

BCGREA 2024 AGM Vice President's Report, October 3 2024

Thank you for helping me share my skills this past year. I believe BCGREA has opportunities for retirees like myself to use their professions for BCGREA's benefit, and their own fulfillment. On the web you can find many members with useful skills.

Constitution and Bylaws

1. The committee filed with the BC Society Registrar a new Constitution and new Bylaws thus bringing motions passed before the end of 2023 into force.
2. Al Barclay, Brian Green, and Carol Paulson helped prepare four new bylaw motions and one policy motion for a vote at this AGM, using procedures in the Society Act.
3. The proposed work plan for 2025 focuses on working on the Policies and Procedures. The new relationship between Branches, the BCGREA, and the Table Officers could be documented there.

Privacy

1. Jodine and Laura Lam helped secure membership lists containing private information "at rest" in branches, by adding a password to open the documents.
2. The Table Officers approved a privacy committee, but nobody from the branches volunteered despite the invitation in the last PEN. The risk is too high for the BCGREA Privacy Officer to work alone, so I cannot continue in that role.
3. We encourage branches to shred their old application forms and membership lists containing members' private information.

Computer Skills

I taught collaborative editing but there is not enough interest to continue just yet.

AGM planning

Some Table Officers, Jodine and some volunteers formed an AGM planning group. A checklist with timelines was developed and used by some. After this AGM and a debrief, It might be updated to make event planning easier in future for those needing to collaborate.

Calendar of Events

With the help of Jodine and Vince, we put an online calendar of branch events on the BCGREA website, found as EVENTS, under NEWS