

Peter Kozak was the President of the RFABC from 1995-1996. He also served on the Executive of the Association for a period of time as the Zone Director for the West Kootenay Zone. For his dedicated service to the Association he was presented with the Dave Dauphinee Memorial Trophy in 1990.

Peter provided a practical and principled style of leadership for the Association. During his presidency the RFABC dealt with a couple of notable items. One such issue was to create a five-year business plan towards financial independence for the Association. This was around the time when plans for the hiring of the first part-time Executive Director were being worked on. The second project involved working cooperatively with the BC Recreation and Parks Association. It is interesting to note that Peter's term as RFABC President started at the only major provincial co-



conference (Kamloops-1995) that the two Associations have held together.

One of the most important issues that the RFABC has faced for many, many years has been refrigeration safety here in BC. In the late 1980's Peter was tasked to chair a committee to work with the Provincial Government's "Boiler Branch" (today's equivalency is Technical Safety BC) to come up with an improved version of a refrigeration operator's course. A correspondence/distance education model was employed to allow the participants

to be able to work on their course materials in their home communities. The end result of this important work at the time was an increase in the success rate of staff members trying to pass the written exam and earn their provincial certifications.

Peter is currently a school bus driver for School District 8-Kootenay Lake in Nelson. In addition to those duties, he puts his previous recreation skills and experience to work in the district. He performs heating, ventilation and other utility maintenance work on the various buildings within their jurisdiction.

For his own personal recreation he keeps himself busy with hunting, fishing, autobody repair work, gardening and travel within BC.

When asked what his best memories of the RFABC were, Peter indicated that it was the camaraderie within the Executive and general membership that he enjoyed. He also appreciated the educational support that was being offered by various Associate Members at the time. ■