

BCCJA

British Columbia Criminal Justice Association

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BRITISH COLUMBIA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATION

Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday March 15, 2007 12:00 Noon
Justice Institute of British Columbia
Room 229

Present:

Glenn Angus	Sandra Manzardo	
Arthur Gordon	Bob Lusk	
Jeff Christian	John Braithwaite	
Jake McCullough	Tim Veresh	
Joe Bailey		
Sandra Thiessen		

Regrets:

Tracey Thompson	Judy Croft	
Mike White	Robert Brown	
Jim White		
Mike Judd		
Jim Phelps		
Charlene Howe		
Bill Foster		

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve March 15, 2007 Agenda.

Motion by: Jeff Christian
Approved

Seconded by: Joe Bailey

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve Minutes of the February 15, 2007 Meeting of the Board of Directors

Moved by: Jeff Christian

Seconded by: Sandra Manzardo

Approved

3. Program Committee and other Committee Updates Program Committee – Mike White

The theme of this year's Forum will be Continuity of Care for Mentally Disordered Offenders, which will build on the work of last year's Forum. The event will be held on March 28, 2007 at the Justice Institute. No funding is available from CSC.

MOTION

The Program Committee is authorized to spend up to \$1500 on the Forum.

Moved by: Art Gordon
Approved

Seconded by: Jake McCullough

07/02/15

Glenn Angus reported on behalf of the Program Committee

The next forum is "CONTINUITY OF CARE FOR MENTALLY DISORDERED OFFENDERS" to be held March 28th at the Justice Institute.

Keynote speaker will be Howard Sapers currently the Correctional Investigator but a long time corrections worker and advocate for the disadvantaged.

Topics will include:

Early ID of mentally disordered offenders

Development and provision of Housing for the MD Offender

Case Management of the MD Offender

Alternatives to Incarceration

A closing plenary will focus on "Building and Maintaining Momentum in an Era of Declining Resources".

The Canadian Mental Health Association is interested in participating with BCCJA as a sponsor of this forum. Art Gordon will be the BCCJA liaison with CMHA.

Attendance for the forum, because of space considerations, will be capped at 120 participants including delegates, association members and directors.

Art Gordon will contact Directors for confirmation of attendance.

Jeff Christian will publish information about forum and registration instructions on web-site.

Glenn noted that we are fortunate, through the office of Sandra Manzardo, to have the service of a co-op student, Martine Holland, to assist in the organization of the forum. The Program Committee will continue to meet weekly up to the conference date.

07/03/15

On behalf of the Program Committee Glenn Angus updated the Board on the program for the March 28 event – *Building Continuity of Care for the Disabled Offender.*

He described briefly the program for the event.

Howard Sapers will be the Keynote Speaker. The morning will open with introductions and greetings to participants on behalf of the Association and JI by Tim Stiles. Glenn Angus will briefly review Howard's background and introduce Howard. Sandra Thiessen will thank Howard on behalf on the Association and participants and provide him with a small token of appreciation (to be decided)

Prior to the event opening, Joe Bailey will man a table with information and membership applications for the Association.

Joe Bailey agreed to act as rapporteur for the opening session, Jake McCullough for the closing session and Bob Lusk would be one of the rapporteur for breakout sessions in the morning and afternoon.

After discussion it was agreed that the Board via the net would solicit further rapporteurs from the membership.

Resources for the Breakout and Closing sessions were presented by Glenn as follows:

HOUSING:

**Tuula Helin – Executive Director, John Howard Society Thompson/Okanagan.
Mike Wilson – Executive Director, Phoenix Alcohol and Drug Society, Surrey, BC
TBA**

ALTERNATIVES TO IMPRISONMENT:

**Allen Shooma – Attorney General of BC
Debra Hines – Supervisor, Intensive Supervision Unit, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Police Rep. – TBA**

CASE MANAGEMENT COORDINATION:

Ron Crawford – Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Trevor Barnes – Williams Lake, BC

EARLY IDENTIFICATION AND TREATMENT:

Iain Bendall – Ministry of Children and Family Development
Audrey Salahub, Executive Director, Asante Society
TBA

CLOSING THEME:

Mike Wilson – Phoenix Foundation
Vancouver City Credit Union
Vancouver Foundation

Glenn reported that there will be more space available for participants than originally thought and Jeff agreed, along with the request for rapporteurs, to notify the membership of the openings.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

**Collaborative Meeting - BCCJA, National Joint Committee
Pacific Region & the International Centre for Criminal Law
Reform – Bob Brown**

During the September 2006 BCCJA Board Meeting Greg Fitch, the current Chair of the Pacific Region National Joint Committee of Senior Criminal Justice Officials (NJC), attended and discussed possible future collaborative efforts involving NJC and BCCJA.

Following this meeting, Bob Brown discussed with Greg the possibility of a 1-day meeting coordinated by the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy involving the 3 agencies above. As a result of this, Bob Brown attended the Pacific Region NJC meeting held at Vancouver Police on 06 11 10 to discuss this issue further. Former NPB Regional Director, Fraser Simmons, accompanied him. Fraser is a past chair of the Pacific Region NJC and a current member of the Corrections

Program Advisory Committee at the International Centre. As a result of their presentation to the NJC Executive, they received full support to proceed with pursuing the possibility of such a meeting.

