

# 2019/2020 ANNUAL REPORT





### **Vision**

**Leading Dispute Resolution in Alberta** 



## **Mission**

To provide leadership and services in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) to our members and to the public.



## **Values**

- Excellence
- Collaboration
- Leadership
- Uncompromising Ethics
- Accountability

Presented at the Annual General Meeting on June 11, 2020

With an opening keynote address from the Honourable Mary Moreau, Chief Justice of Alberta's Court of Queen's Bench

# 2019/2020 HIGHLIGHTS

Highs & Lows might best characterize the 2019/2020 annual reporting period. Significant success in 2019 put wind in our sails, but the global pandemic has required the Board & Staff to regroup and retool for an unexpected future. The response from both, in support of the membership and the advancement of ADR practices in Alberta, has been remarkable. The ADRIA membership is indeed well served by an engaged Board of Directors, and a dedicated staff.

Some highlights (and setbacks) of the year past include:

- New strategic priorities that favour regulation of the profession
- · An expanded staff (and subsequent reductions due to Covid-19)
- · Continued financial strength (despite the impact of Covid-19)
- · A new ADR Luncheon Committee (and recent online successes)
- Upcoming membership communications regarding the 2019 Task Force Report on ADR Training & Designations
- · Queen's Bench initiatives to promote ADR (and ADRIA)
- Expanded leadership and engagement with ADR Canada and the Federation to improve ADR training and standardize professional practices across the country





Bridging the Distance

Together with the FOAJ, ADRIA Luncheons in Calgary & Edmonton (and now online) provide an opportunity to learn and discuss topics of interest, network with other practitioners, and connect with ADRIA Board and staff.



% increase in visits to our website directory

102 Online Directory Listings

## **MEMBERSHIP**

As of Dec 31, 2019









highest % of membership with designations in Canada!

## **New Designations 2019**

#### **Chartered Mediator**

Jaemi Bertrand

#### **Qualified Mediator**

Meg Barker Elizabeth Borger Chris Clark **Caroline Cranston** Shari-Anne Doolaege Melanie Edmunds **Jake Evans Dennis Gimbel** Cindy-Anne Imppola Kari Jones Gil Laflamme **Barb Maxwell** Karen McDougall Rola Mustafa Benjamin Rendle Rhonda Roberts Avonda Woodroffe Yuk Ying (Winnie) Wu

#### **Chartered Arbitrator**

Dora Dang Sandra Robertson

#### **Qualified Arbitrator**

Frank Boehres
Aziz Bootwala
Summer Bradko
Johanne Cave
Marsha Graham
Benjamin Kormos
Gayle Langford
Kevin Magill
Anthony Richard
Sandra Robertson
Curtis Woollard

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New
Designation
holders!

2019 was an exceptional year for ADRIA's Education program.

Some highlights were:

- · 42% more students
- · 32% more student days
- · Regular role-play practice sessions
- · Online Learner sessions
- · Profitable contract training
- · New Public training courses

All looked good for 2020, until Covid-19 hit and in-person class were cancelled. The Education staff tackled the tough challenge of moving our successful, hands-on, in-person ADR training to an online format. This work continues, and by investing now in the transition, ADRIA hopes to be positioned to offer the very best ADR online learning opportunities in 2021 as an option to our in-person training.

Access to ADRIA's high-quality training and professional development programs strengthens our members, the broader ADR community, our partners in government, commercial interests, and the public at large. Access to justice and resolution is the shared purpose that binds together these many interests. ADRIA's education revenues are used to sustain and expand the Society's ADR advocacy efforts in Alberta.

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## **NUMBER OF STUDENTS**

- 98 COMMUNICATIONS IN ADR
- 40 NATIONAL INTRODUCTORY MEDIATION
- 14 NATIONAL INTRODUCTORY ARBITRATION
- 109 in other training courses
- 77

The course was amazing - the pace was good and the instructor made the room feel safe, open and great for creativity and learning.

# 1308 Student Days!

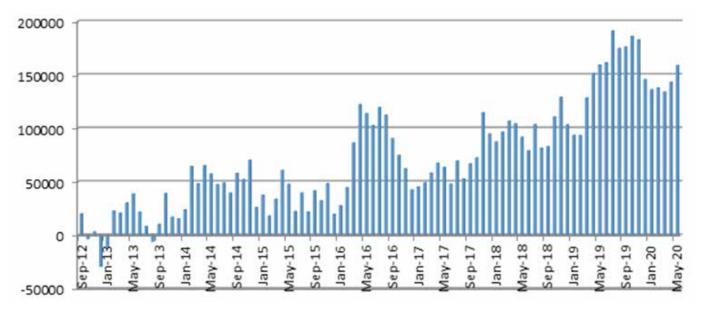
26 Courses Offered



**Learner Sessions** 

# **FINANCIALS**

ADRIA NET ASSETS 2012 to 2020



# **ADRIA's COVID-19 RESPONSE**

#### Staff & Member Safety



- Respect Provincial guidelines
- Cancel in-person classes
- Adopt Work at Home protocols

#### **Ensure Financial Stability**



- Reduce expenditures and rent
- · Furlough and re-align staff resources
- · Access all available government supports
- · Create new revenue streams

#### **Enhance the Value of Membership**



- Sustain core membership services
- · Free online webinars and luncheons
- Add Online ADR Services to Directory
- Offer online ADR training options

#### **Invest in the Future**



- Develop new online ADR courses
- Expand ADR Business Services
- · Re-imagine ADRIA for 2021 and beyond

#### 2019/2020 STAFF

#### **Paul Conway**

**Executive Director** 

#### **Tammy Borowiecki**

Director of Professional Development

#### **Sandra Drake**

**Education/Membership Coordinator** 

#### **Jocelyn Christian**

**Education Special Projects Coordinator** 

#### **Kristy Rhyason**

Manager of Marketing & Communications

#### Karen Sommerfeld

Accountant

#### **Brenda Davidson**

**CAMVAP Provincial Administrator** 

#### **Don Schapira**

**Calgary Development Officer** 

#### Carrie Madu

Special Projects & Events Coordinator (furloughed)

#### **Naatasha Mohammad**

Education Coordinator (on extended leave)

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### 2019/2020

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