

## President's Report, 2009

This last year was a new experience for me as the Chamber President and I would like to thank the Chamber Directors for their continued support and participation in 2009. It is your valuable volunteered time, knowledge and experiences brought to the table which keep the Chamber active in local issues.

With new families moving to the Slocan Valley, we have the opportunity to tap into fresh ideas and enthusiasm to create new opportunities and meet new needs. We have come to a point in the Slocan District Chamber's lifetime when we need to re-evaluate our community's commercial, industrial, agricultural, civic and recreational values and drivers in order to better serve our members and the community.

Our goal is to promote membership and awareness by increasing publicity and opening dialogue with the community and potential members. The Chamber of Commerce is a strong local voice with much influence in civic, provincial and federal matters and we need to take advantage of and strengthen this voice by bringing in new members and volunteers who will work with us to reach our common goals. Please show your support by becoming a member. Consider sitting on the board and attending our monthly meeting to represent your community's collective ideas.

Nikta Boroumand  
President

## Manager's Report

2009 was a year like many others at the Chamber. We kept the institution alive by fulfilling our duties, we operated the Visitor Centre and distributed our publications as usual, and we served up a good pancake breakfast at May Days. What I mean is that it's easy to imagine all the projects the Chamber could take on and forget that we already do quite a bit for our modest means.

This is the second year of my experiment to create a job for the Chamber Manager. You can see from the financial statements how much we have to spend on wages, so in order to try more projects it will be necessary to get funding for wages included in any plans for the future. We did get a grant from the CBT this year for a photo gallery, which provided wages for my job and a fun project that will always be a part of our web site.

2010 will see some changes for the Chamber. Funding for the Visitor Centre is questionable since Tourism BC has been changed, and federal funding for students is always an unknown. We have plans to change our web site and we hope to co-operate much more with the Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission from now on.

We still depend on membership and participation from local businesses to operate the Chamber, so please consider joining as a Member or becoming a Director, or both.

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the commercial, industrial,  
agricultural, recreational,  
civic and cultural welfare of  
the people of the district.*