

## **Mike's Answers to questions:**

### **Why are you interested in this position?**

I've discovered a knack for finance and spreadsheets — and I enjoy using those skills in a volunteer capacity. It's deeply rewarding to contribute to the success of the Ontario Board in a way that's both practical and meaningful.

### **What strengths and experiences do you bring to the position?**

I bring over two years of Board experience, including my current role as Secretary. Working alongside Ben has given me hands-on familiarity with payment approvals, credit union accounts, financial statements, and Excel tracking. I've also presented financial reports to the Board. Our team is made up of people with diverse talents, and I'm proud to contribute my financial skills to that mix.

### **How do you propose growing the membership of the PNA?**

I've taken part in recruitment efforts and brainstorming sessions aimed at raising awareness and communicating the value of joining the PNA. I'll continue to support these initiatives. Ultimately, our growth depends on more members actively reaching out to former colleagues and sharing why the PNA matters.

### **What do you see as other challenges facing the PNA?**

Member engagement is essential. Our organization thrives when volunteers recognize the value of sharing their skills, experience and connections. Engagement can take many forms — organizing social events, serving on committees, communicating with members, or reaching out to potential new ones. Every contribution matters.

### **How would you go about dealing with them?**

I believe in the power of experimentation and encouragement. Board members play a vital role by being open, creative, and welcoming to volunteers. All it takes is a small task to ignite someone's interest — and that initial spark can grow. Once people experience the satisfaction of contributing to something larger than themselves, it tends to become contagious. My own journey with the Board is a testament to that: what began as a single role evolved into deeper involvement, driven by curiosity and a desire to contribute.