

Steve McLain was the President of the RFABC from 2012-2014. He also served on the Executive of the Association for a period of time as the Zone Director for the North Zone. Steve has been an Instructor for the RFABC Pool Operator's Course for over 15 years now. In addition, he has taught portions of both refrigeration and icemaking courses held in that region of the province.

Steve provided a passionate and "down to earth" style of leadership for the Association. During his presidency the RFABC dealt with a couple of notable items. One such issue was to do some major positive restructuring of the administrative area for the Association. The second project involved working with the BC Safety Authority (now Technical Safety BC) to try and help streamline the Refrigeration Operator's Course materials to better align with the provincial exam.

Steve has been generous with his time over the years and was willing to host RFABC training opportunities in his home zone. One of my best memories of Steve came during an Arena Icemakers' Course in Ft. St. John. At the end of one of the long days it was announced that a hosted supper for the participants would take place in front of the local arena. All dressed up in his apron and BBQ mitts, Steve himself did the cooking and provided those in attendance with a great way to wrap up the day and network RFABC style.



Steve is currently the Director of Recreation for the District of Chetwynd. The recreation facilities in the community include: a fitness gym, wave pool, skating and curling rinks, squash courts, walking track and meeting rooms. One of the highlights in his position that Steve really enjoys is working with community members and also the staff to bring innovative recreation ideas to fruition for the enjoyment of the district's citizens.

For his own personal recreation he keeps himself busy with many outdoor activities including: hunting, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, hiking and river boating.

When asked about his reason for being part of the Association, Steve indicated that the RFABC has served as a voice of recreation throughout the province. He has been honoured to be a part of that overall process. ■