

Over the past few months, the EMS Exemplary Service Medal Provincial and National Advisory Committee structure has undergone significant change. After some 20 years as Chair of the National Advisory Committee, Jim Price has moved on to a well-deserved retirement! A special thanks for his extraordinary efforts over these many years. I am pleased to announce that in concert with Jim's departure, Governor General David Johnston has appointed a new National Advisory Committee, comprised of Lawrence Briand (Nova Scotia), Lyle Karasiuk (Saskatchewan), and John Prno (Ontario). John Prno will serve as the initial Chair of the Committee.

The Provincial Awards Committees are also in a period of flux as a number of long-time members have either retired or moved on to the National committee. Provincial Awards Committees are responsible for collecting nominations, approving them, and forwarding successful candidates to the National Advisory Committee. There are specific nomination processes in place in each province and territory, and Chiefs should contact the following individuals with any questions or nominations:

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Anyone interested in filling one of the Provincial gaps, should contact John Prno for more information.

An important process change has also taken place. Rather than the historic funnelling of all EMS ESM nominations through the Chair, the new National Advisory Committee will share this responsibility geographically. Lyle Karasiuk will receive and review nominations from BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, the Yukon and Northwest Territories. John Prno will be responsible for Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and Nunavut, while Lawrence Briand will review nominations from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, PEI,

Newfoundland and Labrador. Following review, the individual Advisory Committee members will forward successful candidates to the Chancellery for final approval.

Finally, as has quickly become tradition, the National Advisory Committee will again host a short meeting at the upcoming PCC conference in Niagara Falls. This gives the Committee an opportunity to meet with members of the Provincial Awards Committees that are in attendance. The meeting is open to anyone interested in the ESM process, and will be held in the Synergy 5 room at the Fallsview Casino from 12 noon-1 pm (Eastern), Friday, June 5, 2015. A teleconference option will be available for those unable to attend. To conference in, call 1-855-282-6330 and use PIN 29232017.