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Dear members of the Briarpatch community,

I submit to you this report outlining the work of the Board for the 2024-2025 year, and remain available should you have any questions.

This year we welcomed and onboarded 4 new fabulous members to the board - Kris, Claire, Asad, and Alycia, who have become wonderful team members and comrades from across the country.

Together this team in the past year has worked to support staff, move forward the strategic plan, re-start the committees, improve visibility of Briarpatch at events within and outside Saskatchewan, and improve Board engagement.

One of the big decisions taken by the Board this year was to reduce the publishing schedule from 6 to 4 magazines a year, making Briarpatch a quarterly. This will begin in January 2026 and we are hopeful that this change will allow staff a better work-life balance and solidify our commitment to Briarpatch jobs being good jobs.

A lot of work was done this year to get our financial organization backlog cleared and back on track and I'd like to thank staff, Board members, and the contractors who helped us with this work. We are feeling good moving into 2026.

Later in the AGM you will hear more detailed reports from our committees, but I wanted to highlight that getting those committees up and running and particularly restarting consistent staff check-ins is something we are proud of having accomplished this year.

Functioning committees

We continue to move forward with working towards the 4 goals outlined in the [2024-2027 strategic plan](#) - financial sustainability, good working conditions, improved board engagement, and a provincial/national balance. I am very proud of the work this team accomplished the last two years and think we are in a good position to build off of the foundational work we have done to keep moving towards those goals. Go Briarpatch team go! :)

With warmth and in solidarity,

Connor Lea Spencer (she/her)