

2019 Presidents Report

This past year marks the first year of my president role for RSO. After having sat for 4 terms as Vice president and Bruce moving on to focus his energies to the organization of Rally of the Tall Pines it felt like this would be a natural progression for me. I have led this organization in a fortunate time where all of the BOD members are strong and active in their individual disciplines.

We are truly blessed that we have as many talented people we do that forge ahead on a daily basis to make positive change at the highest level of our sport's regional governance. To this end a huge thank you to all the individual Board Members as well as the various supporting roles Equipment manager Ross Wood, Regional Scrutineer, Legislative Affairs Alasdair Robertson, and our Growth Committee.

Generally speaking the competition landscape remains positive and we see growth in participation in, the various TSD events, Rallycross activities, and the newly developed Rallysprint series. Although performance rally participation continues to decline or remain flat year over year the growth that the sport continues to see in the other areas will feed the performance side down the road. The creation of the prize fund for seed 4 and lower competitors and the emphasis of this program on Novice competitors will help promote the sport but will not assist much in the overall growth. Event organizers must continue to get creative with the promotion of their events so we can further attract competitors from outside our borders. All of the individual efforts at the club level will result in growth at the performance level in time.

From a financial perspective you will note from David's report that in 2018 the BOD proposed a balanced budget for 2019 with a plan that included reduced levies which we were able to execute on. The overall financial health of the organization is good however we must ensure that we are doing our best to continue to grow the performance participation as well seek out creative ways to reduce the costs to all rallysport activities to the Region and to the competitors. Additionally we must continue to be ever vigilant in our expense management.

Looking ahead to 2020 the BOD will see some new members joining it. Darin Mayes exits the board as the outgoing VP for Navigational and will also focus his energies further developing the timing system he has been working with as well as volunteering at virtually everything else. Darryl Malone exits the board as the outgoing Regional Rally Director and will focus on other volunteer activities and further assist with the development of the ORSC. A big thank you to both Darryl and Darin for their contribution to the sport over the past years and look forward to seeing them both out organizing and participating.

I am personally looking forward to what the next competition year will bring as all signs point to another year of incremental growth for the sport as the clubs and their members continue to put forth immense effort to ensure that there is ample opportunity for our members to enjoy top quality level events regardless of the discipline.

As it goes we all have a pre-determined amount of volunteer hours built into our lives to which I am eternally grateful for. The effort that is put in by all of our volunteer sources throughout the year is something to be proud of. Thank you all for your contribution and hope to see you all out this year in one capacity or another.

Respectfully submitted,

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