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### Technical Writer



- Diverse project experience
- Senior writing/editing professional with alternative careers in fine art and science
- Strong skills in planning, writing, and editing for engineering reports, user manuals, procedures, trades training, white papers, publications, proposals, and video scripts
- Writing samples at: [sxa-portfolio.com](http://sxa-portfolio.com)

**Strong interpersonal skills**—from interviewing and collaborating with diverse subject matter experts; from mediating and negotiating with stakeholders; from showcasing technical products effectively for different audiences; as a liaison obtaining reviews and approvals of documentation; and as a user advocate.

### Selected Recent Contracts

#### **AeroStrategies Limited**

Edited and produced two 200-page forensic-engineering reports for an aviation consulting company. These assignments required the highest level of edit, including developmental edit, substantive edit, language edit, mechanical style edit (including mathematical formulas), formatting, integrity edit and referencing, policy edit, planning and coordination, and extensive appendices and cross-referenced supplemental materials. Schematic illustrations were also created or remade for optimal impact. *Stephen's work was accurate, timely, and very professional. The end product was rated as very good* — Ken Goosen, President. Jan–May 2013, Jan–April 2016

#### **Physician Health Program of BC**

Wrote standard operating procedures for the clinical coordinator role. The PHP is funded by the Doctors of BC and the BC Ministry of Health to support BC physicians, residents, medical students, and their families in dealing with personal or professional problems. Mar–May 2015

#### **Impact BC—Practice Support Program (an alliance between BC Ministry of Health Services, the BCMA, and provincial health authorities)**

Originated a series of training guides to help BC family physicians be proactive in managing care for patients with chronic ailments. Guides included *Adopting the Chronic Disease Management Toolkit*, a Web-based health-informatics tool. Response was extremely positive—1,283 physicians enrolled by Feb. 2009, with a preliminary survey showing a positive impact on both patient care and physician satisfaction. *Stephen has the ability to assess the needs of various target audiences, grasp technical information quickly, and produce user-friendly materials that are technically accurate and easy to read. He is very reliable, flexible, and meets deadlines. It's*

*been a pleasure to work with him.* — Jaye Routledge, Director, Impact BC 2006–2009

#### **BC Transmission Corporation**

Performed comprehensive substantive editing of BCTC's 2008 *State of the Transmission System Report* for submission to the Utilities Commission, accurately judging which information pertained to how the current state of the system matched BCTC's strategies for growth. 2008

#### **CHC Helicopter Global Operations**

Developed a manual of administrative procedures for adopting CHC's Web-based Safety & Quality Integrated Database, a global reporting and safety management system. Managers were then able to make a smooth transition from the old system, keeping incidents low. 2008

#### **ImageMaker – New Media for the Resource Sector**

Originated video scripts for corporate documentaries. Consulted with mining company executives to effectively portray the right information to investors in mining exploration. 2005–2007

#### **E-Comm 9-1-1 Emergency Communications for Southwest British Columbia, Inc.**

Originated a manual of standard operating procedures for dispatchers of fire-and-rescue responders. Engaged in brainstorming sessions with dispatchers to define protocols that reduced ambiguity and confusion, and optimized response times. *We found that we got really good value by hiring someone with Stephen's skills.* — Darcy Wilson Operation Manager / Fire Services 2005

#### **Iwasan Consulting SR&ED**

Deciphered oral reports to create effective Detailed Project Descriptions to obtain Scientific Research and

Experimental Development Tax Credits for various businesses. 2006

**BC Mineral, Oil and Gas Revenue Branch • BC Transmission Corporation • Richmond Fire-Rescue • Adwel International (Iris Power)**

Wrote user guides for field assessment, operating procedures, and equipment maintenance. 2005 – 2006

**IMT Image & Microscope Technology**

From only using the software, without instructions, originated sections of a user manual for upgrades to a microscopic image-analysis application for histology labs. Client was amazed that insightful and accurate instructions could be created by a generalist technical communicator. 2005

**Greater Vancouver Regional District**

Wrote brochures introducing the *Drinking Water Management Plan*, a roadmap to effective water access to mid-century. Most municipalities within Greater Vancouver are following this plan. 2004

**National Film Board of Canada**

Developed a scientific-visualization project for schools—\$80,000 development budget. Researched the subject matter in depth (historical geology), conducted market research, wrote scripts, evaluated production software and processes, and estimated the budget.

*Stephen was a catalyst for consensus building and teamwork between creative and technical contributors, delivering results ahead of schedule.* — George Johnson, Producer, National Film Board of Canada. 1998-2000

**Earlier technical writing**

- **BC Ministry of Forests / BCIT** – Resource Inventory Skills Training Program
- **Hughes Canada Systems Division – Training Dept. (now Raytheon Canada)**
- **BC Hydro Trades Training**
- **Spectrum Signal Processing**
- **MDSI Mobile Data Solutions**
- **MDA McDonald Dettwiler & Associates**
- **Glenayre Electronics (now Glentel)**
- **Sydney Development**

**Media production & script writing**

**National Film Board of Canada • Canada Council for the Arts**

Commissioned Media Artist, Content Developer, and Project Manager. Budgets ranged from \$55,000 to \$70,000.

**Corporate documentaries and training videos**

(various clients, including BC Cancer Agency and Justice Institute of BC)

Consulting Video Script Writer and Creative Content Developer

**Screenwriter**

Authored six original, feature-length, commercial screenplays. Three options to produce were sold to producers in Los Angeles.

**Scientific & science writing**

**NYU Bluestone Center for Clinical Research, U. Calif. San Francisco Faculty of Medicine, McGill University Health Centre, BC Cancer Agency, LightIntegra Technology (Van.), and Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Hospital (Los Angeles)**

Developed, wrote, and edited scientific biomedical research manuscripts, journal review articles, illustrations, and grant proposals. *You have done a masterful job. This is perfect. Consider me thoroughly impressed.* — Brian Schmidt, Director, Bluestone 2010 – 2016

**Science World BC**

Collected, interpreted, and summarized stories for an interactive kiosk on the history of science.

**Graduate Student Research Scientist**

Wrote and edited grant applications, basic research papers for journal publication, and many scientific literature review papers.

**Textbook**

Originated and wrote a 400-page, college-level general science textbook with co-author Lorne Whitehead (recently Vice President Academic at UBC, founder TIR Systems and Brightside Tech.; see Lorne's testimonial online).

**Education**

- **Master of Science**  
University of British Columbia, Vancouver
- **Master of Fine Arts**  
University of Southern California, Los Angeles
- **Bachelor of Science**  
University of British Columbia, Vancouver

**Software tools**

Adobe Acrobat 6, Illustrator CS2, and Photoshop 7. Microsoft Word 2010, FrontPage, Excel, PowerPoint. Familiar with the structured writing paradigm for CMS and DITA.