

BCRPVPA Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, May 4, 2016
Minutes

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

Vivian welcomed everyone to the AGM and the celebration of the 20th year of the BCRPVPA . She invited those present to introduce themselves and say a few words. She suggested they briefly tell the group when they retired, from which district, and something personal that they'd like to mention.

2. Adoption of May 4, 2016 agenda

Moved: Ben

Seconded: Rick

Passed

3. Adoption of the AGM minutes from May 6, 2015

Moved: Joy

Seconded: Ted

Passed

4. Reports:

a. President (Vivian Rygnestad)

Vivian thanked those present for coming and gave an overview of the order for the meeting. In her report, she thanked the executive for their hard work and their dedication to the Association. She spoke of friendship, trust and commitment amongst the members. The accomplishments of the past two years (e.g., working with Johnsons Inc and the BCRT to present a new health plan alternative, adding a new membership category - associate membership, review of the bylaws, increase in scholarship amounts) were highlighted. Vivian also thanked all members for their participation in our Association. She has particularly enjoyed hearing from those who cannot attend our meetings and who have made contact through emails, by phoning, and by sending newsletter articles. Vivian spoke about the Book Sale we hold at the Summer Short Course held at UBC and invited members to drop off their no longer needed leadership and teaching books to the BCPVPA office before the end of June. We sell the books for \$2 each and the proceeds go towards our Scholarship Fund.

Vivian presented a plaque detailing the names and dates of service of all the Past Presidents of the BCRPVPA. This was received with delight. It will hang in the BCPVPA office and names will be added as future Presidents complete their terms of office.

b. Treasurer (Ted St. Pierre)

Motion by Ted: that the Statement of Financial Position ending March 31,2016 be accepted.

Seconded by Ann W.

Passed

Budget of 2016-2017 presented

Motion by Ted: that the budget of 2016-2017 be accepted.

Seconded by Rick

Passed

c. Chapter Council & Vice President (Eileen Phillips)

Report given below.

d. Pensions (Harold Krische BCPVPA)

No report.

e. Member Benefits (Gerald Soon)

Report given below.

f. Newsletters (Graham Mulligan, Lanny Young)

Report given below.

g. Membership & Sunshine (Leanna Garner)

Report given below.

h. Scholarships (Eileen Phillips, Jeff Larcombe, Christine Johnson)

Report given below.

i. Speakers (Ann Warrender)

Report given below.

j. Technology (Graham Mulligan)

Report given below

k. BCRPVPA History (Vivian)

A group of members have started working on a joint history of the BCRPVPA and the BCPVPA. The committee includes: Vivian, Joy, Nick, Gord, and Graham as well as others from the BCPVPA. If you are interested in being on this committee please contact Vivian.

5. New Business:

Election of BCRPVPA Executive for 2016-17 (officiated by Gerald Soon, Past President)

President:	Eileen Phillips
Vice President:	Ted St. Pierre
Treasurer:	Lanny Young
Secretary:	Linda Meier
Past President:	Vivian Rygnestad

Members at Large:

Newsletter/Technology:	Graham Mulligan
Scholarship:	Christine Johnson, Jeff Lacombe, Ted St. Pierre
Speakers:	Ann Warrender
Meeting/Food:	Lanny Young
Membership/Sunshine:	Leanna Garner

Affinity
Pensions

Roy Sakata
Gerald Soon

6. Dates for 2016-2017:

a) General Meetings and AGM

Wed. Oct. 19, 2016
Wed. Jan. 18, 2017
Wed. March 8, 2017
Wed. May 3 (AGM)

b) Executive Meetings

Wed. Sept. 14, 2016
Wed. Nov. 9, 2016
Wed. Feb. 8, 2017
Wed. April 12, 2017

Speakers:

Kit Krieger and Past Presidents

We were treated to an enlightening historical journey detailing the founding and development of the BCRPVPA,

9. Adjournment was called followed by a buffet lunch.

Summary Reports for May 4, 2016 AGM

Chapter Council (Eileen Phillips)

The president and vice-president of the BCRPVPA attend Chapter Council meetings as observers and guests of the BCPVPA. We are welcomed and are given a chance to speak to the group. At such times, we bring the attendees of Chapter Council up to date about our organization. For example:

- How to join
- Benefits of membership
- Scholarship applications
- Any recent changes – i.e., this past year we introduced associate memberships and a new extended health plan alternative

While attending Chapter Council we take part in discussions and also listen to the invited speakers. We are privileged to have a close working relationship with the BCPVPA and value our opportunity to attend these meetings.

