



# Annual Impact Report

2024/2025



**AEBC**  
Alliance for Equality  
of Blind Canadians

[www.blindcanadians.ca](http://www.blindcanadians.ca)



# Stepping out *embracing change*

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This year saw AEBC advance key initiatives and strengthen its internal capacity, becoming a more stable and effective organization with greater impact on the lives of Canadians.

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"AEBC offers a great way for those in our community to connect and bring about change, making things better for those who are blind, low vision and deafblind."

AEBC Member



## *Our Successes*

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AEBC worked alongside the Canadian Council of the Blind and other organizations to advocate for the passage of Bill C-284 the National EyeCare Strategy. This bill was passed unanimously by parliament and the senate in November of 2024.

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International Day of People with Disabilities (IDPD) 2024: AEBC led a 15-partner virtual conference, attracting 49 participants. The event amplified intersectional disability issues.

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AEBC was represented at major conferences such as the National Air Accessibility Summit and the Canadian Telecom Summit.

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Our evidence-based approach for advocacy, with a focus on lived experience, provided the expertise needed to contribute to and comment on more than a dozen federal and provincial standards, statutes and regulations.

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Advocacy actions: submissions, letters, conferences, & focus groups

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Training events held for members and shared on YouTube reaching more than 250 participants

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Scholarships awarded to rising stars in the blind, deafblind and partially sighted community

# The year in review



Over the past year, AEBC grew stronger and more dynamic. Leadership and governance were reshaped: the organization held its first hybrid meeting in five years, welcomed new board members, and set a new direction for our organization. A comprehensive member outreach strategy took shape over the year. These efforts yielded stronger engagement and a surge in digital presence. Membership surpassed 200 for the first time in years, and data systems

for training, advocacy, and donations were introduced. Our systems and processes are up to date, modern and secure. Looking ahead, our continued youth, language, and accessibility outreach will help AEBC grow and have an even greater impact. Working directly with more than 30 disability focused organizations and connections with dozens of others, we are prepared to make the sector a better place for all.

*Marcia Yale, President*

## Youth Retention

AEBC supports the next generation through scholarships, free memberships for student applicants, and year-round outreach to connect blind, Deafblind, and partially sighted youth with resources, mentors, and opportunities to get involved.

## Volunteer Commitment


Our volunteers committed more than 2000 hours advancing our cause, advocating for blind rights across Canada.

## Digital Presence

AEBC increased its digital presence exponentially, with a reach of more than 10,000 views, and growth in social media followers by more than 50%.

## Data Collection

AEBC developed a structured data collection framework tied to advocacy tracking, engagement metrics, and impact evaluation. The stakeholder directory now tracks over 200 contacts.





# Finances

ENDING MARCH 31, 2025

## CURRENT ASSETS

Cash **\$503,721**

## LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable \$26,810

Deferred Revenue \$300,300

**TOTAL LIABILITIES \$327,110**

**NET ASSETS \$176,611**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES  
& NET ASSETS \$503,721**

## EXPENSES

Branch Program Costs \$4,931

National Program Costs \$128,216

Office & Miscellaneous \$92,594



## Funding summary

**\$140,788**

Donations

**\$29,544**

Memberships, Scholarships,  
Sponsorships

**\$194,673**

Grants

# Our Members Voices from our blog

A true original leaves a  
lasting legacy

Take me onto the ball  
field

Local accessibility  
advisory committees  
can be effective

What's everyone  
laughing about?

Whose jurisdiction is it  
then?

My travel adventure to  
the Azores

