



BCGREA Branch 100

General Members Meeting – Minutes

Date: March 5, 2026

Location: Chances Casino, Abbotsford, BC

Meeting Start: 2:12 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **2:12 p.m.**

Chair: Connie Capostinsky

The Chair reviewed meeting logistics, including refreshments and venue arrangements.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes were reviewed by the Chair.

No corrections were noted.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the financial report:

- **Current bank balance:** \$1,358.00
- **Expected Provincial top-up:** bringing the balance to **\$3,190.00**

Expenditures for 2026 to date:

- Meeting venue costs: \$0.00
- Refreshments: \$30.00

2026 Due to renew in October

- Subscriptions:
 - Zoom \$210.00 Renewal Due October 2026
 - Microsoft 365 \$130.00 Renewal Due October 2026
- AGM-related expenses TBD
- The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

4. New Business / Branch Updates

Facebook Group

The Chair reported on the recent launch of the Branch 100 Facebook group.

- The launch has had a better-than-expected initial response in terms of sign-ups.
- Engagement within the group remains low, with minimal feedback on posted content.
- The Executive Committee continues to explore ways to increase member engagement.

Member Feedback:

- Members expressed approval of posts highlighting local discounts.
- Members requested additional content related to local history.

The Facebook group administrator agreed to begin researching local history topics and to start posting related content.

5. Upcoming Provincial AGM

The Chair provided an overview of the upcoming Provincial AGM and typical AGM topics, including:

- Representation by PSPP
- Provincial representation
- Voting rights and processes within BCGREA
- Recruitment and retention initiatives
- Bylaw update
- Provincial Finance Report

Additional AGM details:

- The Provincial AGM will be held **April 23, 2026**, at the **Coast Hotel in Tsawwassen**.
- No AGM agenda has been released at this time.
- Two voting members from our branch will have travel expenses covered by BCGREA.
- Branches may fund observers to attend for training or orientation purposes.
- Additional observers may attend at their own expense.
- A Zoom option will be available for members wishing to observe remotely. Members must register for Zoom attendance by emailing the address provided by BCGREA.
- AGM information will be shared on the Branch Facebook group.

The Chair also noted that the Chair Committee is examining the possibility of recruiting pre-retirees, potentially with limitations on membership.

6. Future Meetings

June Meeting – Speaker Suggestions

Suggested topics for a future guest speaker included:

- Pension Corporation
- Lawyer presenting on wills and estate planning

7. Next Meeting

The next General Members Meeting is scheduled for:

Date: June 1, 2026

Location: Chances Casino, Abbotsford, BC

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.