



AGM Report

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I am ever so grateful to have had the opportunity to be the Director of Chapters for the 2020-2021 term. The level of commitment and brilliance amongst the Chapter Executives is impressive to say the least! I was thrilled to be the information liaison between the Chapters and the POC Board of Directors, especially during what is still such an unprecedented time. It is clear to me that we are building a special foundation of connection virtually. Our next in-person gathering is going to be epic!

It has also been my honour to have worked alongside this term's POC Board of Directors. I have learned so much and have so much respect for those special leaders who unabashedly have such a passion for our industry and our members' well-being. I feel that the pandemic has had a way of giving us clarity. It is through that clarity that we will produce an association that gets better every year.

And lastly, a special thanks to the staff of Associations First - those incredibly diligent background workers, that we simply couldn't do without!

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- Open communication was encouraged with adding anonymous Google Form questionnaires to each monthly Chapter Chat.
- All eleven Chapter meetings made available to *all* members each month, regardless of what Chapter they belong to - opening up a vast increase in education & virtual networking possibilities.
- Closed Facebook Group communication amongst POC National, Chapters and Members increased, since in-person meeting was halted.
- The North GTA Chapter was dissolved due to lack of volunteers for its Executive.
- The Grand River Chapter had also been put on hiatus and recently dissolved due to lack of volunteers for its Executive.
- The Ottawa Chapter was put on hiatus due to lack of volunteers for its Executive.
- The new monthly celebratory Member Anniversary Announcement was introduced and continues to be maintained.
- A digital version of POC NOWeek (National Organizing Week) was brought back in May 2021, with social media posts being encouraged.
- The Chapter Zoom policy was updated to include increased numbers (being released in October 2021)
- Updated the Social Media logos, which will be rolling out within October 2021.