

DOC BC Membership and Communication Report – AGM November 2008

2008 was another busy and fruitful year as we wrote press releases for three screenings of DOC SCREENS and for DOC SHADOWS (to announce the program), and developed a press release list and pitched media for the DOC SCREENS series when it was launched in the spring. Currently, there is regular communication with the Whistler Film Festival regarding DOC TALK and other WFF opportunities (the Filmmaker Forum and DOC SOUP).

As per our regular course of operations, we continuously updated the DOC BC website with DOC workshops and other important information in support of our members' films, and emailed *The Sprocket*, our monthly newsletter.

In these challenging economic times, where media conglomeration and diminishing funding to the arts are all too common, it is important that we stand together as a united voice. As of today, the DOC BC membership stands at over 200 members, a record for our chapter! This new milestone, as well as the yearly increase in membership numbers, is inspiring and a clear step in the right direction, the one that ensures the continuation of independent documentary filmmaking in Canada.

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