

2022-2023 Volunteer Management Report

Presented by Volunteer Management Director Noreen Music

Volunteering with POC is a unique opportunity to give back to your community while also developing valuable skills. This year our volunteers worked with like-minded individuals who are also passionate about volunteering with POC. Through these volunteer experiences, they developed leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills that benefit them both personally and professionally.

In addition to skill development, volunteering with POC offers the chance to make a real difference in the organizing industry across Canada. By getting involved with your local Chapter, being a part of the short term volunteer committee, joining a National committee or making a commitment to being a part of the Board of Directors, you help our profession grow and become widely recognized as a valuable service. This sense of fulfillment, purpose and impact is truly priceless and can lead to a greater sense of happiness and satisfaction in your own business.

In the past year, POC has accomplished a great deal. Our volunteers have worked tirelessly to support our members by offering networking and educational opportunities at the Chapter level, organizing the upcoming virtual summit in October, launching new educational courses and developing a new long-term strategic plan to guide the association. These are just a handful of examples of what our volunteers have accomplished together.

Volunteer Management Highlights 2022-2023

- ❖ Created an instruction manual for the Nominating Committee Chairs use.
- ❖ Translated all new online volunteer forms into French.
- ❖ Acknowledged all volunteers at the last virtual summit.
- ❖ Hosted a volunteer booth at the last virtual summit.
- ❖ Set up the new Special Interest Groups.
- ❖ Participated in National Volunteer Week.
- ❖ Prepared various social media campaigns to bring awareness of volunteering opportunities.

Current and Future Volunteer Management Projects and Goals

- ❖ Create a volunteer procedure for SIGs and Chapter Executives.
- ❖ Create an onboarding and training process with resources for all new volunteers.
- ❖ Implement "Volunteer Spotlight" on POC social media or POC Talk.
- ❖ Create a "Volunteer" badge to identify volunteers on the websites "Find an Organizer" directory and use on their own marketing materials.
- ❖ Transition all Chapter to using Google Meet versus zoom.

As we look towards the future, there are countless opportunities for you to get involved with POC. From organizing Chapter events to leading a National Committee, there are many ways to make a difference in your community and gain valuable experience at the same time.

We are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join us and help us achieve our mission of promoting visibility, credibility and connection. Whether you have a few hours to spare each month or are looking for a more long-term commitment, we have a role that is perfect for you.

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POC National Committees 2023/24

Ethics Standing Committee consists of:

Board Liaison: Cindy Wezenbeek, President

Chair: Tamara Liebmann

Members: Jeri Pitzel, Caroline Bertola, Susan Dunkley, Karen Bryer

Ethics Supplementary List consists of:

Members: Robynne Potts, Georgina Forrest, Elinor Warkentin and Kerith Paterson

Awards Committee consists of:

Board Liaison: Nathalie Bureau, Past-President

Chair: Christa Jones

Members: Marie Potter, Alison Lush, Kaytlyn Beakhouse, Judy Rickey

Education Committee consists of:

Board Liaison: Allison Weigensberg, Director of Education

Chair: Hilda Rodgers

Members: Diane Woodworth, Elizabeth Alescio, Samantha Stermac, Collette Oswald, Jessica Ney

The Education Committee is looking for at least two new members.

National Conference Committee consists of:

Board Liaison: VACANT, Director of Development

Chair & Program Lead: Georgina Forrest

Entertainment Lead: VACANT

Communications Lead: VACANT

Exhibitor/Sponsor Lead: VACANT

The National Conference Committee is looking for at least three new members.

Nominating Committee consists of:

Board Liaison: Noreen Music, Director of Volunteer Management

Chair: Lisa Macdonald (stepping down November 2023)

Members: Andrew Neary, Caitlin Smith (new chair effective November 2023)

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Short-Term Volunteers consists of:

Board Liaison: Noreen Music, Director of Volunteer Management

Chair: Lisa Macdonald (stepping down November 2023)

Members: Ida Tetlock, Daina Benson, Anita Silvestri, Alice Flahive, Janet Stitt, Collette

Oswald, Isolde O'Neill, Stefanie Wiik, Sara Novak, Nancy Greenley, Denise de Paola

We are always looking for more short-term volunteers!

25th Anniversary Subcommittee consists of:

Board Liaison: Nathalie Bureau, Past-President

Members: Colette Robicheau, Julie Stobbe

Website Subcommittee consists of:

Board Liaison: Adeilah Dahlke, Director of Marketing & Communications

Members: Allison Landry, Andrea Fefekos, Kim Dempsey, Stéphanie Galipeau, Sarah

Grant, Kate Nikalaidis, Andrew Neary, Bev Chandler, Kimberly McGrann, Rick

Baillargeon, Adele Lapointe, Sheeba Uzzaman, Anita Silvestri

Chapter Zoom Scheduler: Alison Lush