

Lyle Parlour was the President of the RFABC from 1982-1983. He also served on the Executive of the Association for a period of time as the Okanagan Zone Director. In addition to these duties, Lyle helped to host the attending delegates, spouses and Associates' when his community of Salmon Arm was the location for the annual RFABC Conference in 1991 and also in 2001.

Lyle provided some dedicated and friendly leadership for the Association. During his Presidential year Lyle really appreciated the stalwart efforts of the late Gerry Morgan from Gold River in his role as the Association's Secretary-Treasurer. Gerry was an excellent administrator and did a nice job of keeping the affairs of the Association in good order. Lyle also really enjoyed working with the other members of the executive in their important role of meeting the needs of the members as they worked around the province in the recreation facilities' field.

He worked as the Facilities Manager at the Salmon Arm Memorial Arena. He also worked with the Parks' Department and had responsibilities within the Community Centre as well. Lyle really enjoyed interacting with the people at the facility. In addition, he enjoyed hosting and marketing special events like the circus, Reveen, the hypnotist, an Ian Tyson concert and a number of others in the arena over the years.



Lyle was also heavily involved in his community through his various personal recreational activities. He was a President of the Booster Club for the Salmon Arm Silverbacks junior hockey team during their early days. He really enjoyed his various roles in the local minor hockey program and was recognized in 1984 for his outstanding service by winning the prestigious Salmon Arm Minor Hockey Association's President's Award. In addition, he was named a Honorary Life Member in 2007 by the minor hockey association for his long time dedication to that organization. One of Lyle's friends also indicated that he was an excellent dancer and was the smoothest roller skater in Salmon Arm.

Lyle retired from the field of recreation in April of 1996 and now lives at Bastion Place in Salmon Arm. During the early days of his retirement he was very involved with the Canoe Senior Citizens' Association. These days he keeps himself busy at his place of residence playing crib and bingo as well as going to places in town like the casino.

It was great to see Lyle in Kelowna along with many other Past Presidents as the RFABC celebrated its 70th birthday at the annual conference in 2018.

When asked what his best memories of the Association were, Lyle indicated that he was really impressed with the first conference that he attended in Trail in 1973. He enjoyed the camaraderie of the event and the information gained from his participation. ■