

## **Editor-in-Chief board report for March 27, 2014—Shandi Shiach**

Hello, Martlet board and society members,

The final print issue of the volume comes out next Thursday. After, I plan to work on consolidation of potential training materials I have produced over my term, offering learning opportunities to the new EIC once they're hired and if they're available, and overall contributing to a smooth transition for staff, volunteers, and readers.

### **Martleteers**

Even this close to the end of the volume, our promotions co-ordinator has been signing new people to our volunteer emailing list. New people are also still showing up to meetings and gaining volunteer staff status. I am letting folks know about summer opportunities, to try and hold onto momentum. Staff are also still working for progress in their positions, myself included. We are always trying to improve and not wishing to rest on our laurels at the end of our terms, but end of semester workloads and stress have made this more difficult for students.

### **Outreach**

Over the course of this volume, we have accepted invitations and/or submissions from the following interest groups: Pride Collective, Students of Colour Collective, Society for Students with a Disability, Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group, the Women's Centre, Anti-Violence Project, Youth Protecting Youth, a UVSS executive, Campus Community Garden, and Urban Development Club. This list may not be exhaustive. The feature by an Access UVic executive did not meet our standards for objectivity outside the opinions section and was not published. Our outreach to the Native Students' Union has not yet yielded documentable results. Outreach of this kind, if it is a priority, requires a steady effort. We continue to strive for independence and journalistic integrity, while also demonstrating commitment to constructive social change.

### **Workshops, guest speakers, newspaper**

Several section editors have finally felt confident enough to share some of their experience through skills workshops. This close to the end of term, we have decided it's best to video document these for future use. I think it's of great benefit to these editors to take this on, even if turnout is low.

Vivian Smith was the final guest in this volume's Martlet speaker series solicited by Associate Editor Beth Parker. After her talk, she offered us a free paper critique. In our March 27 issue, I have implemented her suggestions wherever I could, and I hope this will make for a better product! Changes include cutlines for every print image, closer sentence editing away from wordiness toward active phrasing time permitting, and hopefully snappier headlines.

Thank you so much for reading, and for all you give this paper.

Sincerely,  
Shandi Shiach