

President's Commentary:
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PIP ran as a grassroots organization, on the hopes of becoming a non-profit corporation. In order to facilitate this change, a board of directors was needed to take on the financial and legal responsibilities of the organization. We needed a group of people who care about what the organization does and want to help steer the organization, develop budgets and mandates for our operations, and provide checks and balances for staff and volunteers.

In November 2016 Ayesha started recruiting for a planning committee. They were looking for anyone who was willing to volunteer an hour a month to meet up and plan out how the organization is going to take form. Think of it as a proto-board. Members of this planning committee will help form the corporation's bylaws, as well as help plan out the financial structure of the organization to fit with the structure of a non-profit corporation. There was no obligation for members of the planning committee to join the board of directors, but I did and in July 2017 I became the President and Chair of Peterborough Independent Podcasters Association.

Feel free to read the president's role statement and responsibilities on the Schedule A President's office section in our by-laws.

Activities:

- Host regular meeting to ensure the boards discusses all matters related to the boards mandate.
- A by-law review committee was set to change the default by-laws.
- Assist with the creation of documents and structures for the organization. i.e. Managing Director Contract , Volunteer Pledge/Form and Terms of use Website.
- Assist with events, workshops, meetings and online presence.
- Outreach and Public Engagement