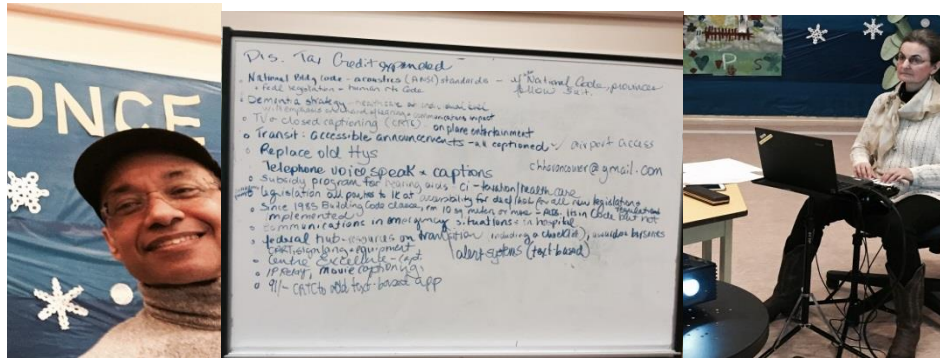


Spotlight on Accessibility Issues Forum

CHHA Vancouver hosted a special forum for members to discuss issues related to Accessibility on February 20, 2017. This event involves a discussion of recommendations for the hard of hearing for proposed federal legislation. Facilitated by Branch President Dr. Ruth Warick, the concerns raised were submitted to CHHA National to be incorporated into a national report. As well five delegates from the Branch and BC Chapter attended a Federal Government Consultation on proposed legislation, held on Nov. 26, 2016.



Governance

CHHA Vancouver was active in the development and launch of a Peer Mentoring Program with the CHHA BC Chapter.

CHHA Vancouver was a Sponsor of the Western Institute for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing's 61st *Gala*, providing support to an important part of our community as well as raising the profile of the Branch.

Membership increased from 19 persons in the previous year to 21 persons, up from 15 persons in 2014-15.

Seven hard of hearing young people were partially sponsored to attend a Youth Leadership and CHHA National Conference in May, 2017 held in Sydney, BC. CHHA Branch had four members attending the event.

During the year, our Treasurer was named to the National Board. Our President continued to be President of the International Hard of Hearing Federation, our past Branch president served as President of the CHHA BC Chapter, and our Vice-President Rosalind Ho was named Young Adult of the Year by CHHA National. As well, our Secretary Elissa Robb received the Advocate Award of the Canadian Association of Educators of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing of British Columbia.

Members of the CHHA Branch Executive met on a frequent basis. Members are:

Ruth Warick, President

Rosalind Ho, Vice-President

Miron Gazda, Treasurer

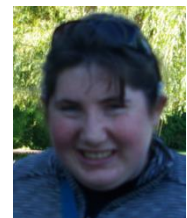
Elissa Robb, Secretary

Tasha Cox, Member-at-large

Naghmeh Samenirad, Member-at-large



Photo of the CHHA Board
Lt to rt:., Naghmeh Samenirad, Miron Gazda, Ruth Warick, Rosalind Ho and Elissa Robb. Missing: Tasha Cox (shown below)



Thanks goes to my colleagues on the CHHA Board and Walk-to-Hear Committees for their support and awesome work. A special thanks to Accurate Realtime Inc. for continued excellent captioning for our public events.

Report respectfully submitted on November 18, 2017
Ruth Warick, President CHHA Vancouver Branch