

BCRPVPA Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, May 6, 2015
Minutes

09:30–09:45 Meet and Greet

1. Call to order: 10:00 Vivian Rygnestad (Chair)

Attendees: Vivian R., Eileen P., Ted S., Mike M., Gerald S., Jean L., Olga W., Lanny Y., Christine J., Joy R., Donna R., Linda M., Leanna G., Charis K., Dorothy W., Laurie M., Susan B., Gerri G., Graham L., Len P., Graham M.

Regrets: Garry, Jeff, Ann & Rick

2. Adoption of the agenda

Moved: Ted

Seconded: Joy

Passed

3. Adoption of the AGM minutes from May 7, 2014

Moved: Gerald

Seconded: Eileen

Passed

4. Reports:

a. President (Vivian Rygnestad)

- Book Sale:

- books are all donated
- members encouraged to donate books relevant to administrators and teachers
- books can be dropped off at the BCPVPA office until the end of June
- books will be sold for \$2.00 each with proceeds going into the Scholarship fund
- books to be sold at UBC/BCPVPA Short Course in July to new administrators

- Vivian received an invitation from the Alumni Association of UBC and a representative of the Education Faculty

- met and discussed UBC's reaching out to and engaging with alumni and community at large
- part of UBC's fund raising drive
- "Ponderosa Commons" new education building to open January 2016

- offered to host one of our BCRPVPA meetings at the new building
- Executive:
 - thank you to Garry, Olga, Jean, Rick and Joy - leaving the executive for other responsibilities/commitments
 - thank you to Rick and Joy for their many years of work on the executive in various roles
 - thank you to everyone on executive - teamwork, enthusiasm, commitment to the BCRPVPA

b. Treasurer (Ted St. Pierre)

- Budget for 2015-2016 presented
- See Appendix 1
- Presented by Ted

Amendment: “That \$400.00 be moved from the Scholarships budget to Governance”

Moved: Ted
Seconded: Susan
Passed

Motion: “That the 2015-2016 budget be accepted as amended”

Moved: Ted
Seconded: Laurie
Passed

c. Chapter Council & Vice President (Eileen Phillips)

Summary reports are given following each chapter council session. The next CC will be on May 22 and 23, 2015.

Discussions this year have focused largely on recovering from the teachers’ strike, negotiations that concern unlocking the freeze that has been on school administrators salaries since 2010, professional development programs, morale and school atmosphere, and finding ways to increase positive exposure of BCPVPA members.

d. Pensions (Gerald Soon)

- a reminder that the annual \$20.00 BCRPVPA membership fee will be taken off July pension payments

e. Member Benefits (Gerald)

- the executive is endorsing Johnson Inc.’s new extended health benefits plan called “Prestige” as an additional benefit for members
- each member will have the choice between the new plan and the present plan by

Medoc/Pacific Blue Cross
- more details to come

f. Newsletters (Joy Ruffeski)

- only 61 members are requesting paper copies of the newsletters resulting in significant savings
- beginning in September, a new software program will be used
- members asked to contribute articles for the newsletters; send them at any time to the editors
- thank you to everyone who contributed articles and to those who helped in preparing the newsletters for mailing

g. Membership (Ann Warrender & Jean Logan)

Our membership numbers continue to grow and we expect new members from the June 2015 group of retirees. Currently we have more than 675 members, which is a significant number of retirees. I think our growing membership numbers are very positive and reflect well on the benefits of membership.

The membership fee is still only \$20.00, which is deducted annually from our pensions so the ease of renewing is appreciated by our membership. From all reports, members are pleased the newsletter and group benefits available to them. As well, there is strong support for the four scholarships we are able to present annually from our budget.

A special thanks to Jennifer Harfield, of the BCPVPA office, who keeps our data lists up to date and sends out correspondence on behalf of the Membership Committee. Thanks also to Jean Logan for her contribution to the Membership Committee.

Members are encouraged to bring retired colleagues as guests to our general meetings. We can answer any questions they have about our association and would welcome them to join the BCRPVPA.

h. Scholarships (Eileen Phillips, Jeff Larcombe, Garry Phillips)

This year, we presented 4 awards of \$500 each. The recipients and their parents were treated to dinner, courtesy of BCPVPA, at a ceremony at the Hilton Hotel in Richmond along with the BCPVPA recipients. 3 of our 4 recipients attended with their parents and it was a delight to meet these students, all of whom were enthusiastically in their first semester at their chosen education sites.

Kit has notified us that BCPVPA will be changing the way they present their scholarships. Starting this year, scholarships will be awarded in chapters and not at Chapter Council. This impacts how our awards will be presented.

Changes to our current application form were presented and discussed:

Pending approval at the AGM, we will offer 4 awards of \$1000 each (rather than of \$500 each).

Some additional wording will be included in our application:

- Students planning a 'gap year' should apply in the year in which they enroll in a post-secondary program.
- Financial need will also be considered.
- This essay could include an indication of financial need.

