

**VICTORIA BAR ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF JANUARY 16, 2007**

Meeting called to order by Kerry Simmons at 5:01 pm.

Members present:

Kerry Simmons	Richard Fyfe
James Legh	Nisha Bathe
Robert Janes	Carmen Rogers
Michael Cooper	Noel Lenaghan
Brook MacLeod	Renee Miller
Kay Melbye	Scott Farquhar
Kismet Bhandar	Charlotte Salomon
Menaka Giri	Sue Wishart
Andrew Petter	Gary Kinar
Ruari McLennan	

1. MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2006 meeting by Michael Cooper, seconded by Jim Legh – carried.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- a. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS – Kerry Simmons welcomed new members of the executive and gave those members a brief synopsis of typical procedure at meetings.
- b. MEMBERSHIP – Kerry Simmons advised that 126 members of the bar had renewed their VBA membership and that renewals were pouring in.
- c. PAST CORRESPONDENCE – invitation to the leadership awards dinner received and an invitation from the CLE Board to a lunch (February 16, 2007 in Victoria – Magnolia) will be circulated to the members by email. The CLE is seeking feedback and input.
- d. VICTORIA CALL CEREMONIES – 2007 call dates will be published when known

3. VICE PRESIDENT/REGISTRAR REPORT: Scott Farquhar advised that he would be working with the awards committee to try to elicit nominations as early as possible this year.

4. TRESURER'S REPORT:

- a. Michael Cooper reported that the bank balance stands at \$10,155.99 as of January 16, 2007. Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Jim Legh, seconded by Noel Lenaghan, carried;
- b. Michael's report on his findings in relation to the VBA UVIC law school bursary and founders award were discussed. Moved by Jim Legh, seconded by Nisha Bathe to
 1. contribute \$2550 to the Founder's Award, to be matched by funds by the Law Foundation, so that the Award reaches

\$11,120.00 and generates \$500 per year (note we will still need to make a contribution to the Founder's Award in 2007 as the endowment won't generate funds until 2008)

2. ask UVic to alter the terms of reference for the VBA Bursary to reflect that the award is the amount generated by the fund;
 3. top up the amount generated by the fund so that the award for 2007 is \$2500; carried.
- c. Request for funds for Law Day discussed. Motion to provide funds in the amount of \$1,500.00 on the condition that funds not spent be returned by Nisha Bathe, seconded by Jim Legh, carried;
 - d. Request for funds for Lawyers on Stage discussed. Motion to provide funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 by Charlotte Salomon, seconded by Jim Legh, carried.

5. SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR:

- a. Richard Fyfe reported that 25 members have signed up for the curling bonspiel and that 16 teams or 64 members can sign up. Curlers of all levels of experience, and individual curlers (to fill out existing teams) are invited to sign up – the event is on Saturday January 27, 2007.
- b. Bands are invited to sign up for the 2nd annual Battle of the Bands to be held March 9, 2007;
- c. Judge Filmer's retirement dinner (not a VBA event) is now sold out.
- d. The Vancouver Island Head Injury fundraising opportunity request will be taken to the accountants by Charlotte Salomon.

6. WEBSITE AND EMAIL: Nisha Bathe invited members to use the Forum which is now operating and she will look into an email address for the VBA executive that does not include "Hotmail.com".

7. COURT LIASISON: Kismet Bhandar advised that there is nothing new to report.

8. LAW DAY: Kerry Simmons reported that the next Law Day meeting is on January 22, 2007.

9. NEWSLETTER: Jim Legh reports that the next newsletter will come out at the end of February – submissions, information, news tidbits are invited.

10. VICTORIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: Nothing new to report.

11. PROTOCOL ON THE DEATH OF A MEMBER: Jim Legh's proposal was discussed and a motion by Charlotte Salomon, seconded by Noel Lenaghan, and carried was to adopt the following: The President of the VBA, or the President's designate:

- a. shall contact the family to express condolences;
- b. forthwith circulate a notice to the membership providing notice of the member's death, particulars of the length of call, last known place of practice, particulars of the funeral if known, and any other information that the president deems appropriate;
- c. shall include mention of the passing in the next newsletter; and

- d. the VBA will not arrange for memorials or recognition ceremonies at the courthouse, but will circulate notices of the same if they are arranged by others.

12. PAST PRESIDENTS PLAQUE: Scott Farquhar advised that he should be able to show us the plaque at the next meeting of the executive.

13. SPEAKER SERIES: Several executive members will investigate setting up a lecture series for lunch meetings which are of interest to all lawyers.

14. BENCHER'S REPORT: No report.

15. CBA REPORT: Kay Melbye advised that the next CBA meeting would be at the end of January and she reminded the executive of the many benefits and discounts available to CBA members.

16. UVIC REPORT: Andrew Petter:

- a. once again thanked the VBA, Michael Cooper and other members of the executive for their hard work in settling issues around the VBA bursary;
- b. Advised that the Law Foundation was providing funding for the law library and had invited the application for a substantially higher grant for the Law Center. Andrew believes that the invitation might indicate secure future funding;
- c. Confirmed that that the Law Foundation has set aside \$250,000.00 to match contributions to UVic Law bursaries and awards and that these funds will be available over the next few years until depleted;
- d. Advised that Glen Gallins has been nominated for the UVic Leadership award and that Ron Lou Poy has been named as the recipient of a lifetime achievement award; and
- e. Advised that executive members and UVic alumni are invited to celebrate with Don Caswell his early retirement on February 7, 2007 at 3:30 pm at the University Club in the Fireside Lounge.

17. NEW BUSINESS – Kerry Simmons advised that the next meeting would be the on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 and on the 3rd Tuesday of each month thereafter at 5:00 pm.

18. ADJOURNMENT – the meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.