

**VICTORIA BAR ASSOCIATION  
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF JULY 17, 2007**

Meeting Barrister's Lounge called to order by Kerry Simmons at 5:03 pm.

Members present:

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| Kerry Simmons   | Kismet Bhandar    |
| Renee Miller    | Nisha Bathe       |
| Michael Cooper  | Noel Lenaghan     |
| Scott Farquhar  | Brooke MacLeod    |
| Richard Stewart | Charlotte Salomon |
| Sue Wishart     | Carmen Rogers     |
| Richard Fyfe    |                   |

1. **MINUTES:** After correction of names used in two sections of the minutes, motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2007 meeting by Michael Cooper, seconded by Sue Wishart – carried.

2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- a. MEMBERSHIP – Kerry Simmons advised that the VBA now had 372 paid up members;
- b. PAST CORRESPONDENCE – No new correspondence
- c. VICTORIA CALL CEREMONIES – the remaining calls for the year on to be on October 4, and December 13, 2007

3. **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Scott Farquhar advised that he would continue to seek award nominations before the deadline of September 30, 2007. Scott has received 3 nominations for the contribution to the law award but none for the volunteer award and the Pamela Murray award. Charlotte Salomon, Brooke MacLeod, and Richard Fyfe volunteered for the awards committee.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Michael Cooper reported that the bank balance stands at \$12,769.88 as of July 17, 2007, and that the revenue from the Lawyers – Accountants golf tournament, namely; \$5,120.00 in registration fees, was paid to the CA Association for the Vancouver Island Head Injury Association. Motion by Noel Lenaghan to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Nisha Bathe, carried.

5. **SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR:** Charlotte Salomon advised that:

- a. the date of the Softball tournament is September 8, 2007 and that \$200.00 has been committed to that event. More teams are needed and Charlotte asked members to seek out those teams. There are normally 7 or 8 teams entered. Nisha Bathe will send an email to remind members about the softball tournament and the golf tournament; and

- b. The AGM will be held on November 1, 2007.
6. **SPEAKERS SERIES:** Kismet Bhandar advised that she now had 8 topics for the speaker's series that have been suggested by young solicitors. A review of the suggestions indicates that conveyancing is the general topic. Richard Stewart advised that Ralston Alexander is usually willing to speak on solicitor's issues and he is not only good with conveyancing, but he is part of the title insurance task force.
7. **COURT LIASISON:** Kerry Simmons reported that Meneka had a much better handle on who has barrister's lockers and will report at a later date.
8. **WEBSITE AND EMAIL:** Nisha Bathe advised that there was nothing to report.
9. **NEWSLETTER:** Nothing new. The June newsletter went out. Charlotte Salomon made a motion to limit advertising to law firms and to include the words "paid advertising" with any ads, seconded by Noel Lenaghan, carried.
10. **BENCHER'S REPORT:** Richard Stewart reported that at the bencher's monthly meeting last week:
  - a. The fees for next year were set and that there won't be any surprises. Details to follow; and
  - b. The president of the Federation of Law Societies made a presentation about the federation's attempts to expand their role with government. The federation:
    - i) recently moved to Ottawa to be closer to the federal government;
    - ii) will receive \$2.00 of our membership fees per member next year;
    - iii) is looking into the breaches of international agreements by provincial bodies and governments; and
    - iv) will continue to expand its role in regulatory matters affecting law societies.
11. **CBA REPORT:** Carmen Rogers and Kerry Simmons reported that many awards were presented at the last CBA meeting and advised that Ken Walton was the incoming president of the B.C. branch of the CBA and that Carmen Rogers, Kerry Simmons, Sue Wishart, Wendy Everson, and Roxanne Helme were all participating in the CBA this year. Kerry Simmons thanked Kay Melbye (in absentia) for her past CBA reports.
12. **UVIC REPORT:** Andrew Petter sends his regrets for not being able to attend.
13. **NEW BUSINESS** – None
14. **ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn by Noel Lenaghan, seconded by Nisha Bathe, carried - the meeting adjourned at 5.33 pm.