

Minutes of the BCGREA Victoria Branch 1200 AGM of October 22nd 2025

The annual general meeting of the BCGREA Victoria branch was held October 22, 2025 at the Gorge Park Pavilion, with George Bowden chairing the session. Fifty members attended in person and several attended via Zoom.

The meeting approved minutes from the 2024 AGM, acknowledged territory, and thanked volunteers. See the chair's report from George Bowden. Key updates included the sale of 29 tickets for the upcoming Christmas dinner at \$35 for members and \$50 for non-members, with e-transfers for purchases to begin in November.

The treasurer's report highlighted a balance of over \$20,000 as of September 30th, with revenue primarily from member dues, and a shift in accounting practices to comply with CRA policy by reclassifying social event expenses.

The BCGREA Victoria Branch 1200 will have the following signatories on the branch accounts: the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the Treasurer and one other board members. A bank withdrawal will require two signatures. The Board must enable the Chair, the Vice-Chair, and the Treasurer to have signatory access to the bank account.

The membership report showed: 2,339 members, with 62 new joiners, 14 resignations, and 48 deaths.

The election of officers for the new term was conducted by Linda Foubister, with Sarf Ahmed elected as chair, Karen Harper as vice chair, George Bowden as treasurer. The need for a new secretary with computer skills was emphasized.

The following members were elected unanimously to the positions outlined.:

Chair - Sarf Ahmed

Treasurer - George Bowden

Communications Chair - Jan Broocke

Vice-Chair - Karen Harper

Membership Chair - Sonja Ruffell

Positions not filled:

Secretary

Social/House Chair

Directors at Large

Communications: Zoe Duff

Goodwill/Telephone: Marika Czink

Presentation Program: Gerry Buydens

The AGM was followed by a presentation on fraud prevention by Berle Zwaan