

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT—AGM 2023

## Dear AUC Members,

Our community came together in so many ways over the last year. Dive events are making a come back through the clubs, stores, individuals such as you being open welcoming and mentoring. It has been great over the years despite the set-backs of the pandemic to be part of a community that looks to build, support, welcome and mentor the future. From Covid we have emerged with increased events of lake cleanups, fundraisers including the casino, safety, and socials in all parts of the province. We were able to celebrate being able to gather and our community near and far of Alberta, Saskatchewan, BC and even Boston with Divescapes that show cased amazing speakers, of which a good portion of were Canadian (by chance) with their great accomplishments achieved over Covid.

I thank all the volunteers; on the board, clubs, stores, committees, casinos, bingos, Divescapes and everyday ambassadors of Alberta diving and safety.

It is our love for diving that brings us together but it is us that shapes the community and who we are.

We look forward to 2023 and beyond:

## - Dive safety Initiatives; Human Factors: The Essentials of Human Factors in Diving.

-HOW it makes sense for us to do what we do and WHAT we can do to reduce the likelihood of an accident or adverse event happening.

-Focus is on decision making, situational awareness, communications, and cooperation skills, and crucially, their interdependence. To ensure you have the best dive experience possible.

- Ongoing; self directed online course that is completed at your pace. Once completed receipt and certificate of completion are submitted to AUC for reimbursement.
- May Long Weekend Jasper; Although there is no traditional aquathon, divers will be there for the kick off to the 2023 open water season, come out and join us. Need details or campsite; please message.
- **Store and club events/lake cleanups:** Want to dive every weekend? Want to meet new divers and meet up with those hard to pin down a date with? Want to make your dive meaningful?

-This year is the return or addition of many dive events and lake clean ups. Check out the AUC, dive stores, and clubs' calendars and Facebook for dates/updates. So check them all out & get registered with Event Host.

- Casino; Next one will be scheduled for late 2024, exact date TBA.

-Divescapes 2024; October 18/19, 2024 in Calgary at the Deerfoot Inn.

Thank you for your continued support & for volunteering with the AUC. See you at the Dive Site, and Campfire in Alberta in 2023.

Terina Hancock President, Alberta Underwater Council

"A healthy social life is found only when, in the mirror of each soul, the whole community finds its reflection, and when, in the whole community, the virtue of each one is living." – Rudolf Steiner

"Community is composed of that which we don't attempt to measure, for which we keep no record and ask no recompense. Most are things we cannot measure no matter how hard we try." – Dee Hock