

RGD

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Membership Committee Annual General Meeting Report

Presented by: Co-chairs Kyle Schruder RGD and Ruth Farrugia RGD
Date: April 30, 2026

Membership Numbers

779 Certified RGDs **+4%**

502 Associate RGDs **+36%**

452 Affiliates **+23%**

225 RGD Emeritus/+ **+6%**

41 Teams **+14%**

2692 Students **-2%**

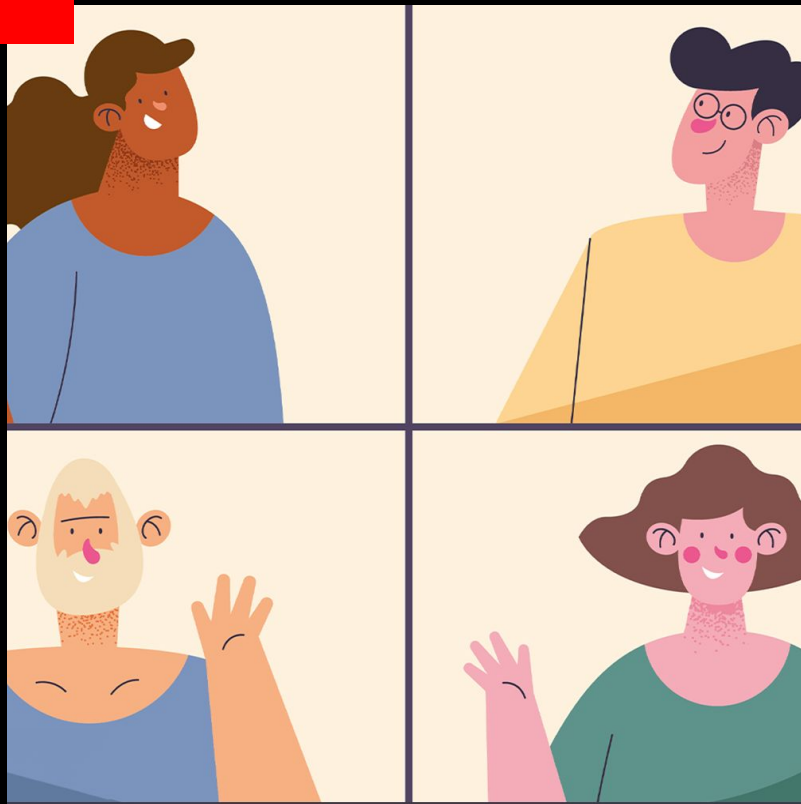
*As of March 20, 2026

Bringing Members together

13 Virtual Communities

with **49** meetups

18,847 Slack messages



Welcoming new Members

With

4

Welcome Wagons

Viewed

794

times on YouTube

YOU + US = RGD

Through RGD, Canadian designers exchange ideas, educate and inspire, set professional standards and build a strong, supportive community dedicated to advocating for the value of design.



Adding to awards programming

We are exploring a new **Digital Design Awards program** to recognize excellence across web, motion, UX, social, app design, and emerging digital categories

- The program would expand RGD's awards portfolio to reflect how much of Canadian design practice now lives in digital spaces
- Potential for a digital-focused brand partner and public showcase of winners
- The Board has approved moving the concept forward for further development



RGD Digital Awards!

Thank you

to our amazing volunteer Committee Members!

Olivia Baker Sullivan

Ian Chalmers

Enid Chen

Ruth Farrugia (co-chair)

Brent Long

Rod Nash

Kyle Schruder (co-chair)

Sheree Stephenson

Sissa Morgado

Emma Segal



Retired: Valerie Giffin

Elyse Maxwell

Dustin O'Donnell

Natasha Rutledge

Bringing design teams together with non-profits

With the return of the
Designathon

7 projects
for non-profits

in **48** hours

