directors who has been communicating with Dr. Wickwire on the subject of James Halbold Christie, a little-known North Okanagan pioneer who was a contemporary of Teit and a fellow activist. The story of Christie and his OHS biographer, Grace Worth, is being highlighted through the Vernon Branch's digital initiative, and it will form the subject of one or more of our speaker-series talks in the fall.

In addition to our digital initiative and new speaker series, the Vernon Branch has resumed a range of traditional activities such as making presentations to local organizations and judging school children's exhibits at the local Heritage Fair. We still have a great deal of work to do, both in terms of reconnecting with our existing members and reaching out to a wider audience. Much of the administrative heavy lifting, however, has been completed, the branch is no longer on the cusp of folding, and thanks to the dedication and hard work of the branch executive, our marketing consultant, and our volunteer social media coordinator, Kaitlyn Dhesi, our focus is now firmly fixed on helping the society celebrate its 100th anniversary.

Respectfully submitted,

Clint Evans, Branch President

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Armstrong-Enderby Branch Report

Our branch held two meetings over the past year. Our AGM was held in the Enderby and District Museum and Archives on April 16, 2023. Bob Cowan gave a presentation on the scope of, and differences between, the Enderby Heritage Commission, the Armstrong-Enderby branch of the OHS and the Enderby Museum Society.

Our fall meeting was held in the Armstrong Spallumcheen Museum and Art Gallery on October 15, 2023. Len Gamble gave a powerpoint presentation on the 172nd Battalion Rocky Mountain Rangers, highlighting four local men; George Archibald Smith, Victor Edgar Bogart, Tom Y. Anderson and Samuel Roberts.

Our project to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the OHS is progressing. We have chosen to recognize the original Lansdowne townsite with signage to be placed inside the Lansdowne Cemetery.

I would also like to acknowledge one of our branch members, Marion Hope. Marion helps to man our book sale table when we hold our fall meetings in Armstrong. Marion celebrated her 100th birthday this past February.

Respectfully submitted

Carmen Kirkland, president.

Salmon Arm Branch Report

April 15, 2024

The past year has seen several changes to our Salmon Arm Branch. Our meeting venue has changed from the Piccadilly Boardroom to the Legion. Another change has been in our membership. Lately our membership has been declining, but this year we welcomed several new members, giving new energy to our group.

In February, we participated in Heritage Week and enjoyed many conversations about our displays, although book sales were slow.

Over the year, book sales to local bookstores have been slow but steady.

We had the pleasure of hosting the Valley AGM here in April, with a presentation on the Mah Yick family.

September's Fall Fair was a fun, well attended event at our display in Heritage Lane. Later in November, we held our book sale at Piccadilly Mall. Book sales were slow, so we focussed on raising awareness of our group.

Barbara Raynor did a fascinating presentation about her ongoing research about local World War 1 veterans at our Christmas Social.

We continue to pursue other fund-raising avenues such as grants to assist with reprinting our older publications. Using a grant from our local Legion, we purchased a new laptop to continue interviewing those with memories they are willing to share.

As always, a huge thank you to all of you who keep this group going!

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Painchaud

Father Pandosy Mission Site Report
April 2024

- ☛ The Heritage BC has been extended to the End of 2024 and we should be able to complete the restoration work that is planned
- ☛ The Annual tractor show is planned for June 2024
- ☛ Senior staff of the City of Kelowna are still having discussion among themselves about the transition for the City to take over the site , waiting to hear back from them
- ☛ Chris the caretaker is doing a great job

Respectfully submitted,

Domenic Rampone

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Website

The OHS Website url is: <https://www.okanaganhistoricalsociety.org/>

The OHS website is maintained by Checkmate Consulting (Eric Hudson).

The website was reviewed and updated almost 10 years ago.

As part of the Vernon digital initiatives and Centennial activities, the website is being reviewed. Updates will be considered as appropriate, and as funding is available.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Lois Marshall

Index Committee Report
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The index for the most current report printed in 2023, Okanagan History #87, is now complete. We have uploaded the new entries to the online database found on the Okanagan Historical Society's website. We have also made numerous corrections and additions to the index. Many thanks to our members for alerting us to these problems.

Joan Cowan, Director at Large
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Membership Committee Report as of December 31, 2023

Membership Lists:

The Society maintains three separate membership lists. These are Life Members, Institutional Members and regular Members. These lists are printed in our yearly Reports and membership runs from November 1 to October 31st of the following year.

To become a regular member of the Okanagan Historical Society and have one's name included in the Membership List of the next report, the Membership Registration card that accompanies the current OHS Report needs to be returned to the Society by March 31st of each year.

The Membership Lists are important as Membership in the Society comes with voting privileges at our Annual General Meetings. In order to safeguard the integrity of these lists' correspondence requesting that names of people be included on the regular Membership list who have not completed and returned the Membership Registration card will not be accepted.

OHS Report Subscription List:

I would like to thank Bob and Joan Cowan for once again assisting my husband, Bill, and me with the mail out of the No. 87 Report, as well as Maggie Ricciardi for her help with email inquiries.

Due to a policy change at Canada Post the OHS Reports mailed to our US subscribers no longer qualify as surface mail and postage is now paid as if they were parcels. The surface mail rate that we paid in 2022 was \$11.37 per book. This increased to \$14.97 in 2023. We currently charge a postage and handling fee of \$15.00 for books being mailed to US addresses so we are not incurring a loss at this point. The rate for books mailed to Canadian addresses did not increase in 2023.

126 copies of the No. 87 Report were mailed to our subscribers in 2023. This was down 8 copies from the No. 86 Report of 2022. Of the 260 copies of the No. 87 received, 100 are left in inventory.

Inventory Sales:

4 inventoried Reports (those prior to No. 87) were sold in 2023.

Donated Inventoried Reports:

8 Reports were donated in 2023. This is down from the 52 donated in 2022.

Index Sales: none

Respectfully submitted,
Carmen Kirkland
Membership Director