

## **Membership Secretary's and Central Support Report to BCGREA AGM – 2026-04-23**

On April 1, 2026, the BCGREA had 10,984 members, a decrease of 211 members from April 2025. In addition to the members that passed, some members resigned following the increase in dues from \$20 to \$25 for the primary member. We also resigned cash pay members that have not paid their dues for several years.

The uses for our central database Findjoo continue to expand. Several more branches requested Central Support (CS) to take over collecting and recording dues from cash pay members and this is quite straightforward using the database. We also used Findjoo to send out member surveys for several branches. These surveys asked what the members wanted from their branch and canvassed for volunteers to assist with branch leadership or activities. Responses were mixed, but it is another tool available to try to make the association as relevant as possible.

Many branches use Findjoo to send out meeting notices and to track the responses. When requested, Jodine will tweak the notices to be more colourful and interesting, usually with a short turnaround time. As well as the training that she offers for branch membership people with Findjoo, Sync and membership procedures, she has assisted several people with basic Zoom training. Please reach out to her if this is something that you or your branch requires.

Jodine and I also had several calls with the provincial Saskatchewan Retirees Association as they wanted information about our membership procedures and database. Their organization is much smaller than the BCGREA and depends on volunteers and they want to increase their membership. We will continue to assist them as much as reasonably possible.

The BC Pension Corporation has recognized that we are an asset for communicating with retirees and approached us to ask for our assistance in notifying people about the survey of extended health benefits that is currently underway. We encourage people to take the time to respond to the survey as this is your opportunity to provide direct feedback to the Board of Trustees about this important issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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