

Vancouver Island CJA
Meeting 9:00 to 10:30 AM
Thursday, February 11, 2010
Record of Proceedings

Present (16)

Marion Little (Chair)	Loraine Bosgra
Hank Mathias	Bill Foster
Breanna Bryan	Vaughan Barrett
Chantal Jacques	Bill Huzar
Bob Brown (Recorder)	Dave Johnson
Donna Geer	Don Demers
John Braithwaite	Anju Cheema
David Wilmot	Clark Russell

Regrets (09)

Miles Anderson	Sheila Paul
Bob Downie	Harold Munn
Marvin Goertz	Steve Howell
Eleanor Creighton	Marcia Williams
Jim Hackler	

1. Welcome

Marion welcomed all in attendance and indicated that as a result of two of the participants needing to leave early the customary participant introduction would occur as the 4th agenda item.

2. Executive Committee

As a result of VICJA's election/nomination process Marion expressed her delight with the outcome and shared the following results.

- President Miles Anderson
- Vice President Chantal Jacques
- Secretary Sheila Paul
- Treasurer Dave Johnson

Bob, on behalf of the membership, once again thanked Marion for the critical role that she played in facilitating the monthly meetings and contributing to the evolution and introduction of the Canadian Criminal Justice Association's first affiliate (British Columbia Criminal Justice Association) branch – VICJA. He also

highlighted that Miles is in the process of arranging for the first Executive Committee meeting for 2010 03 02 – potentially at the Victoria John Howard Society. Dave has agreed to establish a VICJA bank account and is in the process of identifying and collapsing other small accounts that have a history with BCCJA activity in Victoria.

3. Symposium Update

As a result of a meeting held on 2010 02 08 with Miles, Bob and Vaughan provided the following update:

- Symposium is now set for Sunday 2010 03 14;
- Adam Bishop has initiated contact with the media;
- Bob confirmed that the Victoria Police Chief Constable has agreed to provide \$100.00 support for the event – Clark shared that they are close to identifying the Vic PD panel representative;
- The 1st portion of the symposium is in relatively “good shape” with a keynote address by Alan Markwart.
- Further attention and energy is needed for the second portion of the event and Bob indicated that he would be meeting with Jim Hackler on the weekend in an attempt to build on the contributions to date of Marion, Miles, Vaughan, Bill and Steve Howell.¹
- When the electronic flyer is distributed it was requested that it be circulated further or posted as deemed appropriate by all VICJA supporters

4. Introduction of Participants

All in attendance introduced themselves & unfortunately Bob and John had to excuse themselves from the remainder of the meeting.

5. Camosun College – Student Positions²

Lorraine Bosgra from Camosun College made a request for Criminal Justice volunteer or co-op student positions. Students are scheduled for a volunteer or a paid work term starting May - Aug. Contact Lorraine if you could make use of a Camosun student: BosgraL@camosun.bc.ca

6. Domestic Violence

Clark Russell reported that there is a lot going on through the Solicitor General's Office regarding domestic violence. They are currently forming an integrated domestic violence unit for the CRD using current workers and current resources. The aim is to improve delivery of service.

¹ Subsequent to our February 11th session Bob & John had a very positive and productive meeting with Jim on 2010 02 13. The results and actions required will be prepared and distributed on an as need basis.

² The “record” for the remaining agenda items was provided by the Meeting Chair.

Victoria Statistics:

- Domestic Violence incidents: 3,100 last year (conservative) 20 % result in charges.
- 2005–2010 statistics are fairly steady
- Mary Ellen Turpell-Lafond completed a report in the fall to be released in April. A young child in BC was killed last year during a domestic violence incident.

A general discussion resulted concerning domestic violence and links to youth homelessness, youth experiences of violence, criminal activity, etc. The discussion also addressed domestic violence response & prevention programs in other parts of Canada:

- Waterloo;
- Edmonton – Zebra Project;
- Orca project; and,
- Mary Manning in Victoria

7. Next Meeting

Notice concerning the next meeting will be forwarded by the Association's Secretary.

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