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Changes to the SPEEC Board!

Dear SPEEC community,

It is with great pleasure that I introduce your new board chair, Angie Gunn. Angie has long been a friend of SPEEC and to the sex-positive and kink-positive communities in Portland and beyond. She is a sex therapist, blogger, activist, and active community member, and has served as a volunteer, then board member, for almost a year.

While it has been a true honor to serve as SPEEC's board chair for the past year and a half, family and work commitments now make it impossible to give the position the time and attention it deserves. I'm staying on the board as the treasurer, and will also continue to serve the community as the volunteer coordinator. I'm beyond thrilled to turn the chair over to Angie, who has the vigor and commitment to give the position what it needs. Please come out and meet her at one of our upcoming community events, and take a second to [meet our whole board here](#).

SPEEC love,

Judy Katz

What's Happening in May?

independent sexuality and the expression of sex positivity every day. Portland is a great place to observe and appreciate great sexual diversity, from those who engage in lots of sex, kinky things, sexual performance art, to asexual and demi-sexual individuals.

SPEEC has worked hard to be a safe place for every person, a resource and one day a hub for events and education to continue our mission. This year we have continued to provide educational workshops on topics such as sex and medical care, solo polyamory, sex positive trivia, Finding your love flavor, and consent and negotiation. We are also in awe of the insurgence of other sex positive groups, events, and community awareness around the complex nature of our sexual selves. Some of the ways we've seen this growth is in the areas of activism, advocacy, and community solidarity. The recent political events have provided a scary yet beautiful catalyst for groups to work together and create interconnected, strong fronts around issues such as trans bathroom rights, protection of planned parenthood, equal rights for women and access to health care, sexual assault awareness, and sex worker and dancer protection and support. With each day we continue to work with local sexuality communities, seek connection and mutual support for freedom to safely express, play and thrive in our authentic selves.

On that note, SPEEC will be starting a community council! The council will meet bi-monthly and discuss relevant needs, concerns, and collaboration between ALL the sexuality communities. If you're interested in joining, please contact Angie Gunn at angie@speecportland.org.

Community Calendar is Updated!

We're happy to announce that our unified community calendar has just gotten a major refresh. We'll be making some improvements for usability in the coming weeks, as well.

[Visit the calendar to find a kink- or sex-positive event for your weekend now](#) -- and event organizers, please email us at events@speecportland.org with updates!

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