

**BCRPVPA General Meeting – Wed. March 9, 2016**

**BCPVPA Office – Vancouver**

**09:45**

**MINUTES**

1. Call to order – Vivian 9:50 AM

Present: Anne, Graham, Lanny, Olga, Laurie, Ken, Joanne, Jeff, Christine, Eileen, Ted, Gerald, Vivian, Sher, Rick

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved Jeff.

Seconded Linda. Carried.

3. Adoption of minutes from previous meeting Jan. 13/16

Moved Eileen.

Seconded Laurie. Carried.

4. Reports:

a) President – Vivian:

Sympathies to Leanna who could not come today.

Vivian explained that she will give her report more fully at the end, with the History, so there is less overlap with reports given by other executive members.

b) Treasurer – Ted:

Reviewed statement of financial position; and then statement of operations.

Ted moved to accept budget as presented. Seconded Graham. Carried.

c) Newsletter – Graham, Lanny:

Newsletter #2 under our new software program will be out next week.

Articles will include: continued writings about various Past Presidents; green investments will have a few more installments; house sharing experiences; and more – look for it soon!

In the newsletter we are trying to feature our members in whatever post-career life they are involved in and we encourage them to send articles and photographs to Graham at [bcrpvpa@gmail.com](mailto:bcrpvpa@gmail.com)

Lanny does the mailout. Last mailing count was 55 – we are very pleased that most members now only want to receive the on-line version. The cost savings from postage and printing is substantial.

d) Affinity/Membership Benefits – Gerald:

Services include discounts on car rentals, tickets to events, travel health plans, and a car-purchasing plan. The latter is through our contact at Carter Auto Group where we receive their fleet pricing on any make and model of car. The members who have used this are very pleased.

e) Technology – Graham:

The Website is being tweaked and updated through meetings with Mike (webmaster). The menu and various sections have been streamlined to avoid repetitions. We would like to feature members' photographs to put into a slideshow. Please send photos to bcrpvpa@gmail.com

The members' survey has not yet been done this year. We are looking to do one in the spring to inform us about members' interests for topics and speakers. Survey Monkey will be used for this.

f) Chapter Council/Vice President – Eileen:

Eileen and Vivian attend as Vice-President and President of our association and are welcomed guests/observers at the Chapter Council meeting. Highlights for the February 19 and 20, 2016 meeting follow.

Friday, February 19:

Vivian spoke to the group about what we have been doing in the BCRPVPA specifically mentioning our new associate membership, health plan options, longevity, and the importance of community. Gordon welcomed the attendees and introduced Pat Horstead from the Ministry of Ed who spoke about Project Lead – Curriculum and Assessment. Gordon gave his President's report covering many visitations, meetings, and events. Staff reports were given as printed handouts.

Saturday, February 20:

The Deputy Minister of Ed, Dave Byng, spoke to the group about educational directions. Renzo Del Negro, the CEO of BCPSEA spoke to the topic "Forging Educational Change". Woody presented a brief report about the Leadership Development programs offered by the association. Warren, Harold and Kit gave an update from the area of contract and legal. Brian and Darren, both are directors, reviewed ideas about the role of Chapter Presidents and attendance at Chapter Council.

g) Membership and Sunshine – Leanna: no report.

h) Scholarships – Eileen, Christine, Jeff:

The scholarships for 2015 have been awarded and were reported in the last newsletter. Applications for 2016 are due the last Friday in September. Application forms will be on the website. We are quite unique in that we encourage applicants who are going into trade schools, technical schools, film schools, colleges, and other alternate tertiary programs, as well as universities to apply. Programs must be in BC.

i) Social/Meetings – Lanny.

No report but she does enjoy providing the food for our meetings and is open to suggestions for types of things to include.

Lanny was thanked for her fine efforts to keep us well nourished.

j) History – Vivian.

This is our 20th anniversary and we will be celebrating this at our AGM on May 4. We have gone from 20 to over 700 members. Our history is closely tied into the BCPVPA so we are looking into the history of both organizations. Allen Soltan, a partner in the law firm DLA Piper, will be one of our sources since he has considerable history with both organizations. We are also looking to our early members for stories. Anyone interested in assisting with the history committee please contact Vivian through [bcrpvpa@gmail.com](mailto:bcrpvpa@gmail.com)

We have looked into a venue for our celebration and have decided to have it here, at the BCPVPA Boardroom and possibly have it catered. Kit Krieger is willing to chair a panel of Past Presidents. Invitations are being mailed to the Past Presidents and we hope all of them will be able to attend.

We would like to have a generous selection of raffle/door prizes and will be asking for member donations. More information on donating prizes will be coming soon.

5. New Business:

a) For our members who wish to get together as groups in other areas of BC, we will provide support through our newsletter and ListServe. We can help them advertise their schedule of events and offer some assistance in setting up.

b) Elections: The new executive will be voted in at the AGM. Most positions to be filled are those of members-at-large. Members interested in putting their name forward to sit on the executive are encouraged to contact Gerald as soon as possible through [bcrpvpa@gmail.com](mailto:bcrpvpa@gmail.com)

Adjournment: 11:00

Moved Ted.

Seconded Anne. Carried.

Speaker: Mary Hamilton, a senior lawyer from DLA Piper, gave an excellent presentation on Incapacity Planning. Look for a write-up of this in a coming newsletter.

Lunch – Rogue Restaurant (no host)

Important dates to note:

*Executive meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 2016*

***Annual General Meeting: Wednesday, May 4, 2016  
at the BCPVPA office***