

 <p>British Columbia Government Retired Employees Association</p>	<p>The primary goal of the BCGREA is to obtain benefits for our members, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extended Health Benefits• Cost of Living Increases• Discount Hotel Rates• Group Insurance Rates for out-of-province travel, house and life insurance• Pet insurance
<p>Our strength of 9,000 members is important; the greater our numbers, the stronger our voice.</p>	

BCGREA Victoria Branch May 2021 E-Bulletin

From the President's Desk

Welcome to this month's bulletin. As President I can tell you the most important events of the month is our **AGM and election**. Included in this bulletin is the monthly draw, a photo contest and more!

Barbara Golder, Chair
Victoria Branch



Branch 1200 Elections – May 11th 2021 @ 1:30 pm

We have not held any elections since March 2019 and the current Board members have soldiered on through the pandemic to maintain our connection with members. We have been mostly successful in providing some activities in this difficult time. Hopefully once life returns to normal we can meet in person once again. However this is not yet the time, so we are holding a general meeting via Zoom to elect a new Board.

There will be a draw on May 25th 2021 for a \$50 gift certificate for those members who attended the AGM.

Eight of the current members of the Board are willing to serve for another year but all positions are up for election. We have asked for nominations in the last couple of e-bulletins. We are asking again for volunteers and hope a few members will be willing to join the Board. All the positions are up for election however we definitely need a new Board Secretary, and three Directors at Large. Committee volunteers are also very welcome.

The Board is composed of:

Chair (President)

1st Vice President (Deputizing for President - Special projects)

2nd Vice President (Newsletter and Communications Committee)

Secretary (Recording and procedures)

Membership Director (Membership Committee)

Treasurer (Finance Committee)

Phone Committee Director

House/Social Committee Director

Program Committee Director

Goodwill Director

Four (4) Directors at Large to assist with Committee work.

Job descriptions for these positions are available and can be discussed at the meeting. They require 6 - 8 hours per month of your time for your association.

We will be holding the meeting via Zoom, which means you will need either a computer/ipad/smartphone or telephone to participate. Zoom is free to download.

We need at least 15 members in order to have a quorum for the meeting and election so I am urging you to join in. Any questions please contact us at victoriabranch@bcgre.ca

I realize that some of you may not be familiar with Zoom meetings and may feel a little intimidated by the idea of joining a meeting via your computer or by phone.

New Website for the BCGREA and Branches

Most of you are familiar with www.bcgrea.ca as our Provincial website. It has been revamped, updated, made more flexible and more accessible. So you are invited to take a look at our new look website. It will be updated with our latest newsletters on a regular basis.

Photo Contest

We are considering a Photo Contest to find a photo or two to provide a 'banner' picture that is representative of Victoria. There will be three prizes for the contest - a \$50 prize for the best camera shot, a \$50 prize for the best phone/tablet camera shot and an overall \$100 prize for the best photo. The contest will be judged by a photography specialist/professional and we hope to enlist the services of the Victoria Photographic Club. The contest will run until August 31st – so start clicking !!

Monthly Draw

Our regular 5 X \$25 gift certificate draw for April was made via the Random Number Generator at the Executive meeting on April 27th 2021 and the lucky winners are:

DEBORAH HOLLIER
GUNTHER HONOLD
JT ROSS HUDSON
NAIDA JOE
GERALDINE PENDELBURY

Lastly I would like to acknowledge the work and skills of our e-mail volunteers Laura Lam and Tracey Colins who format and distribute the bulletins and any other local communications.

Thank you so much for making it all work.

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