March 2026 Quarterly SocialBC Newsletter

We keep this short so you can read it, respond, and continue with your day.
We want to make this a quarterly thing. Please let us know what you would want to hear from SocialBC or SOSSBC and if you have any questions, contact any of the team.

1) Characters and polling options on SocialBC?

Members with accounts on SocialBC.ca will be given a unique polling link.
Responses are anonymized. Poll closes April 15.

TO VOTE: Message @chris@socialbc.ca or email help@socialbc.org for your unique polling link.

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The poll will ask: What is your preferred **character** and **polling** limit on SocialBC.ca?

a) 500 characters (Current)
b) 250 characters
c) 1000 characters
d) 2000-5000 characters

e) 4 polling options (Current)
f) 6 polling options
g) 8 polling options
h) 10 polling options

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2) March 5 Society of Open Social Servers of British Columbia Board Meeting

Your current SOSSBC Board members are:

President – Chris Alemany
Vice President – Trisha Renken-Sebastian
Treasurer – Sean Manning
At Large – Dylan Roskams-Eris
At Large – Sarah Sammis

We have quarterly meetings of the Board of the Society of Open Social Servers of British Columbia (SOSSBC). This was the first official meeting for Sarah, Dylan and Trisha as Directors. Chris and Sean continuing. James is our tech lead and a non-voting member of the Board.

We are always looking for more Board members and more people willing to help with the technical end of things. If you're interested let us know.

Financials

We live through your donations and subscriptions: check out the About page for ways to contribute. We have multiple levels you can sign up for and we accept e-transfers to help@socialbc.org or donations through paypal.

Thanks to the donation from Sandwich.net of our new server location, we have drastically reduced monthly server costs. However, we do still have costs of about $25-$50 per month. Your donations and subscriptions are welcome.

We are considering a new Fundraising platform at Zeffy to remove US-based Paypal.

We've struck an internal committee to investigate grant opportunities.

Server

Server migration has gone well. James is the lead and most in the know. Chris is coming up to speed. We have full control over the configuration of the server. Performance has been good. Other tech volunteers are welcome!

Outreach

We get a few new users a month. We currently have around 60 active users with 120 accounts on the server. Efforts to spread the word around BC continue. Do tell your friends, politicians, and media!

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