



Welcome to the new PEAVI year! We're kicking off this year by adding a little colour to our communications. We hope you like the change. In the bulletin, you'll find information about upcoming events and renewing your membership, requests for volunteers, news and links to articles.

As editors, we're by nature an analytical bunch with exacting standards, so producing a newsletter for an editors group is a somewhat daunting task. Please help us produce an engaging, informative newsletter—one deserving of your time—by sending feedback and suggestions. It would be wonderful if the bulletin becomes a collaborative effort. You can reach Lynne Graham, the bulletin editor at [communications@peavi.ca](mailto:communications@peavi.ca).

## Mark your calendar

- September 2: Registration opens
- September 20: Member meeting
- September 30: Early-bird registration ends
- October 18: Member meeting
- October or November: Fall workshop
- November 22: Member meeting
- December: Annual Christmas party. Date TBD

Member meetings take place from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Windsor Pavilion, 2451 Windsor Road, Oak Bay.

You can also find event information at <http://peavi.ca/events/>



You're invited! Join fellow PEAVI-ites at 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays at Ogden Point's Breakwater Cafe for the best views in town, delicious breakfasts and excellent company.

## Member meeting, Tuesday, September 20

**Topic:** Show and tell, with the focus on things learned. What new things did you encounter in your work this past year? Feel free to bring publications or other items to show the group. We will have a laptop connected to wifi and the projector, so we can display websites as needed.

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## Renew your membership

The PEAVI year runs from September 1 to August 31, so if you've not already renewed, now is a good time. You can renew online (using a credit card or PayPal), by e-transfer or by sending a check.

### Online renewal (credit card or PayPal):

1. Click the renew button to access the PEAVI website.
2. Log in.
3. Place your cursor over "Member Area" then click on "Membership Account."
4. Click "renew."
5. Complete the credit card or PayPal payment process.
6. You will be returned to the Membership Confirmation page on the PEAVI site.

### Pay by check or e-transfer:

- Send e-transfer payments to [treasurer@peavi.ca](mailto:treasurer@peavi.ca)
- Send a check payable to PEAVI to:  
Dave Henry  
2303 Florence St.  
Victoria BC V8R 5E7

If you renew by check or e-transfer, be sure to **include your email address**, as you'll receive a discount code by email. When you receive it, simply **follow the online renewal process above**. After step 4, click the link to enter your code.

Please email Esther Hart at [membership@peavi.ca](mailto:membership@peavi.ca) if you experience difficulties.

## Renew

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## Volunteers needed

Volunteering can be fun and rewarding when you have a great team and when the "ask" is small. We have a great team and several tasks that require just a few hours a month to complete. Volunteers do not need to join the executive if they do not want to, but they will

keep PEAVI vibrant and running smoothly.

**Updater of website pages:** Some pages on our website need to be updated occasionally. The estimated time commitment is one to two hours per month. The PEAVI website is a WordPress site, and while WordPress experience is not necessary, some technical savvy is. If you are interested in taking on this task, use the contact email below and mention something you do or have done that demonstrates your technical savvy. Training and ongoing support will be provided.

These are the pages requiring occasional updates:

- side bar widgets: coffee meetings, upcoming meetings and events
- pages: upcoming events and seminars
- archive pages
- workshop registration pages
- other pages as needed.

**Workshop promoter:** PEAVI hosts two workshops each year, typically in fall (Oct/Nov) and spring (Mar/Apr). We are looking for a PEAVI member to help us promote these workshops outside our organization. Most tasks can be done by email in the month leading up to each workshop. They include

- posting online workshop listings to local newspapers and magazines, and on social media outlets;
- contacting writers' groups, college and university organizations, and other interested entities to help publicize PEAVI workshops.

**Meeting notice writer and distributor:** Create monthly meeting notices and send them to the website volunteer and to Lynne, for inclusion in the bulletin. Closer to the date, send a reminder to members.

**Job request distributor:** Monitor incoming job request emails and forward legitimate job requests to the listserv.

If you are able to take on a role, please contact Lenore Hietkamp at [chair@peavi.ca](mailto:chair@peavi.ca).

*Many hands make light work.*

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## Fall workshop

Greetings from Paula Marchese and Rowena Rae, PEAVI's 2016-2017 professional development coordinators. We are planning to organize two workshops for PEAVI members this year. Currently, we are looking into possibilities for a fall full-day seminar, to be held in October or November, and are considering asking Ruth Wilson to present one of

her acclaimed workshops: Practical Proofreading, Advanced Proofreading, Basic Copyediting, Structural Editing.

