



## President's Message, November 2008

Dear Colleagues:

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the changes that are currently ongoing in relation to our head office reorganization. As we discussed at our recent Annual General Meeting in Montreal, the Association has now grown to the point where additional administrative support is essential to keep pace with day-to-day activities. The Board considered many possibilities and decided to contract the Royal College Association Management (RCAM) to provide these services. RCAM has been in existence since 1993 and currently manages 22 Canadian medical specialty associations. They provide comprehensive, strategic and administrative support at competitive rates and come highly recommended. The transition to RCAM began in September and is now well underway. The initial phase has involved the transfer of financial responsibility. Other aspects will follow over the next several months.

The intention is that this will occur seamlessly and without disruption of our normal activity. Nevertheless, there are a few changes that you should be aware of. Shelley Murdock is new our association manager. She is located in Ottawa at our new Head Office location and will oversee all aspects of our operation. Please direct all future CARO correspondence through the new office:

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Please join me in welcome Shelley and her colleagues to CARO.

I would also like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Board, to again express my sincere appreciation to Susan Broadbear for her exceptional commitment over the past 20 years. Susan has single-handedly run CARO since its inception, while at the same time holding a fulltime job at the British Columbia Cancer Agency. The demands on Susan have become overwhelming over the past few years, necessitating this change. However, we recognize how important Susan is for our future growth and prosperity. Therefore, she will continue to play an important role in the organization as Special Advisor to the Board. She will also have continued responsibility for specific aspects of our program, such as management of our website. I know that I speak for all of you in extending our gratitude to Susan for her long-standing dedication.

One of the first tasks undertaken by RCAM will be to assure that our membership list and annual dues are up-to-date. You will shortly receive email notification of your membership status for 2008 and, if necessary, a reminder to pay your 2008 dues. This can now be done online, which will greatly facilitate the process. You will also have an opportunity to contribute to the newly formed Canadian Radiation Oncology Foundation (CROF), which was introduced at our meeting in Montreal. CROF is a national charitable foundation that will work closely with CARO to further the causes of radiation oncology in Canada. An important focus will be the provision of educational initiatives and programs for the general public, health care workers and trainees in radiation medicine disciplines. Ida Ackerman is the inaugural president and you will be hearing more from her over the next several months about foundation activities. I hope that you will be generous with your initial donation.

Yours sincerely,

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