

Coming Together & Moving Forward!

**Meeting 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM
Thursday, 09 11 12**

Record of Proceedings

Present (07):

Marion Little (Chair)
Andrew McWhinnie
Bill Huzar
R.E. Bob Brown (Recorder)

Miles Anderson
Phil Hoen
Marv Goertz

Regrets (14):

Carol Baldwin
Loraine Bosgra
Eleanor Creighton
Marcia Williams
Sheila Paul
Jim Hackler
Nancy Nagy

Roger Cutler
Harold Munn
Bill Foster
Donna Geer
Honora Johanessen
John Braithwaite
Joslin Sinclair

1. Welcome & Introductions

Following some welcoming and introductory remarks by Marion those in attendance introduced themselves and shared their expectations concerning the morning and this initiative.

2. Review of Minutes from 2009 10 23

The minutes were reviewed, discussed and accepted with one minor correction in the spelling of the immediate past CCJA President Kathy (with a K) Gregory.

During the discussion it was clarified that the proposed mission statement and the proposed "affiliation document" had been distributed amongst those involved in the respective drafts; however, they were not forwarded to the full distribution. This issue will be addressed further below.

3. Proposed Mission Statement for Vancouver Island Criminal Justice Association (VICJA)

Following a discussion of the proposed mission statement several changes were made resulting with the following recommended statement.

The Vancouver Island Chapter of the BCCJA affirms the CCJA National Mission. We collaborate with professionals, Vancouver Island communities, government and non-governmental organizations to serve and enhance crime prevention, crime response, criminal and social justice.

It was reaffirmed that John Braithwaite would present both the proposed mission statement and the proposed affiliation document (a letter to the BCCJA President) at the BCCJA Meeting to be held at the Justice Institute on Thursday 2009 11 19. With this degree of urgency it was agreed that both of the proposed statement and proposed letter which contains the mission would be forwarded to the full distribution requesting any substantive comment be returned to Miles Anderson (mcander@shaw.ca) by no later than noon on Monday 2009 11 16. Miles would in turn liaise further with John prior to the BCCJA Meeting.

4. Proposed Letter to BCCJA

A discussion occurred in relation to the draft letter to the BCCJA President prepared by Andrew. Several Changes were made to the document and consistent with the above it was agreed that it would be forwarded to the full distribution with a deadline response time to Miles of noon this coming Monday. Andrew agreed to make the changes and forward it to Sheila for full distribution with this Record of Proceedings.

5. Committee Focus

With the intent of maintaining the momentum it was agreed that Jim Hackler's symposium proposal would be our "premier event". An earlier note from Jim highlights his thoughts.

I would be pleased to take the initiative for a symposium on "The Impact of the Youth Criminal Justice Act." We now have 5 years of experience and Stats Canada has provided some data.

About 12 years ago we had such a symposium looking at the impact of the Young Offenders Act of 1984. Judge Harvey chaired, Judge Hubbard, who was youth court judge at the time, took part along with people from prosecution, defense, probation, etc. I know this network and would probably have no great problem finding people to participate.

Miles indicated that he had been liaising with Jim on this issue and would be prepared to assist with the event. It was felt that a further four "members" would be required to form a Steering Committee in support of this initiative i.e. theme development, securing a venue, marketing, etc. Those interested please advise Miles (mcander@shaw.ca) by noon on Monday 2009 11 16.

With the pending festive season approaching it was concluded that a realistic target for the symposium would be late January 2010.

It was also highlighted that for those who had suggested or are interested in other topics they should consider preparing a brief proposal for further consideration.

6. Administrative Issues

It was felt that a contact list that would be available to all participants would be a valuable administrative tool. To allow for the sharing of this list it was requested that participants advise Sheila Paul (psp3@shaw.ca) accordingly with both the preferred email address and telephone number.

Action: By all participants by 2009 11 27

7. Next Meeting

The following Agenda items were identified for the next meeting.

- Report on the BCCJA Meeting – 2009 11 19
- Final Review of Mission
- Strategy for the Election of Officers
- Report on the Symposium Initiative

The next meeting is confirmed as highlighted below. As in the past an RSVP to Sheila would be appreciated.

**Lower Lounge
Church of St. John the Divine
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Thursday, December 10, 2009**

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