



Dale MacRae
Honorary Life Membership Award Citation

There is a line in the guidelines for NBSRT Honorary Life membership, it states that: the person must “be a visible “presence” - someone who would really be missed if not available. “

This quote is specific to branch activities but in this case, we are applying it to provincial activities as well. As a matter of fact, we cannot think of a person whose contributions would be more greatly missed over the last number of years.

This individual has been instrumental in helping plan AGM's, reviewing the Constitution, modernizing our election processes and instituting innovative voting procedures, modernizing membership data, initiating Zoom® procedures for all levels of our organization and coordinating the set-up of most of our meetings, restructuring our website and instituting a new email system and developing a member survey instrument at the same time that he has lead the Online Media Committee through many innovative initiatives. This person has also been very generous in using his time to provide valuable advice to the President on a variety of issues.

This year's life member has been an NBSRT member since retiring, is confident but not arrogant and uses insight, intelligence, skills, creativity and experience to improve and advance both NBSRT and the local branch for the greater good of all. Whether it be helping plan meetings, anticipating needs, contacting individual members, checking for accuracy or contributing new ideas and perspectives - and thoroughly and comprehensively following through assigned tasks and volunteer tasks this individual is someone many of us have counted on for several years.

Dale MacRae, a proud Miramichier, has done all of this and so much more. And he has done so quietly and behind the scenes. Dale has done more than anyone else to make NBSRT become a stronger organization.

Over a 33-year career at Harkins Junior and Miramichi Valley High he taught history related subjects and then turned to technology. In his spare time, he has been a private and commercial pilot, a member of the Canadian Military Reserve Force and supports search and rescue missions.

Dale has done all of this with the support and perhaps sometimes patience of his wife Connie and we thank her for enabling him to give us so much of his time and talents.

In the words of some of his NBSRT colleagues:

“Dale is a very dedicated person. Whatever job he takes on, he puts his all into it. The time and effort he expends on our behalf is just amazing.”

“With his knowledge, patience, words of encouragement and sense of humour, he instills confidence in all of us while flying under the radar...with a wink and a grin!!”

“Dale's mind is like the energizer bunny, constantly thinking of better, bigger, and more efficient. His ideas are endless and well thought out. He is constantly working towards keeping our membership involved and informed...”

For these and many other reasons we feel that –

Dale MacRae is a most deserving recipient of the NBSRT Honorary Life Membership Award.