

Rob Stewart:

Our New President and Chief Executive

Scouts Canada's Board of Governors has just appointed J. Robert (Rob) Stewart as the organization's new President and Chief Executive Officer. He will assume these new responsibilities on November 1, 2002.

"I'm really excited and optimistic about the future of Scouts Canada," said Mr. Stewart shortly after his appointment was announced. "We have terrific youth programs that build young people into healthy, happy and contributing members of society."

Mr. Stewart will replace outgoing President and CEO Philip S. Newsome, who retires this fall after more than 34 years of service to Scouts Canada.

Dynamic and Effective

Originally from Stellarton, Nova Scotia, Mr. Stewart graduated from Dalhousie University in Halifax in 1981 with a degree in Recreation Administration. He specialized in Outdoor Education. On graduation, he was honoured as the class valedictorian for the School of Health Professions.

Rob Stewart brings a broad range of Scouting experiences to his new role as President and Chief Executive Officer.

Rob joined Scouts Canada's executive staff in 1982 as a Field Executive, servicing 13 districts in southwestern Nova Scotia. Following this assignment, he was appointed Provincial Director of Programs. In 1988, he moved to the National Office as Executive Director of Adult Volunteer/Sponsor Relations. Five years later he became Executive Director of Program and Volunteer Services. In 1999, Mr. Stewart assumed the role of Divisional Executive Director for Programs. In the latter three positions he was responsible for providing leadership to staff and volunteers in the areas of:

- Program development
- Training
- Servicing
- Partner relations
- International relations
- Special events
- Honours and awards
- Communications.

An avid sports enthusiast, Rob enjoys exercising to stay fit. His oldest son, Nicholas, is a third year Cub, while Jacob has just swum up to Cubs from Beavers. Rob will be enthusiastically supported in his new responsibilities by his wife, Toni Marcon-Stewart.

Impressive Record or Leadership

"Rob has spent most of his career dedicating himself to this organization," said Laurence Fox, Chair of the Board of Governors. "Rob has a proven track record of leadership and effective communication – skills that will be crucial as Scouts Canada continues to evolve in the 21st Century."

Here Comes the Future

What will Rob focus on in the near future? Membership.

"My primary goal will be to reinforce Scouts Canada's position as the country's leading youth organization. We have some work to do in educating the Canadian public about Scouts' contribution to the development of young people. It will take work, but the quality of product is excellent."

"We've got outstanding programs, we've got outstanding leaders, we've got enthusiastic youth members who love our outdoor focus; the future looks very bright for Scouting. Bring on the adventure!"[^]

Notice of Annual Meeting Boy Scouts of Canada

Saturday,

November 16, 2002

4:30 p.m.

Lord Elgin Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario

Purpose:

- (1) Receipt and consideration of reports including the Corporation's annual report
- (2) Receipt and consideration of the financial statement and auditor's report for the preceding year
- (3) Election of Honorary Officers and Honorary Members
- (4) To sanction By-Law No.2 enacted by the Board of Governors.
- (5) Recommendation to the Chief Scout of an individual to fill the position of National or Chief Commissioner
- (6) Appointment of Officers and election of members of the Board of Governors
- (7) Appointment of an auditor or auditors and,
- (8) Consideration and, if deemed appropriate, approval of any matter placed before it by the Board of Governors

