

Hello everyone,

Welcome to episode three in my series, short speeches I made at Nexus AGMs, please hold your applause until the end of each sentence. It's been another strong year for us. We've had solid stories, one of which, by Adam Marsh, has been put on the short list for a Canadian Association of Journalists award, which is a national award with only four nominees.

While I'm already pointing at him I'd like to take a second to acknowledge that this machine of a man has put in oodles of hours and gone above and beyond for the newspaper this year, we're very lucky to have him. Let's all clap some more. (Clap, clap, clap)

We've been very fortunate this year when it comes to staff. Our two new positions of web editor and feature writer have worked out very well, and our staff writer and student editor have been operating fantastically. (Clap, clap, clap)

The restructuring of our staffing in the past couple years has allowed us to put out an incredible amount of quality material and still function on our limited budget. When Lynn goes over the budget in a moment you will see that we have done a very good job of meeting our goals financially.

Our board has also gone through some changes and I'd like to take this chance to acknowledge the contributions of our past and current directors, I've served with well over ten directors now and knowing ever single one has been an absolute pleasure. (Clap, clap, clap)

It's worth mentioning also that, though it may not sound as momentous as all that, we were finally able to see our separation agreement with the CCSS renewed, ensuring our autonomy and ability to remain honest and unbiased.

It's been a great year that has seen us continue to evolve and advance. I hope this trend will persist and one day we can fulfill my dream of replacing Greg with a fully automatic robot editor. But well he's still here let's give a round of applause to the man for his hard work and dedication.

Finally as usual I would like to thank all the volunteers for their time and energy, you are better than the heart, you are the loins of this organisation and I'm so happy that each of you chose to walk through that door.