

# BCRPVPA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Time: 9:15/am Social to meet BCRPVPA members & BCPVPA Office Staff

9:30-10:30 First BCRPVPA General Meeting for 2018-2019

Introduction of BCPVPA Office Staff in attendance by Kevin Reimer

**Executive Members 2018-2019:** **President:** Ted St. Pierre | **Vice-President:** Christine Johnson | **Treasurer:** Lanny Young | **Secretary:** Celina Mau | **Past President:** Eileen Phillips | **Communications/Technology:** Graham Mulligan / Jeff Larcombe | **Scholarships:** Allan Buggie / Jeff Larcombe / Christine Johnson | **Benefits / Affinity / Pensions:** Gerald Soon | **Pensions:** Gerry Tiede | **Membership & Sunshine:** Bonnie Deren | **Archives:** Vivian Rygnestad

*Special Thanks To Celina M. For The Very Thorough Minutes.*

Order	Item	Owner
1.	<b>Welcome; Call To Order @ 9:34am; Quorum</b> 23 members attended    Regrets: Allan Buggie	Ted S.
2.	<b>Adoption of Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>[Moved] Linda; [Second] Barb; [Against] Nil; [Abstained] Nil; [Unanimous] Adoption of the Agenda</li></ul>	Ted S.
3.	<b>Adoption of General Meeting Minutes March 13, 2018</b> (attachment of Minutes on our website) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>[Moved] Barb; [Second] Bonnie</li><li>[Against] Nil; [Abstained] Nil</li><li>[Unanimous] Minutes approved</li></ul>	Ted S.
4.	<b>Treasurer (June 30 Balance)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the latest balance as of June 30<sup>th</sup> is \$37,513.50</li><li>[Moved] Linda; [Second] Heather</li><li>[Against] Nil; [Abstained] Nil</li><li>[Unanimous] Reports adopted as presented</li></ul>	Lanny Y.

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	<p><b>Chapter Council (May 11-12) See attached Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topics included the latest educational trend. BCRPVPA often shared with active members on Book Sale, Scholarship, Mentorship, Retirement Membership</li> </ul>	<p>Eileen P. (Past President)</p>
	<p><b>Chapter Council (November 23-24)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Looking forward to next month's meeting. Participated as BCPVPA member in the past.</li> </ul>	<p>Christine J.</p>
	<p><b>Communications, Technology, Newsletter (with Jeff L.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See attached report as presented by Graham M.</li> <li>• Yammer membership growing slowly; likes to see it up to 400 active members signed on</li> <li>• Newsletter file opens more frequently than other</li> <li>• Survey Monkey will resume at a later date. A very expensive subscription so the executive will only re-subscribe when there is a need to use Survey Monkey.</li> <li>• Jeff is an assistant helping Graham with videos.</li> </ul>	<p>Graham M.</p>

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**Benefits; Affinity; Pensions (shared with Gerry T.)**

- Congratulations to Gerry T. for his appointment as BCRTA President. Congratulatory card sent.
- See attached report as presented by Gerald S.
- Our pension one of the best in the world. Do check your statement. Investments have done very well and cost of living adjustment in keeping with time.
- Affinity on travel partners coming live towards the end of November on website
- Travel/Medical Insurance as options for determination upon retirement
- Prestige Travel Plan – please see below the revised Bylaw wording
  - **Bylaw 1.3 Associate Member:**  
 'Upon the death of an Active or Honourary Life Member, the spouse shall be eligible to apply to the Executive Committee for Associate membership and on acceptance and payment of annual membership dues, shall become an Associate member of the Association entitled to all benefits but without voting rights.'
  - [Motion To Amend Bylaw] Gerald Soon
  - [Second] Vivian R.
  - [Against] Nil
  - [Abstained] Nil
  - [Unanimous] Adopted and passed as presented
- Thank you to Gerald with answers to questions
  - Bill C-27
    - Please see the website regarding the second reading of the bill just in October 2018, <https://www.federalretirees.ca/en/News-Views/New-Listing/Feb/Top-Issue-to-Watch-in-Parliament-Retirement-security-and-Bill-C-27>.
    - Please see attached further information on Bill C-27.
  - Prestige Travel Plan Update – good news!
    - Removal of the 5-day purchase requirement for trip cancellation (previously you had to purchase MEDOC within 5-days of booking travel arrangements for Trip Cancellation/Trip Interruption to apply

Gerald S.

