

**BCGREA – Victoria Executive Meeting  
April 26, 2022  
Zoom Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Sarf Ahmed (Chair), Gerry Buydens, Karin Heimlich, Laura Lam, Terry Prentice, Sonja Ruffell, Marilyn Spencer, Vicki White, Tammy Welch  
**Regrets:** Barbara Golder, Brian Green, Kathy Weisgarber

1. CALL TO ORDER: 10:30 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**Motion #1: M/S Sarf/Karin Carried  
To approve the agenda.**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Motion #2: M/S Valeska/Laura Carried.  
To approve the Executive minutes of March 22, 2022.**

4. BUSINESS ARISING:

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. A member has asked if BCGREA provides financial assistance for travel and/or to attend a conference.

Discussion – we did not receive information on agenda of topics to be covered. The conference is not a subsidy partner of the BCGREA. Barbara had previously replied that we do not offer this type of financial assistance to members but would confirm with Executive.

Decision – The board agreed with Barbara’s original reply that the BCGREA is not able to provide subsidies for members to travel and/or attend a conference.

6. DIRECTORS’ REPORTS:

a. Treasurer (Tammy): See report attached to file copy, “Statement of Operations for the Month Ending April 24, 2022.”

b. Membership (Valeska): See report attached to file copy.

c. Communications (Laura): See report attached to file copy.

- The E-bulletin is very big this month. Subscribers are up.

d. Provincial Report: No report submitted

e. Program (Gerry): See Program schedule attached to file copy.

- May AGM - Gerry confirmed the arranged speaker, Dwight Owens of Ocean Networks Canada.

f. Telephone (Sonja): See report attached to file copy.

g. Goodwill (Sonja): See report attached to file copy.

- Sonja said we would need a new supplier of cards. The ones we currently use will no longer be available. We discussed sending something on white or blue paper instead. We can order a new address stamp to provide pre-addressed return envelopes.
  - If anyone is aware of any sick member, let Laura know.
- h. Social/House (Marilyn):
- Government House is booked for 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14. Members and guests should arrive by 1:15 p.m. Marilyn estimates 20 to 30 people.
  - The E-bulletin should request the full names of members and guests attending. Non-members to pay at Government House. Pre-registration deadline is May 31.
  - Butchart's subsidy is \$15 for May 1 through June 30 to cover both Mother's Day and Father's Day.
  - Fort Rodd Hill subsidy is \$10, June 1 through September 5.

**Action:**

**Information of Government House event and as well as subsidies for Butchart's and Fort Rodd Hill to be repeated in the E-bulletin**

7. PROJECT UPDATES:

- a. Five gift cards of \$25 each were drawn using the Random Number Generator. The winners are:
1. Trevor Hewitt
  2. Robert Nicholson
  3. Linda Bobroske
  4. Gillian Weston
  5. Diana Colliar

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Survey Results (Terry)
- Terry gave a quick summary of the recent survey results:
    - Provincial has the legislative responsibility, while the Branch is currently the social group for members.
    - Constitution and Bylaws Committee: process of what changes there should be. Should we be a provincial body with our own version of constitution and bylaws?

**ACTION:**

**If you have any comments/ thoughts please provide to Terry ASAP.**

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

10. NEXT EXEC MEETING: May 24, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. with the new Executive (Zoom)

- a. Board Election preparation (Sarf)
- Brian Green will not be running.
  - Sarf thanked Vicki for so many years of dedication.
  - and Ed Forbes is running for Treasurer. The Lead for the Nomination Committee is Linda Snider.

11. ADJOURNED at 11:44 a.m.

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Sarf Ahmed, Vice-Chair

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Karin Heimlich, Secretary