Also:

- The deadline for all materials will be changed to the last Friday in September. This year it will be on September 25th.
- Successful applicants will be notified by the end of October.
- Awards will be presented in November.

The awards committee recommends that \$400 be put aside for an awards luncheon to be held in November each year. Invited guests will be the 4 recipients, 2 of their parents or other adults they wish to bring, 3 members of the awards committee and the president of BCRPVPA. Maximum total =16.

This year's information will be late getting to students because the increase from \$500 to \$1000 needs approval at this May 6th AGM. We will use district school contacts, Richard's weekly newsletter to BCPVPA members, our list serve, word of mouth, and our website to make our scholarship/bursary known to potential applicants.

i. Social & Speakers (Olga Woodland & Lanny Young)

Speakers:

- Theme for this past year was Wellness and Fitness
- First presentation was on Oct 23 – presenter Annwen Loverin & Deb from Silver Harbor Senior's Activity Center in North Vancouver – 604 980 2474
- January Meeting – took place at the Artist for Kids Center, North Vancouver School District building; tour of the Gallery
- March Mtg. – Kris Taylor presented on Downsizing – renting vs buying; 5 commonly overlooked fixed income opportunities
- June Meeting –Rick Fabro – presentation re: his company White Moustache; Laurie Martin – presentation on different cheeses

j. Technology & Secretary (Mike McComb)

Surveys:

- the annual survey for ideas and suggestion for meetings and newsletters will be going out in June
- the new survey looking at the challenges of choosing to retire and in retirement, will go out in September

Our website is now linked with the BC Pensions website.

Encourage members to use the Listserve for presenting updates (ie. our scholarship applications), asking questions (ie. travel plans, recommending restaurants,...) and to initiate discussion on current situations

k. Sunshine (Christine Johnson)

- please contact us with sad or good news

l. BCRPVPA History (Vivian)

- 2016 is the 20th anniversary of the BCRPVPA
- a presentation will be made at the 2016 AGM plus our newsletters will feature articles from our history

5. Motion: “That the amount of the four scholarships be increased to \$1000.00 per Bursary/Scholarship as of 2015/16 year.”

Moved Eileen

Seconded: Christine

Passed

Motion: “That if finances warrant in future years, an additional \$1000.00 scholarship may be awarded at the recommendation of the executive.”

Moved: Joy

Seconded: Gerald

Passed

6. Vote on Notice of proposed revision of BCRPVPA Bylaws – eBulletin#5 March 13, 2015

Moved: Joy

Seconded: Gerald

Passed

7. Election of BCRPVPA Executive for 2015-16 (Gerald Soon, Past President)

Executive elected 2015-2016

President	Vivian Rygnestad
Vice President	Eileen Phillips
Treasurer	Ted St. Pierre
Secretary	Linda Meier
Past President	Gerald Soon

Members at Large

Newsletter	Graham Mulligan Lanny Young
Scholarship	Eileen Phillips (ex officio) Christine Johnson Jeff Larcombe
Speakers Meeting /Food	Ann Warrender Lanny Young
Membership/ Sunshine	Leanna Garner
Affinity/ Pensions	Gerald Soon
Technology	Mike McComb

Historical Committee	Nick Parker-Jervis Gord Wallington Joy Ruffeski

8. Dates for 2015-2016:

- a. General Meetings and AGM
 - Tues. October 20 BCPVPA office
 - Wed. January 13 BCPVPA office
 - Wed. March 9 TBA
 - Wed. May 4 AGM at BCPVPA office

- b. Executive Meetings

Wed. Sept. 16	BCPVPA office
Tues. Nov. 24	“
Wed. Feb. 10	“
Tues. April 12	“

c. Newsletter Deadlines for Submissions

TBA

9. Adjournment

Moved: Joy

Passed

Speakers:

Rick Fabbro of “White Moustache”

Laurie Martin of “Cheeseman”

No host lunch

Appendix 1

BC Retired Principals' & Vice-Principals' Association Statement of Operations

For the Ten Months Ending April 30, 2015

(Unaudited)

	March 31, ^{April 30} 2015	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed Budget 2015 - 2016
Revenue			
Membership Dues	\$ 13,340.00	\$ 13,000	13,500.00
Interest	120.76	\$ 200	130
Advertising Income	50.00	50	50
	13,510.76	13,250	13,680.00
Expenditures			
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Communications	2,840.68	3,000	3,800.00
Membership Expenses	0.00	150	100
Meeting Costs	740.51	700	800
Student Scholarships	2,000.00	4,000	4,400
Hospitality/Sunshine	251.98	500	500
Governance	330.44	550	800
Technology	565.45	1,200	1,200
	6,729.06	10,100	11,600.00
Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	\$ 6,781.70	\$ 3,150	2,080.00

These statements are unaudited and are for management purposes only.

Surplus 2014-2015
3,000

Excess of Revenue over Expenditures
5,080

Unrestricted Reserve Fund
\$15,967.23