

## **President's Address Nexus AGM April 8th 2026**

This year has been a big one for Nexus, and a really encouraging one!

We started looking beyond our usual funding and put real effort into grant applications. I am very happy to say that paid off! We received one of the grants that we applied for. That funding means we can hire three new student staff in the coming year. It also gives us room to grow, including a new outreach coordinator role so we can better connect with students and meet people where they are. A huge thank you to our wonderful editor, Greg, for making this happen!

On the editorial side, things have taken off. Our website numbers increased significantly, and that does not happen by accident. It comes from the hard work of our student team. I want to recognize our former student editor Lydia Zuleta and our current student editor Nik Ovstaas, along with all of our volunteers. The effort you have put in is reaching people.

We are seeing that in real life too. This year, more students have walked through our doors saying they read in the paper that we are looking for volunteers than we have seen in a long time. People are reading, people are engaging, and they want to be part of it.

At the same time, costs continue to rise faster than inflation. That is a real challenge. Despite that, we have kept things running and running well. That comes down to the dedication of everyone involved.

I also would be remiss if I didn't state my little slogan - "No boring board meetings!!" We are here because we care about Nexus, but that does not mean it has to feel dull. When things are engaging and welcoming, and even a bit fun, we do better work and more people want to be part of it. I, for one, am thrilled to be a part of such a wonderful group of writers!

Thank you to the board, our staff, and our volunteers. This organization works because of you.

Let's keep the momentum going.

Yours truly,

Daisy Dalton, NPS President