

**BCGREA – Victoria Executive Meeting  
January 25, 2022  
Zoom Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Sarf Ahmed, Barbara Golder, Gerry Buydens, Valeska Campbell, Brian Green, Karin Heimlich, Laura Lam, Terry Prentice, Sonja Ruffell, Marilyn Spencer, Tammy Welch, Vicki White

**Absent:** Kathy Weisgarber

1. CALL TO ORDER: Sarf @ 10:37 a.m.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:  
**Motion (#1):** To approve the agenda. **M/S Vicki/Terry. Carried.**
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
**Motion (#2):** To approve the Executive minutes of November 23, 2021. **M/S Tammy/Vicki. Carried.**
4. BUSINESS ARISING:
  - a. BCGREA Roles and Responsibilities Handbook revision
    - Ongoing. No updates. Barbara said there should be something to report in February.
5. CORRESPONDENCE:
  - Valeska reported there was nothing pressing. There was one thank you card received.
6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS:
  - a. Treasurer (Tammy): See report attached to file copy, "Statement of Operations for the Month Ending Jan. 22, 2022."
    - Members have until January 31<sup>st</sup> to accept the Butchart's and Museum offers. Follow up will be provided in February.
    - Discussion on cost effectiveness of \$1.50 EFT charge vs mailing. Tammy advised the cost of the envelope and stamp are more than the EFT charge, so it is more cost effective to send via EFT. Tammy also mentioned banks will refund some EFT charges if requested as was done last year.
    - Executive needs a replacement for Brian to be able to sign cheques.  
**ACTION: Executive members to consider whether they would be willing to be an additional signing authority and let Tammy know. Tammy will report back in February.**
  - b. Membership (Valeska): See report attached to file copy.
  - c. Communications (email, newsletter) (Laura): See report attached to file copy.
    - Cosco Liaison  
**ACTION: Include a request in the March E-bulletin to ask membership if there is a volunteer interested in becoming the Cosco liaison. Travel expenses would be paid for attending meetings and the Cosco conference and a report would be published to our members.**
  - d. Provincial Report:

- This year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the BCGREA. Terry Prentice offered to send everyone a copy of the BCGREA history (1983), an interesting read.
  - The PEN: a Special Edition will be put out. The winter edition of PEN went out in a new format (feedback was positive)
  - Provincial Survey: Closes next week. The survey was extended due to mail delays due to the weather. Currently, there has been a 35% E-response and 20% Mail response.
  - Building on partnerships: Looking into new initiatives for Municipal, College, Teachers, BCGEU members regarding affiliate partnerships (i.e., Rogers cell phones, Simply Connect).
  - Recruitment/Retention: a communication to all plan members is required and will be discussed at committee in March. Brian Green has proposed a one-pager link to the Web page regarding joining.
- e. Program (Gerry): see Program schedule attached to file copy.
- February speaker: John Adams, Chinese Immigration history. This will be by Zoom.  
**ACTIONS: 1. Sarf to connect with Gerry regarding the meeting. 2. Laura to add good wishes for Chinese New Year on communications. 3. Laura will send a note about the Zoom meeting on the E-bulletin.**
- f. Telephone (Sonja): See report attached to file copy.
- Nothing to report.
- g. Goodwill (Sonja): See report attached to file copy.
- Further checking required as the number of deceased members is not reconciling. Josie at BCGEU has been contacted. The next E-bulletin will provide our contact information which may help.
- h. Social/House (Marilyn):
- No updates to report.
  - Gift cards and cards by Tammy were very well received.
  - Bingo – Tammy advised this event went really well and everyone had fun. 12 people asked for cards. 3 didn't show up.
7. PROJECT UPDATES:
- a. January \$25 Gift Card Draw: Sarf drew 5 numbers using a random number generator from the member spreadsheet provided by Valeska. The draw winners were:
- Laura Carolina
  - Patricia Lewco
  - Shirley Giske
  - Gerald Thomas
  - Elenore Beyer
8. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Strategy in lieu of seminars
- Branch level: invite members to invite people. Let them know how to attend, etc.
9. NEW BUSINESS:
1. Additional Zoom account for branch. (Sarf/Laura)  
**Motion (#3): To request another Zoom account and have Laura hold the account. M/S Vicki/ Sonja Carried.**
  2. Enquiry to start a new branch in Langford/Western Communities. Recruitment and Retention Committee (Brian)

Brian strongly recommends we have a branch representative to provide the perspective of a larger branch.

**ACTIONS: 1. Allot 30 minutes on agenda of February Executive meeting. 2. Barbara to invite Al Coccola, Chair, R&R Committee**

10. OTHER BUSINESS: None.

11. NEXT EXEC MEETING: February 22, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. (Zoom)

12. ADJOURNED at 12:04 PM.

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Sarf Ahmed, Acting Chair

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Karin Heimlich, Secretary

Approval Date: February 22, 2022