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TO OUR MEMBERS

Welcome to Our Report

This past year was the calm before the storm. We made some significant gains but they are going to be fast overshadowed by what happens in the public sphere. Here's how we did:

Performance Against Our Goals

- More Virtual Sessions: Our goal was to have at least nine sessions in 2024. We had ten, despite taking off two months during the summer. This is great news.
- Grow the YouTube Channel: Our YouTube channel continues to grow: http://www.youtube.com/@car-pga. This year we had 387 views, a watch time (in total) of 50 hours, and we gained 12 subscribers. That's right in line with our goal of one member a month.
- Increase Our Membership: Our goal was to increase our membership by 12. We missed that goal by one, increasing it by 11. That said, our <u>LinkedIn group</u> has 124 members, 32 of which are active. We had 78 posts and 1,239 views. Our <u>Facebook group</u> has 178 followers.
- Diversify Our Membership: Our outreach efforts on diversity continue. We interviewed several diverse RPG thought leaders who shared some very insightful perspectives in 2024. With the incoming administration and real concerns about censorship of our members' gamebooks, it will be more important than ever to keep our eyes and ears open and support diverse creators.
- Vote: I'm pleased to see that our membership proactively voted in the last cycle for our board membership, which is a sign that the CAR-PGA is getting to healthy levels again.

2025 and Beyond

So what are our goals for this year?

- Continue Virtual Sessions: Our goal is to have at least nine sessions in 2025.
- Grow the YouTube Channel: Our <u>YouTube channel</u> viewership continues to grow. We hope to increase our subscribership by at least 12.
- Increase Our Membership: We hope to our membership by another 12 in 2025 if not more. More important, we need to start organizing and being heard as a group. I've started this effort on Bluesky and <u>I hope you'll join me</u>. If the Twitter/X debacle has taught us anything, it's that there is strength in numbers and it's time our membership started to show support online.
- **Diversify Our Membership:** We've changed the CAR-PGA's goals to embrace inclusion and diversity, but it will take time for our membership to reflect that. The more members we recruit, the more likely we will reflect the global gaming community of today.
- Vote: As our membership grows, I'm hopeful the voting trend of active participation will increase as well.

Looking Ahead

The coming years are not going to be easy, folks. CAR-PGA's mission of diversity and inclusion is regularly going to be challenged, if not directly, than by the cultural battles that play out in public spaces. It has always been critical for our organization to embrace players from all walks of life in a game where you can be anything you can imagine. That includes everyone, from the incarcerated to the entirety of the gender and pride spectrum to everyone in-between. Acknowledging that sometimes we haven't always done that in a way that felt welcoming is not minimizing Gygax's and Arenson's contributions, it's recognizing and embracing them in a way where we can all move forward.

Threats on Twitter/X not withstanding, we need to stand up and organize our voices on <u>Bluesky</u>, on <u>LinkedIn</u>, and on <u>Facebook</u>. We're on the lookout for more speakers to round out the year, so if you've someone you'd like to recommend - or you'd like to be a guest yourself - let us know!

In early 2025, our most important focus is to vote. I'm fond of pointing out that there's very little responsibility for being a CAR-PGA member because our membership already does such great work. But the one thing we need more of is voting, and I hope you'll share your voice in voting for the Board and Chair roles.

Michael Tresca Committee Chair January 1, 2025

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



All members listed here have voting rights. If you believe you are a member but aren't listed, please visit <u>http://car-pga.org/join-us</u> to submit your official application. Feel free to reach out to your colleagues on our LinkedIn or Google groups!

- <u>Aaron Armstrong</u>
- Andrew Greenberg
- Angel Smith
- Bill Bridges
- Bill Walton
- Bob Carter
- Brianne Marie Richardson Marie
- <u>C.J. Leblanc</u>
- <u>Carsten Obst</u>
- <u>Christine Martin-Resotko</u>
- David Millians
- Dom Zook
- Fenway Jones
- Forest Ray
- George Bergstrom
- Hawke Robinson
- Hereward Proops
- Jared Neilsen

- Jenny Hein
- Jeremiah Kaplan
- Jim Wampler
- John Boardman
- John Reyst
- Jon Peterson
- <u>Katie Lear</u>
- Kelly-Jeau Larson
- Kurstin Hamilton
- Lou Zocchi
- Lucio N. Pimentel
- <u>M. Alan Thomas</u>
- <u>Matt Hayward</u>
- Matt Madsen
- Matthew Davies
- Matthew Pook
- Michael Best
- Michael Low

- <u>Michael Tresca</u>
- Omar G.L. Diniz
- Robert Adducci
- Ronald Pehr
- Silvia Regina Borges

Please welcome our newest members!

- Adam Watson
- Brandon O'Brien
- Chris Tatum
- <u>Cory Toon</u>
- David Hartless
- Faith Elisabeth Lilley

- <u>Stephanie Campbell</u>
- Ted Skirvin
- <u>Tim Hutchings</u>
- Timothy Bannock
- <u>Trevor Chapman</u>
- Hugh MacLeod
- lan Turner
- <u>Matthew Doughty</u>
- Ryan Jones
- Steven Dashiell