

Via Choralis Performance Society
Report of the President for AGM (October 25, 2021)

This August last, the choir began to emerge from the cocoon imposed by the restrictions of Covid 19. We were able to emerge, survive, thanks to our Artistic Director, Nicholas Fairbank, who arranged a series of virtual performances during the suspension of open rehearsals and public performances to post on our home page. This enabled us to keep in practice, if only to a small degree.

We emerged into the performance world thanks to the hospitality of Daphne Hughes who gave us space at Kildara Farms in which to warm up our voices and reacquaint ourselves with those lines of notes and spaces called a score. Now we are back on home ground at Saanichton Bible Fellowship and, as we listen to the voices of public health authorities, we see hope for a return to concert performances again.

The Executive Committee, treasurer Steve Soule, librarian Nicholas Woollard, Ruthe Tiessen, Tsiporah Gottlieb, and Secretary Cheryl Vickers have been outstanding. There is nothing like a disorganized and bungling president to keep a committee on its toes. We are very sorry to learn that the efficient Cheryl will be unable to continue with us.

All positions on the Board are open. We are elected year-by-year. We need to increase our numbers by three persons (Secretary, Vice-President, Publicity) or more.

Finally, I can report that we have received a poem from a member of the choir and we are commissioning our Artistic Director to prepare a score for it. His remuneration for this production should be covered in part by proceeds from a grant that I hope to obtain from the BC Arts Council. Tax deductible contributions toward the cost would be welcome.

Respectfully,

Gordon Shrimpton