

President's Message

We recently held our AGM in January and the newly elected CPJC Board has already started to make plans for 2024. Doug Uffen will remain as President for one more year and hopes to graduate to the Past President's role in 2025, hence the Past President role on the Board remains vacant for this calendar year. Sarah-Mae Amde is your new Vice-President, C.J. Wallace has become your Website Director and Ed Southgate is stepping into the Treasurer position. Returning to the Board is Frank Mosca as Newsletter Editor and Chris Hay, who was the Website Director, is now your Secretary / Membership Secretary for 2025. I look forward to working with this Board and the additional skills and expertise that they bring to the club.

I am also pleased to announce that Pro Venkatraman of Edmonton and Bob Burnyeat of Saskatchewan have volunteered to be our CPJC Champions for these regions. Albeit that the club is Calgary centric at present, we are trying to address that. We are hoping that our regional Champions can help us to grow our membership base in these locales and help to identify opportunities for our members to get together locally. At our CPJC Board meeting late January, we decided to look for a volunteer to be our Calgary region Champion. While increasing membership is always a desire, the main focus of this new Calgary Champion position is to make arrangements for our future Calgary Jags & Java get togethers and pub nights that we have scheduled for 2025. If you are interested in this volunteer role, please contact Doug Uffen (403-669-9238 or doug@reflectionpeak.com). Spouses and significant others are also eligible volunteers.

Our current 2024 Events Calendar is forever evolving. A preview of our proposed activities is provided elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter. I encourage all members to review the Events Calendar and take note of the events of greatest interest to them and place those events on your personal calendars. It is by attending these events, that we are able to get to know each other and share our interests in these fine motorcars. While our monthly ZOOM meetings provide an opportunity to learn about these cars and to meet each other virtually, meeting each other in person at an event is all the better. Driving to that event in a Jaguar makes it even more special. We encourage members to meet outside of club activities. Remember that club member contact information is available in the member's protected section of our website. The JCNA website is a resource for many members. Various Blog groups can assist you with diagnosing a problem or finding someone to assist you with a restoration project.

The Canadian Prairies Jaguar Club is what we all make of it. I encourage all of you to participate in some club events this year.

Doug Uffen, CPJC President