

President's Message for March 7th, 2024

Hi Vancouver Interline Club members,

In my previous message in February, I had highlighted the exciting opportunity presented to us by Silva Kandiah, WACA's Chief Marketing/Events Officer, who reached out to explore the possibility of hosting an AGA Cruise (Annual General Assembly) in Vancouver in 2025.

During our last Executive Meeting, one of the key agenda items revolved around the potential of organizing an AGA cruise in September 2025. The idea of combining business with leisure seemed ideal, offering attendees the chance to partake in AGA proceedings while enjoying the scenic beauty of a cruise along our BC coastline and to Alaska and back.

However, as we delved deeper into the logistics of securing a significant number of cabins for the AGA cruise, it became apparent that it would require a substantial deposit, one that currently exceeds the financial capabilities of our club. While this was a disappointing realization, it's crucial that we prioritize the financial stability of our organization.

Therefore, regrettably, we have had to reconsider the option of organizing an AGA cruise at this time. Silva Kandiah has been gracious in his understanding of our situation, expressing his appreciation for our consideration. He has assured us of his continued efforts to explore alternative options for hosting the AGA, and we remain hopeful for future opportunities that align more closely with our current resources.

I am thrilled to share some exciting news with you all. We have now successfully registered 16 Vancouver Interline Club members to attend the 55th Annual General Assembly (AGA) in Mauritius with 3 day Pre-tours each in the Seychelles Islands and Reunion Island and a choice of two Post tours in Madagascar this coming September. This promises to be exhilarating and filled with unforgettable experiences.

The AGA serves as a platform for Interliners from around the world to come together to discuss WACA business, share insights, and forge friendships. By participating in this prestigious event, our members will have the chance to represent our club on an international stage and showcase the vibrant spirit of Vancouver's interline community not to mention our famous Moose Milk.

With choices of exploring the pristine beaches Indian Ocean to discovering the unique wildlife of Madagascar, this journey is sure to leave a lasting impression on all who attend.

Additionally, I would like to draw your attention to another important matter. The Vancouver Interline Club's former Secretary, Katrina Elliot, has had to step down due to a heavy workload therefore the VIC is currently without a Secretary to maintain accurate records of our meetings. The role of Secretary is essential for ensuring transparency, accountability, and continuity within our club. A special thank you to Katrina for all her hard work and diligence during her role as our Secretary. We wish her the very best with our deepest gratitude for her service.

If you possess strong organizational skills, attention to detail, and a passion for supporting our club's mission, I urge you to consider joining our team as Secretary. Your contribution in this role will be invaluable to the functioning and success of our club.

Yours in Interlining

Freddie Whiting

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