It is anticipated that it would be a 1 day event with the respective agencies each providing a presentation on their respective agencies activities and future plans. This would be followed by a “brain storming” session concerning how the 3 agencies could work more effectively together. Attending the meeting would be the following:

- BCCJA Board of Directors (18 members);
- NJC Pacific Executive Committee (15 members); and
- International Centre Corrections Program Advisory Committee (12 members)

Concerning the funding for such an event, there was support for it to be a cost-shared venture to cover both a luncheon and room rental, if required. Again, if supported a preliminary date of 2007 04 13 was established. As a possible venue, support was available for pursuing the golf club at UBC.

DECISION

Bob Brown will proceed to plan this event.

07/02/15

In the absence of Bob Brown this item was deferred to a future meeting

07/03/15

Received an e-mail from Bob agreeing that this item should be removed from the agenda until a future date when he will reschedule a further meeting with NJC et al.

5. Treasurer's Report – Judy Croft

07/03/15

Judy was unable to attend today’s meeting. She left her report with Jeff Christian and he forwarded for the purpose of the minutes her information that the Association currently has \$23,072.00 in assets of which \$20,000.00 is in term deposits.

Motion to approve Treasurer’s report.

Moved: Tim Veresh

Seconded: Joe Bailey

Approved

6. Correspondence

07/03/15

Conference funding by CSC (or lack thereof). Glenn Angus reported no letter received from CSC to date. Glenn will check PO Box and report to Sandra if anything there.

No other correspondence to report.

7. Old Business

2008 Joint Conference with BC Crime Prevention Association – Jeff Christian

Celine Lee, Coordinator - Marketing, Events, and Communications, British Columbia Crime Prevention Association, will coordinate the 2007 and 2008 Symposiums. BCCPA is interested in partnering with BCCJA for the 2008 Conference and is developing a proposal to share with us. The plan is to use hotels in Richmond for this conference.

A meeting between BCCJA and BCCPA's Executive Director, Valerie MacLean and Sandra Thiessen will be arranged.

07/02/15

Jeff Christian reported on the follow-up meeting with BCCPA.

Jeff and Sandra Thiessen did meet with Val MacLean, Executive Director of BCCPA as agreed. The 2008 Symposium planned by the BCCPA was discussed. Jeff and Sandra indicated to BCCPA that we were interested in participating with them as long as it was understood that we couldn't take any financial responsibility for any losses incurred. Tentatively an expectation was agreed to that we would contribute 1 or 2 people to the planning committee. We will not contribute any funding up front to the preparation for the conference. A date has not been set for the conference but it will likely be September, 2008. The title is tentatively "Crime Prevention through Community Involvement". In the meantime there is an offer open by BCCPA to have a BCCJA member on the planning committee for their 2007 symposium. Jeff's report resulted in a discussion amongst Board members expressing some concerns that joint sponsorship of the Conference would possibly lead to higher expectations for our involvement in Conference planning and administration then we are prepared to contribute. After discussion the following motion was tabled.

Moved: Jeff Christian Seconded: Tim Stiles

The BC Criminal Justice Association is in agreement on the Association's collaboration with the BC Crime Prevention Association in the presentation of their 2008 general conference by supporting the participation of two BCCJA members on the Planning Committee for that Conference.

Approved.

07/03/15

Jeff reported that there was a need for nominees to work with the BC Crime Prevention Association on the planning committee for the 2008 Conference. Jeff noted that work for the committee would probably begin in earnest in the fall of this year.

Art Gordon, Sandra Manzardo, and Jeff Christian volunteered to participate.

7. AGM

Judy in her e-mail reminded us that we should be finalizing a date for the Annual General Meeting either May or June of this year. There was a discussion about the prospects for an AGM where we utilized a speaker and tried to attract a wide audience to the meeting. No final decision was taken but it was pointed out that activities were focused on the March forum and there would be little time for another public forum for our AGM to be organized. It was agreed that the fall-back position was to organize the AGM as per last year in conjunction with our usual date for the Director's meeting.

Glenn Angus raised the issue of a nominating committee for openings for the Directors and Executive and Glenn, Bob Lusk, and Jeff Christian agreed to this task again. Jake McCullough volunteered to be part of the nominating committee as well.

The discussion of the AGM raised the question of what are we doing with the moneys that we have accumulated and after some discussion it was agreed that we would table this item at a future Director's meeting and try to establish how, when, what we budget these funds for.

07/03/15

Motion that the AGM for this business year be held in conjunction with the regular Board meeting.

Moved: Jeff Christian Seconded: Art Gordon

Approved.

8. New Business

Tim Veresh provided the Board with information about two important retirements upcoming and resulting vacancies in the organizations the individuals represented.

- 1. The position of Executive Director, John Howard Campbell River becomes available with the retirement of Paul Barnet effective June '07. A retirement celebration honouring Paul will be held on June 8/07**
- 2. Graham Stewart, Executive Director, John Howard Canada retires in May '07. A retirement celebration honouring Graham will be held on May 08/07.**

9. Date of Next Meeting

**Thursday April 19th, 2007 12:00 Noon at the
Justice Institute of BC Room RRNWA128**

(Come at 11:30AM for Lunch at the Cafeteria. Tell Cashier that you are with BCCJA and your lunch will be paid for by BCCJA)

10. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by: John Braithwaite

Seconded by: Sandra Manzardo

Approved

NB. Send Jeff Christian final Minutes to be posted on the website.