**Scholarships (with Allan B. & Christine J.)**

- 28 scholarship applications received from BC students. The quality was amazing! 5 scholarship recipients awarded \$1,000 each to study in Canada.
- Jeff will inform the 5 recipients in the next day or so. Christine shared a quick summary of these scholarship applicants' background & vision for the future. Their names will be posted in our upcoming newsletter.
- BCPVPA provides 20 scholarships yearly. Interestingly, 4 out of our 5 recipients are also recipients from BCPVPA scholarships.

Jeff L.

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	<p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Please see attached report as presented by Eileen.</li> <li>○ Today's presentation by Diana Cruchley on 'The Indispensable Binder'</li> <li>• January 17, 2019 - Chris Taylor on financial updates regarding fee payments, etc.</li> <li>• March 19, 2019 – Topic is Healthy Aging like Proprioception (e.g. body awareness &amp; movement). Possible speaker from Richmond Oval Centre or if someone has a great recommendation, please let Eileen know.</li> <li>• May 7, 2019 – Jeff, our member also a Master Gardener will share his knowledge, skills and talents on 'Creating our own Vegetable Garden'.</li> </ul>	Eileen P.
	<p><b>Membership &amp; Sunshine</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wellness, Congratulations or special events to inform Bonnie. Please contact Bonnie: <a href="mailto:bonniederer@shaw.ca">bonniederer@shaw.ca</a></li> <li>• 731 active members now!</li> <li>• Bonnie on behalf of us will send a congratulatory card to Gerry T. @ BCRTA, as well as another for David @ BCPVPA.</li> </ul>	Bonnie D.
	<p><b>Archives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee members will be recruiting stories from our BCRPVPA members with respect to our organization &amp; its history.</li> <li>• BCRPVPA history centers heavily on BCPVPA. Vivian &amp; her committee have decided to pursue some archival materials or topics from DL Piper.</li> </ul>	Vivian R.
<p><b>President's Report</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have a very close relationship with members and staff of BCPVPA &amp; BCRTA.</li> <li>• For example, BCPVPA staff supports us with our association financials, membership list, scholarships, mentorship program now in its 2<sup>nd</sup> year, &amp; participation in Chapter Council.</li> <li>• We have a very close tie &amp; relationship with BCRTA with Gerry now as President. As well, we are also able to take advantage of some of its services for membership!</li> </ul>	Ted S.

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5. New Business	<p><b>Mentorship Program 2018-2019</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BCPVPA Mentorship Program is in its 2nd year. Mentorship relies on us as retirees to support the newly appointed school-based principals and vice principals.</li> <li>• Discussion ensued on communication strategies to entice more retirees to consider participation in the mentorship program. Specific descriptors stated that the use of 'face time', phone calls, emails, etc. may help recruit more mentors from our BCRPVPA.</li> <li>• Thank you Graham for sending out yet another recruitment email in support of this project.</li> <li>• Ted &amp; Christine will pursue with Kevin R. on offering another training session at a later date this year once more recruits are secured.</li> </ul>	Ted S.										
See Attached Report	<p><b>Book Sale @ UBC Short Course (July 2018)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$662.00 = 33 new members;</li> <li>• Books needed are professional leadership types of resources, w/n 10 years; Well-known authors like Michael Fullan; French books. Bring them to BCP office around May, June in preparation for the July book sale.</li> </ul>	Eileen (with Celina, Jeff, Ted & Jean)										
6.	<p><b>Adjournment around 10:45 am</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [Moved] Linda; [Second] Lanny; [Against] Nil; [Abstained] Nil [Unanimous] unanimous to adjourn</li> </ul>	Ted S.										
7. Light Lunch followed by Guest Speaker 11:00-2:00	<p><b><u>The Indispensable Binder (an introduction)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diana Cruchley in a 2 ½ hour presentation shared with our attendees on the importance of preparing 'Our Indispensable Binder'. The Binder enables us to organize, outline and map out the end of our life as well as the distribution of our 'stuff'. Big topics covered ranged from My Family &amp; Me, People in My Life, My Home, My Financial Stuff, My Travel Stuff, My Medical Stuff, My Legal Agreements for Care, My On-Line Life to Unique and Optional. A very worthwhile and well attended session. Thank you Diana!</li> </ul>											
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## BCRPVPA Pensions / Affinity Report October, 2018 Report by Gerald Soon

