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Letter from the President

Dear member,

I wanted to take a brief moment to provide you with an update of what is happening at OSTEC. With recent staff departures I wanted to reassure you that we are continuing to focus on bringing value to our membership in the Okanagan Valley and help to create the environment and programs that will foster a healthy and growing science and technology industry.

2010 promises to be a very exciting year for the Okanagan Technology Community and at OSTEC we will be focusing our resources on building a directed series of programs and events that will help attract and create more technology start-ups up and down the valley.

We need more start-up companies that can grow into our next generation of Club Penguins and we need to foster and increase the success rate of those start-ups. More start-ups provide a rapid increase in technology jobs in the community which will quickly increase the attraction and retention of talent, investment, and profile here in British Columbia and abroad. This will provide a huge benefit to our entire technology industry.

We have recently launched an aggressive search for a new Executive Director at OSTEC and in April we will begin seeking new board members. If you have the experience and vision to help the Okanagan become a dominant player in the global technology community I would strongly encourage you consider either position.

Over the next few months we will be announcing our series of events and programs for 2010. You will notice that there will be much fewer events but I can assure you the events that do take place will be amazing. Don't miss the opportunity to participate, or better yet, give us a call and get involved.

Here's to innovation in 2010, I look forward to seeing you soon!

Cheers,

Jason Richards
President, OSTEC