

**Vancouver Island Criminal  
Justice Association VICJA**

**Record of Proceedings  
Thursday 2011 08 11  
10:00 AM to 11:45 AM**

**Present (13)**

Vaughan Barrett	Bill Foster
RE Bob Brown (REB & Recorder))	John Braithwaite
Cindy Jones	Jennifer Phillips
Bill Huzar	Jayne Harvey
Hank Mathias	Peter Lauren
Donna Geer	Phil Hoen
Bob Mitchell	

**Regrets (01) Bob Peterson**

Unfortunately Bob was not advised of the cancellation of the July Meeting and showed up on the 14<sup>th</sup> to an empty meeting room.

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

Following some welcoming and introductory remarks by Vaughan those in attendance briefly introduced themselves and as a first time participant Vaughan welcomed Jayne a Parole Officer from Victoria Parole attending the meeting while on annual leave.

**2. Current Executive Vacancies**

Vaughan confirmed that the VICJA members and supporters were not aware of the resignation of Miles Anderson from the executive. Miles' letter of resignation that took effect on 2011 07 20 was passed around for review.

Following discussion concerning an appropriate response to the VICJA Executive vacancies (President and Secretary) the following motion was presented by Bob M. and seconded by John B.

- Vaughan Barrett assume the Presidency from his current VP position
- Bill Foster assumes the VP position
- Bob Brown assumes the Secretary position.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Dave Johnson will continue as Treasurer. This Executive will be in place until the scheduled January 2012 election. Vaughan voiced confidence in the current group and readily accepted the challenges of the next five months.

### **3. VICJA BCCJA Agreement**

Vaughan provided an overview of his ongoing dialogue with BCCJA and more specifically with the president Chris Thompson. John B. indicated that he was aware that a number of the BCCJA board members are supportive of proceeding with the agreement of affiliation. Vaughan clarified that the current discussions relate to an affiliation agreement and not establishing a branch via the *Societies Act*. REB indicated that as a result of Vaughan's supportive approach considerable progress has been made. It was indicated further that this is the first such affiliation agreement to be pursued in this fashion and our collective patience is required to ensure due diligence. It was reported that BCCJA will be having a Board of Directors teleconference on this issue scheduled for Tuesday August 16<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped at that time that there will be support for the current agreement. Vaughan indicated that neither party will be signing the agreement until such time as the membership has the opportunity to review the document.

### **4. Dialogue With the BC Law Foundation**

Bill F. reported on his recent discussions with Wayne Robertson the Executive Director of the Law Foundation. It was indicated that we are in the appropriate application cycle. Bill F. indicated that he is pursuing small grant funding in the amount of 5K one time only seed money for VICJA and 15K for BCCJA and Congress 2013. Through the discussion, it was confirmed that a provisional budget will be required for the 5K submission.

### **5. Logo Contest**

REB provided an overview and status report on the logo contest. It was acknowledged that considerable energy was put into this initiative by Hank, assisted by past BCCJA president Jeff Christian. As a result, 8 logos were received by the specified deadline.

Bob M. moved that the established process for the contest reported in previous meetings be honoured as the next step. Bill F. seconded the motion and it was supported unanimously.

REB indicated that the target date for the presentations to the winners remains September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**Action:** REB with the assistance of Vaughan will liaise further with the members who have agreed to donate to this contest.

John B. reminded everyone that CCJA has also agreed to provide the tax receipts and donate 3 CCJA memberships to the winners. With this arrangement CCJA is required to participate in the judging of the contest.

Bob M. moved that VICJA support the involvement of CCJA in this contest. This was seconded by John B. and passed unanimously.

**Action:** REB to distribute the logos to Donna Geer, Steve Howell and Mhora Hepburn to reduce the 8 submitted down to 5 for a final judging by the panel consisting of Helen and Ted Hughes, Jamie Graham, Bob Peterson, Terry Richardson and Debbie Thompson.

**Action:** REB with the assistance of John B. liaise further with CCJA re the issues above.

## **6. WHOS William Head on Stage**

John B. provided an update on this initiative. William Head Institution has forwarded a recommendation to the CSC Regional Deputy Commissioner for a presentation of readings at the Metro Theatre on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011. He suggested the possibility of VICJA participation with the audience following the presentations. It was also reported that with the assistance of current Vancouver resident but VICJA member Harold Munn, support for this project has been obtained from the Dean of the Anglican Church of British Columbia. There is also the possibility of support from the Roman Catholic Diocese of BC. It was recommended that letters to this effect be forwarded directly to the Regional Deputy Commissioner.

## **7. August 24<sup>th</sup> Public Safety Canada Round Table Meeting**

REB indicated that he is currently under contract with Public Safety Canada in relation to a review of offender employment and employability. As a result of this, a Round Table Meeting will be held at the Victoria Native Friendship Centre on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Participation in this meeting is by invitation only. Participants for the meeting are coming from the construction industry, various nongovernmental organizations, CSC and CORCAN staff, BC Corrections, the Industrial Training Authority, trade schools, Washington State Department of Corrections and representatives from other Provincial Ministries. REB extended an invitation to this meeting to the VICJA President which was accepted. REB indicated he had approached 2 VICJA members to assist at the meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>. They both agreed to participate subject to VICJA support.

Donna moved that VICJA participate as requested and support the Round Table Meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>. This was seconded by Bill H. and endorsed unanimously.

Subsequent to the meeting Donna and Bill F. agreed to attend and assist on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The intent of the participation and support is to contribute and heighten the profile of VICJA.

## **8. Residential Treatment Centres for Youth.**

Cindy provided copies for all in attendance of her letter that was forwarded to various local print media. Cindy highlighted her concern with the lack of residential treatment capacity for youth who are struggling with substance abuse. Vaughan suggested that Cindy prepare a proposal to be considered by VICJA at a future meeting.

## **9. WHOS Board of Directors**

Phil indicated that the profile of VICJA could be enhanced if there was VICJA representation on the WHOS Board of Directors. Vaughan suggested that Phil prepare a proposal on this issue for further discussion at a future meeting.

## **10. Meeting Format**

Vaughan indicated a desire that future meetings not only address the administrative issues but that time is found for discussion of relevant community issues that are current and topical.

## **11. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is confirmed as highlighted below. For the September Meeting an RSVP to Vaughan [vaughanbarrett@hotmail.com](mailto:vaughanbarrett@hotmail.com) would be appreciated.

**Lower Lounge  
Church of St. John the Divine  
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM  
Thursday, September 08, 2011**

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