

2025 Okanagan Branch Report

The past year has been a fairly good year for the Okanagan Branch, no significant issues or controversies and an executive that has worked very well together. We held an event for members and their families a Loco Landing in Penticton (a small theme park) which attracted close to 100 members and their families. Those who attended said they had a great time and it was good to meet PIPSC members who work in other departments. We are not able to do an event on such a scale every year, but in 2025 we hope to have an event at the Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory during their open house during Perseid meteor shower. We are also hoping to have small event in other parts of the Okanagan Branch's geographic area (Kelowna, Vernon, Kamloops).

The 2024 AGM was held at the Sumac Ridge Golf Course restaurant in Summerland, as it has been for a number of years. Attendance was somewhat lower than in previous years, likely due to the fact that there was no major issues facing the members at the time. This year may be different. At the AGM, I was elected President, replacing April Ingraham who decided to retire both from the government and from PIPSC. Her wise council and service to the members is very much missed. Other members of the Okanagan Branch Executive are: Vice-President Xiaotang Yang, Secretary Zoren Ljusic, Treasurer Heng Zhang, and Members-at-Large Stacey Bingham, Witold Wince, Chandra Moffat, Yochiro Watanabe, and Raman Singh.

In Solidarity,

Philip Mantler, President
Okanagan Branch