



In our last addition of NABIS News the headline was a farewell to Ginny, after 10 years with NABIS and 8 years of "Great Leadership" as NABIS Executive Director. My wife, Janice, and I along with Mufty and Bill Mathewson, had the opportunity on Saturday April 12, 2008, to enjoy a lovely dinner out with Ginny and Michael at the Copper Pot Restaurant -

thanks to a generous donation from our Treasurer, John Gartner, as a tribute and thank-you to Mufty and Bill for their many years of tireless support for and contributions to NABIS. I am pleased to report that Ginny is doing well, finding her new position with Veterans' Affairs challenging, but rewarding- and she hopes to make it to the west coast eventually. She passes on her well wishes to all NABIS members and supporters.

Now, we begin a new chapter for NABIS while celebrating 25 great years of providing Support, Education, Advocacy, and Service Coordination to people affected by brain injury in Northern Alberta. With this 25th Year, there is a feeling of energy and new beginnings on the Board of Directors.

Before going any further in this report, I would like to thank, on behalf of the Board of Directors and NABIS membership, Louise Jensen for stepping up to the plate and filling in as Acting Executive Director since Ginny's departure. Louise, true to her character, has done a thorough job of maintaining her duties as Operations Manager as well as extra responsibilities of Acting Executive Director. I want to acknowledge that the ongoing financial stability of NABIS is in large part due to the skills and dedication of Louise to the viability of NABIS, and her belief in our vision and mission. Thank you Louise!

Now, the next stage of this new chapter for NABIS, is to welcome our new Executive Director, **P. Ross Bradford**. Ross began his new position on April 7, 2008, with a warm welcome from all NABIS Staff and Office Volunteers. With Ross's extensive experience with the Northern Alberta business community and the volunteer sector, he was an unanimous choice by the Board for our new Executive Director. The Board's vision is to expand NABIS's Support, Advocacy and Education Services through increased support from the private sector/business community. We believe that with Ross's track record and potential, NABIS can achieve this vision. **WELCOME ABOARD ROSS BRADFORD!**

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