

Vancouver Island Criminal Justice Association Meeting
St-John the Divine Church
Record of Proceedings
2011-11-18

Present (13)

Chantal Jacques (recorder)

Bob Mitchell

Phil Hoen

Peter Lauren

Harold Munn

Anju Cheema

Roger Cutler

Bob Brown

Bill Foster

Hank Mathias

Natasha Oset

Miles Anderson (chair)

John Braithwaite

Regrets (14)

Ranj Atwal

Marcia Williams

Donna Geer

Joslin Sinclair

Lorraine Bosgra

Bob Downie

Sheila Paul

Dave Johnson

Marv Goertz

Jennifer Phillips

Clark Russell

Marion Little

Cindy Jones

Steve Howell

1. Call to order

2. Welcome and introductions

3. Review of business arising from October meeting:

a. December 9th social event.

Miles Anderson will ask Sheila Paul to survey the association's membership about their interest in attending the event. He will explore the possibility of bringing WannaWafel to the social event, if there is sufficient interest from the membership. If WannaWafel can't commit, then it is suggested that we host a "pot luck" type event.

b. VICJA status update

Miles Anderson discussed with Chris Thomson the status of the VICJA, in relation to the BCCJA/CCJA, at the BCCJA Board Meeting on October 21, 2010. It is suggested that a BCCJA subcommittee be created, to explore the option of redesigning the BCCJA's structure, to allow for the creation of branches in the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island

and other regions interested in an affiliation with the BCCJA. It is suggested that Miles Anderson would be a member of the subcommittee.

c. Sudan Prison Event - November 25, 2010 – St-John the Divine Church

Bob Brown confirmed that the event is ready to go. Around 200 invitations have been sent. The poster has been distributed to the media, cultural groups, colleges and universities. So far only 23-24 participants have registered. Members are encouraged to spread the word about the event.

d. Cinema night

In the absence of Cindy, Miles indicated that the discussion with Camosun College will be pursued in relation to this event. The auditorium fee can be waived if a majority of participants are students. Roger Cuttler will contact Steve Howell to see if something could be planned accordingly.

e. Congress 2013 -Miles

It was agreed that we start exploring the possibility of the VICJA sponsoring an event at the 2013 Congress. Hank Mathias has volunteered to be the contact for this project. It was felt that it would be more realistic to host the VICJA's workshop in Vancouver, rather than trying to bring delegates to the Island. Nevertheless, it was suggested by John Braithwaite that the door should remain open to the organization of activities on the Island, perhaps in support of the spouse's component of the Congress' Program. Miles indicated that the sponsoring/hosting of an event at the Congress would translate into the VICJA being able to access a portion of the Congress' revenue/profit .

4. New business

a. Update CCJA National Meeting

John Braithwaite reported on a discussion by the Social Issues Committee relating to Deaths in Custody and Public Safety. He indicated that there was a decision by the Public Awareness and Visibility Committee, to gather all the position/policy papers developed over time by CCJA and to develop a strategy to make them available.

The 2011 Congress will take place in Quebec City October 26-29, in partnership with la Société de Criminologie du Québec. The theme is "Breaking Down Barriers for Better Success in Changing Times - 50 years of Criminology". A call for papers has been issued.

John Braithwaite spoke of an "Alberta Initiative" challenging each regional/provincial affiliate to make a program contribution to the Congress and to invest \$2000 in assisting attendance at the Congress.

Irving Kulig is seeking a fundraiser who will canvas and encourage the private sector to financially support the 2013 Congress.

The CCJA membership recording system is being revamped. This should help better track the membership and receive amended information in a more timely manner.

b. WHI open house

The event planned for September has been rescheduled to March 2, 2010. Invitations will be sent to the members of the VICJA.

c. Request from BCCJA for VICJA members contact info.

It is suggested that Sheila Paul survey the VICJA membership and ask if:

- 1) VICJA members contact info should be made available to BCCJA
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5. Other items from the members

John Braithwaite informed the members of his meeting with WHI's senior managers, to discuss permitting a performance of the WHOS (William Head on Stage) in the community. John was accompanied by Harold Munn. Norman Younie, the Chair of the WHI CAC, was invited but did not attend. John indicated that he received support from WHI's senior managers to continue to explore the support of the community for such an event.