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## NEWS RELEASE

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*Vancouver* ▶ This year, Volunteer BC celebrates 30 years of promoting volunteerism in BC, as it elected a new Board of Directors during its Annual General Meeting, which took place on September 25, 2009. Joined by board members visiting from across the province there for the *Volunteer Futures: Building Better Boards* training event organized and hosted by Volunteer BC, past presidents from the organizations' three decades of history brought greetings to those gathered, watched a slide show, and enjoyed a giant cake in honour of Volunteer BC's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Volunteer BC is the provincial association of volunteer centres and voluntary organizations for the province, and also promotes volunteerism among British Columbians of all walks of life. The organization further works to strengthen the capacity of the sector, to stimulate research and education about volunteerism, and to address challenges facing the sector. In 2009, the organization released the first ever BC State of Volunteering Report.

During Volunteer BC's recent AGM, the following individuals were elected, re-elected or will continue on in their terms to govern the organization for 2009/2010:

Kelina Kwan (The Information Refinery) *President*  
Lawrie Portigal (Volunteer Richmond Information Services) *Vice-President*  
Jackie Donachie (Canadian Mental Health Association for the Kootenays) *Secretary*  
Dave Baspaly (Volunteer Burnaby) *Treasurer*  
Justin Ho (United Community Services Co-op) *Past President*  
Stacy Ashton (Community Volunteer Connections) *Director*  
Marjorie Driscoll (Volunteer Nanaimo) *Director*  
Anne-Marie Koeppen (Volunteer Cowichan) *Director*  
Lisa Mercure (BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres) *Director*  
Cari Moore (Volunteer Chilliwack) *Director*  
Jo Nore (Volunteer Prince George) *Director*  
Andy Telfer (BC Hockey) *Director*

"We are thrilled at the wealth of expertise and experience on our board, as well as its broad provincial representation. I'm enthusiastic for the year ahead, working with this group to move a little closer to our goal of achieving excellence in volunteerism for BC", said Volunteer BC's new President, Kelina Kwan. Volunteer BC's board members are drawn from volunteer centres, the corporate sector, or provincial non-profit organizations and are proven leaders in volunteerism, whether through volunteer management, program design, policy, community outreach, or other areas.

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