

**VICTORIA BAR ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF JANUARY 22, 2008**

Meeting at the Barrister's Lounge called to order by Kerry Simmons at 5:05 pm.

Members present:

Scott Farquhar	Kerry Simmons
Jim Legh	Brooke MacLeod
Andrew Petter	Roxeanne Helme
Sue Wishart	Charlotte Salomon
Carmen Rogers	Michael Cooper
Nisha Bathe	Richard Fyfe
Richard Sterwart	

1. **MINUTES:** Charlotte moved to approve the minutes of November 20, 2007. Nisha seconded this motion. Motion carried.
2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Scott Farquhar

Correspondence and Activities

- a) A letter was received from Andrew Petter thanking VBA for the \$8000.00 bursary and confirming it will be matched by the Law Foundation.
- b) The Bar Presidents' meeting is on January 25, 2008 and Scott will be attending.
- c) The CLE Traveling Road show will be held on February 7 between 5 and 6:30 in the Barrister's lounge. There will be a discussion of the new on-line services.
- d) VBA/UVIC Reception will be held on January 29, 2008 between 6 and 9 in the Barrister's Lounge.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- a) Membership status – 136 members have paid current fees, and Nisha sent out an e-mail with a reminder
- b) Legal Assistant's Association has sent out a request to help fund a bursary. This issue was tabled.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- a) Kerry moved to approve the Treasurer's report and this was seconded by Richard Fyfe. Motion carried.
- b) The Monthly Statement indicates a balance of \$7326.21 as of January 22, 2008.

SOCIAL EVENTS

- a) Curling – 4 teams had signed up at the time of the meeting – there are likely to be more and the sheets are likely to be full
- b) Battle of the Bands – tickets were handed out to those who wanted to sell them – the event takes place on March 5.
- c) Spring Dinner – This event takes place on April 17 and will be held at the Fireside Grill - cost \$45.00.
- d) There was discussion with respect to VBA's contribution to the Battle of the Bands – it was decided that we would wait and see what is generated and then make a contribution to the Lawyer's Benevolent Fund and cover expenses.

WEBSITE, E-MAIL AND FORUM

- a) Nisha will be sending out a mass e-mail for membership notice, request from UVic for Judges for the Client Counselling competition, curling, the Battle of the Bands and CLE's Road show

COURT LIAISON

- a) Kerry is now in charge of the lockers, but has not yet received the master list.

LAW DAY

- a) Berry Hykin and Michelle Kinney are coordinating Law Day this year, which is April 19. There was discussion on our contribution and it was moved by Richard Fyfe and seconded by Brooke to contribute \$1500.00 with the expectation that if any was left, we would receive it back.

NEWSLETTER

- a) Jim is looking for content for the newsletter going out at the end of February.

SPEAKER'S SERIES – stricken from agenda

BENCHER'S REPORT

- a) Richard Stewart stated he did not have much to report – there is a new President and a new executive and the first meeting of the year had not happened yet.

CBA REPORT

- a) There was a meeting to happen in Richmond on January 27 and there would be more to report after that.

UVIC REPORT:

- a) January's Legal Process section now has a section on ethics and professional responsibility
- b) There is a task force on Law School accreditation being headed up
- c) UVic is excited about the Uvic/VBA reception
- d) Construction funding has been approved for room 159 and the library
- e) Recruitment of candidates for the new Dean is currently underway
- f) UVic team went to the Law Games and won the service award and the academic award
- g) There is a UVic homecoming for alumni being planned

NEW BUSINESS

- a) LOST wants a piano and a speaker stored in the Barrister's Lounge while they rehearse. This was approved.
- b) There was a motion by Carmen that was seconded by Richard Stewart that the Presidents of the BC Branch of the CBA will have their caricatures hung on the wall in the Barrister's Lounge and VBA will pay for the costs of the framing.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.