Summaries of Chapter Council are presented at our General Meetings and written up in the minutes for these.

Scholarships / Bursaries (Christine Johnson, Jeff Larcombe and Eileen Phillips)

Our scholarship/bursary committee met and carefully reviewed all applications in September and October of 2015. We were looking for students who had strong references regarding long-term service to both their school and community. Also, we considered financial need, types of courses taken and grades. We are unique in that we also look for students who are going into all types of tertiary education – seeking applicants who are attending technical schools and trade programs as well as those pursuing degrees at colleges and universities. The selected students must be graduating from a BC public secondary school and must be enrolled in a BC tertiary institution. We do make allowances for a ‘gap year’ and encourage students taking a year away from formal studies to apply the year they are registered in post-secondary education. Application forms (which were recently revised) are available on our website and are due the last Friday of September each year.

In November, we presented four scholarships – the first time that we have offered awards of \$1000 each. We thank our members for approving this amount. An increased membership, the wide acceptance of our newsletter as an on-line publication, and money from our used leadership/teaching book sale help to fund our scholarships.

The 2015-2016 recipients were: Nancy Lu, SD 39; Morgan Grigg SD 58; Thomas Riley Whittaker SD 23; and, Shanna Yeung SD 39. Photos and brief bios of these fine students were presented in our January 2016 newsletter.

Affinity Report (Gerald Soon)

There are benefits to membership in the BC Retired Principals & Vice-Principals’ Association.

Members have been offered discounts or offers for discounts through:

Perkopolis – which presents special offers to members on a regular basis. Members need to sign up with Perkopolis, using the code BCRPVPA. Most recently offers were for discounts on a wide variety of offerings: trips, car rentals, merchandise such as shoes, special events, etc. Monthly updates with new offerings continue to make this site attractive for BCRPVPA members.

Enterprise/National Car/ and Alamo car rental companies are all under ownership of Enterprise International. Members are offered free membership in the Emerald program.

Avis Rental Cars:

BC Retired Principals & Vice Principals Travelers can save up to 25% off Avis base rates* when making a reservation with Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) number **C358500**. Complete your reservation and receive instant online and email confirmation of your travel plans.

Collette Vacations

Located at 205 – 6820 – 188 St. Surrey , Collette Vacations offers discounts on any of their tours for BCRPVPA members. For information or reservations call Tom Maclean, District Sales Manager at: 1-866-537-1925 and identify yourself as a BCRPVPA member.

OTI

Located at 3220 W. Broadway, Vancouver, OTI offers BCRPVPA members discounts on travel to Greece, Italy, Turkey, and Egypt. For information or reservations call 604-738-3433, and identify yourself as a BCRPVPA member.

Johnson Inc. Insurance

BCRPVPA members are offered a new Extended Health and Travel insurance plan as an alternative choice to the Extended Health benefit plan that they may have with Pacific Blue Cross. The Prestige extended health care program includes a multi trip travel insurance plan (up to a maximum of 62 days per trip).

One of the best advantages for a member is that with Prestige, there is a no stability clause. With Medoc, there is a 90 day stability clause for pre-existing medical conditions. This means one must have no new treatment, or new medication, no new symptoms, or change in frequency of symptoms, no hospitalization or referral to a specialist for the 90 days prior to travel. The Prestige plan is less restrictive and covers sudden and unforeseen medical emergencies.

There is no obligation for a member to take advantage of this option for their health and travel insurance needs. The BCRVPA is endorsing it as an affinity benefit, and advises members to consider whether the Prestige program fits the need for their personal circumstances.

Should a member decide to move from Pacific Blue Cross, it is a matter of notifying the Pension Corp as to their decision. Once a change in coverage is made, should a member decide to return to their Pacific Blue Cross coverage, it is possible if they give a 90 day in advance application.

For more information, contact Lisa Hanson of Johnson Inc. at: 604-881-8840
Toll free 1-866-799-0000.

Purchase ANY make or model of a brand new vehicle at a reduced price! One of the best Affinity benefits, is the Carter Auto Group offer for our members. Do your own research and decide on the make and model of the car you would like to consider purchasing. (You can even ask for the price on two different vehicles!) Know the colour choice and options you want. Then, contact LYNDEN BEST, Account manager. He can be reached at lynden.best@carterauto.com or by calling 604-542-5457.

