

**Vancouver Island CJA
Meeting 9:00 to 10:30 AM
Thurs. December 10, 2009**

Record of Proceedings

Present (16)

Marion Little (Chair)
Miles Anderson
Steve Howell
Phil Hoen
Bill Huzar
Marvin Goertz
R.E. Bob Brown
Hank Mathias
Bob Mitchell
John Braithwaite
Harold Munn
Sheila Paul (Recorder)
Breanna Bryan
Chantal Jacques
Clark Russell
Peter Lauren

Regrets (9)

Roger Cutler
Erich Schellhammer
Eleanor Creighton
Bill Foster
Marcia Williams
Joslin Sinclair
David Wilmot
Anju Cheema
Ralph Sketchley

1. Welcome & Introductions

Following a welcome by Marion, attendees introduced themselves and shared their expectations for this meeting. Sheila received 9 confirmations so it's good to see more people. John read Jeff Christian's (President BCCJA) letter and it was distributed to everyone.

2. Mission Statement

After review and discussion of the mission statement, some changes were suggested. John read a motion that was passed unanimously at the BCCJA meeting to recognize "branch" instead of chapter. John and Bob were invited to submit details to the Justice Report outlining the first ever such branch of the CJA in Canada.

The statement now reads as follows:

The Vancouver Island Branch of the BCCJA affirms the CCJA National Mission. We engage professionals, volunteers, Vancouver Island communities, government and nongovernmental organizations to serve and enhance crime prevention, criminal and social justice.

3. Constitutional Bylaws

Bill Huzar spent 6 hours reviewing and revising 23 pages of the provincial CJA statement to make

it appropriate for our branch. Thanks to Bill for his due diligence on our behalf. We need to engage Jeff and provincial members in dialogue and constitutional matters.

4. Interim Board of Directors

March 1st is set to decide on a permanent Board of Directors and its structure, especially in light of a symposium, tentatively set for the end of February. Clark reminded us about the Olympics possibly distracting attention.

Marion, Sheila and Miles offered to continue as the interim board. Jim may also be involved as our honorary chair.

5. Symposium Discussion

Discussion around how to gain “young blood” in the symposium included: write a letter to post secondary criminology department heads, invite co-op students, and reserve constables. One day participation may encourage more commitment.

Other comments: > making symposium FREE was deemed as important
> have a meeting following it to capture energy and enthusiasm
> series of shorter evening sessions as opposed to one-day event; keep interest level
> set-up information booths like Victoria Cool Aid Society and more

A committee will be set up to help Jim with plans. Miles will contact him to confirm date and venue, possibly UVic.

7. Next Meeting

As customary, an RSVP to Sheila would be appreciated psp3@shaw.ca

Upper Lounge
Church of St. John the Divine
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Thursday, January 14, 2010