

**VICTORIA BAR ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF MARCH 25, 2008**

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

Members present:

Scott Farquhar
Sue Wishart
Kay Melbye
Andrew Petter
Kathryn Berge
Renee Miller
Brooke MacLeod
Carmen Rogers
Charlotte Salomon
Kerry Simmons
Susen Johnson
Richard Fyfe

1. **MINUTES:** The minutes of the January 22, 2008 and February 19, 2008 were approved by Renee Miller and seconded by Charlotte Salomon.

2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**
 - (a) There was no correspondence.
 - (b) There are call ceremonies set for April 10 and June 5.
 - (c) Community Court Public Discussion – Michael Butterfield has organized a discussion with the Chief of Police, the Chief Judge and a medical officer. There was discussion about sponsoring this event and it was decided that at this time we would not be, but that we could make this a part of Law Day in the future.

3. **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - (a) Membership Status was tabled
 - (b) VLSA Scholarship request was tabled.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
 - (a) Account balance as of March 25, 2008 - \$7240.96 - it was moved by Richard Fyfe to approve the report and seconded by Kerry Simmons

5. **SOCIAL EVENTS REPORT/CALENDAR**
 - (a) Battle of the Bar Bands – Request for funding was tabled
 - (b) Spring dinner – it is to take place on April 17
 - (c) An annual pub night and an annual summer family barbeque were suggested and it was decided that we would organize the events for

this year and see what kind of interest and what responses from the membership we get.

6. WEBSITE – nothing to report

7. COURT LIAISON

- (a) Renee reported that she is still attempting to meet with the various groups

8. COURT BOXES

- (a) The transition of the court boxes is complete.

9. LAW DAY

- (a) Law Day takes place on April 19 this year. Everything is on track – posters have been distributed and guest speakers are being finalized
- (b) Michelle Kinney inquired whether or not the VBA to set up a table and it was decided that we would not be doing that

10. NEWSLETTER – tabled

11. BENCHER'S REPORT (Kathryn Berge)

- (a) There is a new lay bencher from Victoria, Peter Lloyd.
- (b) Priorities planning committee is waiting on the final short list.
- (c) The Title Insurance Task Force Report is now available
- (d) Katherine is now on the Unbundling Legal Services Task Force and the Family Law Professional Task Force

12. CBA REPORT

- (a) Elections for Provincial Council are coming soon
- (b) Aboriginal Law Student's Scholarship Funds has a total balance of \$125,000.00 with \$12,000.00 of matching funds left to be matched.

13. UVIC REPORT

- (a) There will be a new Dean starting July 1, 2008 – Donna Greschner
- (b) The room 159 and library renovations project is being finalized – they are hoping to start construction this summer and it will be phased over 2 years

14. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) It was brought up that there is a lot of furniture in the Barrister's Lounge that is in need of repair and it was decided that we would attempt to get it fixed either by hiring someone or by getting some volunteers to do it.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00.