



BCGREA 2nd Vice President Report for EGM

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Affinity Partners

I've reached out to the volunteers from our 2025 survey, and we've had several responses to form a committee dedicated to working with our Affinity Partners. This team will have its first meeting in November. The committee will focus on identifying and engaging with potential new partners to secure additional discounts for our members.

Regarding Belair, Lisa Hansen has transitioned to a new role with the BC Retired Teachers' Association. Travis Melnychuk will now be our representative for Belair.

Social Media

We are currently collaborating with Folks Digital to establish our social media presence, including appropriate security and privacy filters, enhance our website's Google visibility, and update the website to feature a dedicated page for webinars, videos, and other relevant information. We are hopeful to complete much of this work by the 2026 AGM.

Conferences/Conventions

I attended the COSCO Conference from October 3-5 and the NPF Convention from October 5-7, both held in Richmond this year. Both events featured packed agendas with many insightful speakers, topics, workshops and networking opportunities. Comprehensive summary reports will be included in the winter edition of The PEN.

Communications Committee/The PEN

Our latest committee meeting was held on September 22, which included six new members from the volunteer list. They are highly engaged and are already working diligently on the winter edition of The PEN. I've heard that many members are looking forward to part two of a couple of articles. Get ready, because they coming to you in December!

Respectfully submitted
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