Ruth Wilson worked for many years with Vancouver book publisher Self-Counsel Press, and since 1998 she has been a partner in West Coast Editorial Associates, offering a wide range of editorial services. Ruth has also been an instructor for more than 15 years at Simon Fraser University.

We would like to know if any of Ruth's workshops hold strong interest for PEAVI members to attend. Please respond to the brief survey (it will take about 1 minute to complete).

If you have any comments or questions about PEAVI's professional development, you can also contact us at [workshop@peavi.ca](mailto:workshop@peavi.ca).

## Survey: Workshop interest

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### The year in review

What a great mix of activities PEAVI members participated in **last year!** From member events and community events to workshops and social events, there was something for everyone.

#### Member meetings

Meeting topics and event ideas are always welcome. You can see from last year's list that the range of interest is wide: anything is possible.

- Sept: Networking session, learning new things about fellow editors
- Oct: Children's author Kyla Pawlyshyn spoke about publishing from the author's viewpoint.
- Nov: Nonfiction writer Robin Roberts and mystery writer Kay Stewart discussed the publishing process from the writer's perspective.
- Dec: Christmas party at Fran Aitkens' home
- Jan: Roundtable discussion on editing tools and resources
- Feb: Merrie-Ellen Wilcox described writing a book of her own and getting it published, after many years of editing the work of others.
- Mar: Pub night at Christie's Carriage House Pub
- April: Blue-pencil sessions with local authors
- May: Meeting at Chronicles of Crime bookstore, where proprietor and connoisseur of crime fiction Frances Thorsen spoke about story editing
- June: Annual party

#### Other activities

- **Blue-pencil sessions:** In collaboration with the Victoria Writers Society, PEAVI members worked with 35 authors over two evenings. Feedback from the authors was excellent!
  - **Workshops:** PEAVI held two workshops. In the fall, we held Beyond the Basics for Editors, and in spring, Plain Language Editing with Peter Moskos from Vancouver, in conjunction with the BC branch of Editors Canada.
  - **EAC Conference:** Several PEAVI members attended the EAC conference in June—an excellent professional development opportunity.
  - **Administration:**
    - Website: We moved our website to a new host. *Thank you, Paula Gaube!*
    - Executive: The executive met three times.
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## Your exec team for 2016-2017



[Lenore Hietkamp](#)  
Chair



[Esther Hart](#)  
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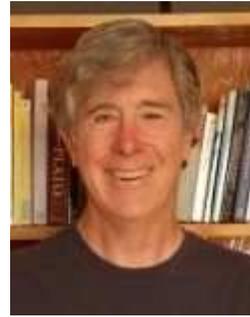
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Secretary



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## Party time!

PEAVI celebrated the end of its twenty-first year with laughter, excellent food, another dramatic performance (who knew we had such talent in our midst) and two decidedly unusual games. Martin Gavin wowed us all with his superb and highly entertaining delivery of Little-Red-Riding-Hood-with-a-twist. And what a twist it was! Dave Henry then continued the theme and delighted us with his rendition of Chicken Licken.

Fed, and with our composure somewhat recovered, it was time to put our brains to work. Lenore Hietkamp and Chris Banner produced a fiendishly difficult poem that they'd printed and carved up for us to reassemble. And, if that was not enough, they then produced salacious novels (well, ours was) with instructions to read only the cover blurb before writing our own first line for the novel. After comparing each group's creative offering with the actual first lines of the books, the verdict was unanimous: our versions were far superior to the originals. An unbiased jury, of course!

A sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to the evening. And if you weren't able to make it, mark your calendar for next June. We look forward to seeing you.



Editors testing their writing mettle. "You want us to write the first line for *what?*"



Little Red Riding Hood goes out with a bang.

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## Interesting reads

We found these interesting and thought you might, too:

- Some Comma Dogma: [Link](#)
- "Perhapsing": The Use of Speculation in Creative Nonfiction: [Link](#)
- Editing Science Manuscripts with a Humanities Background: [Link](#)
- The Linguistic Turf Wars Over the Singular 'They,' by Ernie Smith: [Link](#)

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## On the lighter side

Are you smarter than a *Globe and Mail* editor? Take this [quiz](#) to find out.

What #EditorProblems do you experience over and over? Play along with Iva Cheung and her [#EditorProblems cartoon](#).

Does your love of words extend to the live stage? If so, check out Cineplex's ["From the Live Stage to the Screen"](#) series.

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## Ideas? Content?

Do you have an idea for a monthly meeting topic or a suggestion for a particular speaker? Would you like to provide **feedback, content or ideas** for this newsletter? We'd welcome your input.

Contact Lynne at [communications@peavi.ca](mailto:communications@peavi.ca).

