

IAP2 BC and Yukon Chapter President's Report, November 20, 2024 Current President: Jennifer Miller

I joined the Board as a Director at Large at the end of 2021, and after two years in that position I moved into the President's role at the end of last year when the previous President, Kevin Shipalesky, stepped down. I have worked in participatory decision-making (public engagement) for about a decade, and am currently leading the engagement team at the City of New Westminster.

While I may hold the title of "president," the Board is very collaborative and everyone is contributing to Chapter activities such as member communications, organizing social gatherings, coordinating free lunch and learn sessions, and Board operations. Our Chapter is 100% volunteer-run and everything we have achieved this year has been a group effort. Thank you to all Board members for your many contributions.

Coming into 2024, we had a healthy mix of continuing Board members and new additions. I'm proud of the work we have done this year, with several key accomplishments that I believe will set us up for even more touchpoints with IAP2 members in BC and the Yukon in the coming year.

We continue to organize ourselves as a Board through working groups focused on specific aspects of efforts to serve Chapter members, based on the priorities we have heard through member surveys and guided by our strategic plan. In 2024, our working groups have focused on:

- Member communication and social events
- Member learning opportunities
- Developing a new Strategic Plan for the Chapter

Overview of Chapter successes in 2024

- 2024 membership statistics
 - 284 active members in BC and Yukon Chapter as of October 2024 (consistent with 2023 membership levels)
- **Spring and Fall Socials:** Total of six events held in different locations; three events in June and three in October.
- Lunch and Learn Sessions: Two virtual sessions held so far this year, with third coming up next week.
- New Chapter Strategic Plan Developed: Five-year plan modeled after IAP2 Canada format.
- New Online Platform Launched: Social Pinpoint page created for Chapter discussions, shared learning, etc. Check it out here: https://connect.iap2bc.ca/