

MEET LEANN COLLINS

Leann has been with ABCMI since the very beginning and started working part-time shortly after its incorporation in 2015. She remembers taking the very first Membership cheque and being responsible for setting up the day-to-day operations. She is proud to see how their proposals turned into projects allowing her to start working full time.

Leann shared her memories from the early days and remembers how ABCMI was incubated in the office of one of their members, underpinning the support by the industry for this initiative.

In 2018, ABCMI received a multi-year project from Western Economic Diversification to Grow an Inclusive and Innovative West Coast Marine Industry. That project was their steppingstone and a real game-changer because it enabled ABCMI to sign a lease for its own office space and all the administrative and marketing support that goes along with it.

After fifteen years of believing in the significance of ABCMI and working to establish the association, Leann Collins is the association's Director and manages Projects & Stakeholder Relations. Her passion and determination have allowed her success in the association, and today she shares, "I enjoy being involved in all the activities associated with a lean and nimble organization. The best part is interacting with passionate people and continuing to learn about the exciting and innovative ideas BC companies are working on. Knowing that I play any role in helping to grow these companies is extremely satisfying."