Newsletter Report (Graham Mulligan)

Report to the AGM

Newsletter editor: Graham Mulligan

Newsletter mailing: Lanny Young

Issue #65 – October, 2015

Issue #66 – January 2016

Issue #67 – March 2016

Issue #68 – May 2016

The transition from the previous newsletter editor, Joy Ruffeski, took place with Issue #65. New production software was required as the previous newsletters had been produced on software owned by Joy personally. The new software is Adobe InDesign and is licensed to BCRPVPA on a yearly basis.

The design and layout of the newsletter is similar to previous issues with the Wise Owl logo and President's Message leading off. The popular cartoon 'Just Kidding' from retired Principal Rod McLean is still on the last page. A new cover page featuring a large photograph from a member gives the newsletter a new look however. A series of four articles on 'green investing' runs from issue #66 to issue #69. In addition, to mark the 20th year celebration of the BCRPVPA as an organization, a series featuring Past Presidents has been popular.

The newsletter is distributed to over 600 members electronically and mailed paper issues are sent to approximately 60 members.

Membership Report (Leanna Garner)

Report to the AGM

May 4, 2016

During the past twenty years we have grown from a few members to over 700. Our members now can be found travelling, living, working, teaching or being school administrators in many countries of the world.

We look forward to increasing our membership. Please encourage other retired (our about-to-be retired) principals and vice-principals to join the BCRPVPA. We offer many benefits including a choice of extended health/travel plans. BCRPVPA Membership application forms can be found on our website.

If you move or change any of your contact information, please let us know. In particular please ensure we have your current email address.

Thank you to all our members for your support.

Speakers' Report (Ann Warrender)

May 4, 2016

During our 2015-2016 year we were fortunate to have had speakers for our general meetings who provided informative and interesting presentations. Feedback from those in attendance at the meetings has been positive. We are also pleased to provide a summary of each presentation for our association newsletter so that all members can benefit from the speakers expertise.

Our program for the year was as follows:

October 20, 2015 Dennis Ducklow spoke on the topic "Photographing People"

January 13, 2016 Lisa Hansen of Johnson Inc. provided information regarding the new extended health and travel insurance plan for BCRPVPA/BCRTA members.

March 9, 2016 Lawyer Mary Hamilton of the law firm DLA Piper spoke on the topic of "Incapacity Planning" and distributed a booklet that includes wills and estate planning.

May 4, 2016 This AGM celebrates the 20th anniversary of the BCRPVPA. Kit Krieger, Executive Director of the BCPVPA will facilitate a panel of past BCRPVPA presidents as they recall changes and growth in our organization.

For next year we are asking members to assist us in finding an "away" venue in the lower mainland for one meeting of the year. We are also looking for a speaker from that district to make it easier for them to get to the meeting without a lengthy travel time. Please contact me if you have any ideas that can help us out with organizing the meeting.

Our Survey Monkey also gives us ideas about what topics members recommend as important for speakers to present. Many thanks for your input so we can make sure the speakers reflect your interests.

We owe a debt of gratitude to our speakers who share their time and expertise with us. It is heartening to recognize the community support we receive from these very talented and knowledgeable speakers.

Submitted
Ann Warrender
Chair, Speakers

BCRPVPA Technology (Graham Mulligan)

The role of Technology coordinator for BCRPVPA was transitioned to Graham Mulligan at the October General Meeting. The duties involve the oversight of the Website, Listserve and Survey Monkey.

BCRPVPA Website - <http://bcrpvpa.ca/dev/index.html>

The website is undergoing a rebuild and update to ensure the currency and accuracy of the content. The website is maintained by SplatterGraphics (<http://www.splattergraphics.com/>).

BCRPVPA Listserve – 231 members currently; Owner of the listserv is 'Bc Rpvpa'; most recent member joined 2016 (1 member) then it goes back to 2014 for the 2nd most recent member joined. This method of communication is highly correlated to usefulness and will need to be either re-invigorated or...

BCRPVPA Survey Monkey – the most recent survey was August 2014 'Demographics and Desires' (results reported in Chronicles and Capers, Issue 62, January 2015). The Newsletter was the subject of a survey in April 2012. One survey asked "What is the best time of year for a survey?" with May and September indicated as the preferred months. Conclusion – a Newsletter survey will be created and sent to members in May, 2016; a 'Demographics & Desires' survey will be created and sent to members in September, 2016.