

Secretary's Report

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This year, 191 people have signed up as members of the club. This marks the biggest year of growth for the club on record, more than doubling last year's count of 87 members and continuing the ongoing trend of the club thriving. 80 new members signed up on semester 1 O-Day alone, setting a very impressive trend that has continued through the year. A large part of these high membership numbers is our growing event popularity, all of which require membership to participate in. I mentioned last year that it helped bolster our numbers, and that couldn't be more true as we consistently see draft events completely sell out. A huge thank you to everyone who's signed up as a member of the club this year and become a part of this community.

Tangentially related, our use of social media has been great, with regular posts and announcements being made on multiple fronts. Its important for the incoming committee to keep this up, and I'd recommend assigning a dedicated poster for each of our social media accounts.

Onto the internal side of things, only 3 committee meetings were held this year, which isn't spectacular but proved sufficient for club planning. Major decisions such as semester event planning and external collaboration were the main points of the meetings, with finer details planned via Discord. This way of planning events with high-level meetings per semester was great, and it provided a good platform to plan great events with a wide range of voices and everyone could propose new ideas.

I'd still recommend more regular meetings for updates, especially pertaining to things like sponsorships and external events. These topics were discussed in meetings, however usually as updates to explain what had been decided by the executive committee. Although external communications and event planning is moreso the role of the executive committee, I'd still to see the whole committee more involved in the conversation. As such, I'd recommend for more regular meetings for actively planning sponsorships and external events. For example, planning for our recent volunteering at Pixel Expo could have been better, however we did not directly organise the card games area there so we were limited in what we could do.

Regardless, our general committee members have been more involved than ever year, a far cry from the only executive committee which ran the club back in 2023. This year

we've 7 general committee members, all of which have been extremely dedicated to helping run our events which only keep increasing in popularity. I said last year that I'd like to see the trend of shared committee load continued, and I'm extremely happy to say that it has been. Our committee is very strong, with each member very engaged and dedicated to helping the club be the best it can be. Especially to the nominated 2026 executive committee, I know that all of you are extremely capable and hope to continue to see the club blossom in your hands.