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During my term and following up on the work of previous boards, I feel that anyone involved with Taekwondo in this Province can say that we have been involved in change and growth. We have formed into a cohesive, collaborative and dynamic group and I feel that we have learned that we can work together for the betterment of Taekwondo for this Province.

Congratulations to the Board of Directors

Congratulations to all who have assisted with our Membership Committee, Constitution Committee, Tournament Committee, Refereeing Committee, Coaching Committee our Ethics and Sanctions Committee and our Medical Advisory Committee. All of the committees have worked diligently to finalize policies and procedures for our Board and I am proud of our achievements. Personally I feel that we have one of the strongest associations in all of Canada.

Athlete Development and the Promotion of Family Fun and Fitness

The National Long Term Athlete Development Program coupled with seminars and workshops have helped to develop our athletes along the way. We have gained ground and I feel that we need to capitalize on our achievements and need to continue to "get the message out" about our successes. We must also continue to promote the "family and fun" concept and get on board with the recent Provincial campaign... "Small Steps. . . Big Results by promoting regular physical activity as an important part of a healthy lifestyle. We need to ensure that it is also about family, fun and fitness as well, and that Taekwondo can become a way of life for everyone at any age.

Annual Awards Gala

We have made special efforts to award volunteers, individuals and athletes from every club who has made contributions to the growth and development of Taekwondo in this Province and I would like to see this continue into the future.

Website

We are continuing to get the message out on our website and we have become transparent to our members. We must continue to get the message out to Sport NL and others that "Taekwondo has formally arrived" and that we are professionally affiliated with the efforts and successes of Taekwondo

Canada and the World Taekwondo Federation. We need to stress the fact that our athletes can continue towards athlete carding, Junior and Senior National Competitions, World Competitions, the Commonwealth Games, The Pan American Games, the Olympic Games, National and International Hanmadang Championships and other Invitational Competitions. We need to stress the fact that we are working together nationally and internationally to ensure that our sport is seamless; technically, and from a participatory viewpoint, for athletes, coaches, referees and affiliates.

Our website address is: <http://nltkd.ca/>

The Canadian Website address is: <http://www.wtfcanada.com/>

Summary

Thank you for affording me the opportunity to represent the Newfoundland and Labrador Taekwondo Association as President. I would like to thank the members of the board who have served, and to those who are, or already have, moved on. It has been great working with all of you.

To the new Board; please continue with the inclusiveness of all and do not forget that we are there for the athletes, parents, and volunteers who have contributed to our on-going success. I am looking forward to your success as you proceed to hosting National and International Competitions in our own backyard.

In closing I would like to personally thank those of you who have gone above and beyond of what is required of a volunteer board member. You know who you are and you have my respect and admiration. I personally congratulate you.

Master Louis Mac Donald/President