

RVP COMMITTEE REPORT

When I came on board in June 2004, my first job was to get the RVP Certification process active. Since its inception in June 2004, several updates/revisions to the RVP Guidelines and Forms had to be undertaken in response to feedback and the RVP Committee's experience in assessing applications. Some of these changes focused around improving the language of the guidelines, this in an attempt to more clearly communicate information to the applicant. We appreciate the patience of our applicants during this process. Starting such a process from the ground up was probably a somewhat more daunting task than what I envisaged. We believe we're well on the right-track at this point.

A big challenge for the Committee has been dealing with the issue surrounding the applicant's 30 hours of "Core Competency" training/education in the previous 3 years. This was one area which the Committee has worked hard in clarifying language in the Guide and Forms. As many RVP applicants I'm sure are well aware, this has been the most common request of the Committee for the applicant to provide further information. We thank those applicants for their patience and diligence in following through with our requests in this regard.

For the first 18 months of the RVP process 15 applications were reviewed and all but one of these was approved. However, by the time of end of the grandfathering period (January 31, 2006), over 60 RVP applications had streamed into the CARP National office. That deluge swamped the small Committee of myself, Diana Froc and Mike Easton. Helga Guthrie and then Peggy Townsend stepped into the breach to help out the Committee. This is a labour-intensive process, entailing an initial screening of the application by the CARP National office which then proceeds to a thorough review by an RVP Committee Member, followed by presentation and recommendation of the application to three Members of the RVP Committee via tele-conference.

We have been doggedly working our way through these many applications and I am both glad (and very relieved) to say that the RVP Committee has reviewed all applications which were at a stage of readiness for us to be able to review. My many thanks to Diana, Mike, Peggy and Helga for their many hours of volunteerism in making this process work. We've burned some long hours over the tele-conference lines discussing these applications and in attempting to make the process work as effectively as possible.

Future work for this Committee will entail greater liaison with the Professional Development Committee in the attempt to ensure that continuing education opportunities exist for RVP Certificate holders to garner the required "Core Competency" hours for their continuing education credits. Our thank yous to Jen, and now Melissa, at the CARP National office for their unwavering support of the RVP process.

Respectively submitted,

Graham Pett, RVP Committee Chair.