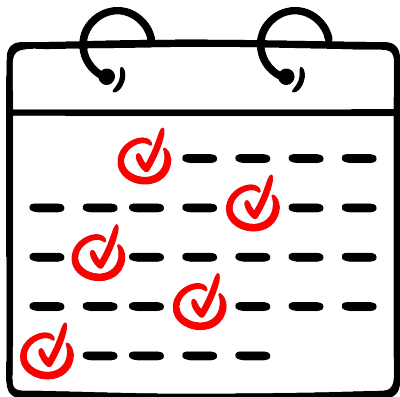


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Certification Committee Annual General Meeting Report

Presented by: Michelle Hopgood RGD + Andrew Boardman RGD
Date: April 30, 2026



One new RGD per week!

For a total of 52 in 2025.

An 88% success rate led us to our highest total of newly Certified RGDs since 2022.

So far in 2026: 12 newly Certified RGDs.

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360 Freshly Certified webinar attendees!

4/5 of 2025's FC webinars beat 2024's peak attendance.

Wayfinding Signage Design: 103 attendees

In-House Design: 88 attendees

Experience Design: 70 attendees

Packaging/Labels Design: 60 attendees

Design for Social Good: 39 attendees

12 Certification Mentorship pairs in 2025.

2025 incentives received:

- 16** = Free pass to DesignThinkers Van & TO
- 15** = Free DesignThinkers pass
- 10** = Free dues for 12 months & DT virtual pass
- 6** = 12 months of free dues
- 5** = Free dues for 6 months & DT pass
- 1** = Free dues for 6 months & IHDC pass

2025 member referrals:

- 7** = 25% off dues
- 3** = 25% of DesignThinkers

Coming in 2026...

New Certification case study samples for the website including experience design and motion graphics.

Updates to the Ethics test to reflect changes to RGD's Code of Ethics related to AI and Cultural Appropriation.

Thank You Committee Members!

**8 Committee Members from across 4 provinces:
Québec, Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia**

Current Members:

Andrew Boardman RGD
Dave Dick RGD
Evan Kuz RGD
Juliana Camargo RGD
Michelle Hopgood RGD
Olivia Dyerowicz RGD
Sander Sarioglu RGD
Silvia Stanziola RGD

Special Thanks:

Amanda Bolte RGD
Emma Tarswell RGD
Catherine Charbonneau RGD
Carolyn Harman RGD
Gordon McLean RGD
Vania Gunawardi RGD