### PENSIONS UPDATE

The BC Teachers' Pension new website will be of interest to members. One can sign in and obtain personal information about your pension. You can see how much you have been paid in total for your pension since you retired. Also, you can check the amounts you are deducted for your medical and dental deductions.

Check out the 2017 report and the Valuation report section within it. Our plan is healthy, and more than fully funded. There has been another small increase to the Inflation Adjustment Account that pays our cost of living. Also, some slight changes have been made as to the contribution rates for currently working teachers and employers. If you just retired and you are 55 you no longer have to wait for the Cost of Living adjustment, which was the most recent practise before this valuation.

### Affinity Report

The travel benefit which was announced within this last year is changing slightly. Members could sign on to [bcrpvpa.mytravelbenefit.com](http://bcrpvpa.mytravelbenefit.com). The objective was to connect members with travel information providers. Recently I spoke with Tom McLean, who is a Co-founder and Director of Trip Merchant. The new site that members would be linked to with our travel benefit is changing soon so that it will be more tailored to the interests of our members, rather than matching them to travel agencies.

Improvements to travel insurance. Improvements to Medoc and Prestige plans will be of interest to our members. Gerry Tiede, President of the BCRTA sent us a message about the improvements. In his message to us, he noted that most improvements came out of requests from members.

#### 1) Medoc improvements:

- a) In-province coverage for trip cancellation, interruption etc. Holidays to Haida Gwaii etc are now protected
- b) New \$25,000 AD&D
- c) \$500 for Passport/document replacement costs
- d) Non-medical remote evacuation (Volcano in Hawaii, etc.)
- e) Days don't start counting until you leave Canada - that means that you have unlimited coverage anywhere in Canada (not just 35 days)

Tech/Communications Report to Oct.23  
General Meeting  
Respectfully submitted by Graham Mulligan

**Summary -**

**Yammer** - There are currently 221 members signed on to Yammer although not all are active. The Executive Group is a closed group and executive members are encouraged to use this platform for communicating executive business, including submitting reports. Reports can be uploaded as files (pdf) and then are available to all executive members. Also, email conversations that produce long chains of responses should be done on Yammer to avoid cluttering up our individual email client programs. Ted is looking into email accounts for executive members through Techtone as well.

Yammer is our vehicle for members to share items with each other. There are currently 9 Open Groups and 1 Closed Group. The Travel Group has the largest number of followers (101).

**BCRPVPA Website** - This continues to be our main presence on the web with regular updates in a number of areas (Newsletter articles, Volunteer/Job Opportunities, Mentorship Program and Archives of Meeting minutes). The website was temporarily shut down for a few days in October with no apparent explanation.

**MailChimp** - This program is our tool for sending out email blasts to all members. The most recent email data is as follows:

Sept.15 announcement of Oct. GM:	63% opens
Sept. 6 Scholarships reminder:	59% opens
Aug.10 Mentorship Program update:	49% opens
June 24 Newsletter:	76% opens

**Newsletter** - Newsletters are issued after the General Meetings. Submission deadlines:

Wed. Oct. 24, Thurs. Jan. 17, 2019, Tue. March. 19, Tue.





# Tech/Communications Report to Oct.23 General Meeting

Respectfully submitted by Graham Mulligan

## 1. Chapter Council (May 11-12) & Past President

Friday night: celebration of Kit K's retirement. Many recognition speeches given as Kit was honoured for his work over the years.

Saturday: election speeches from those running for Director positions. Announcement of Richard W's retirement.

Theme topics: latest education trend and its implications at both the provincial level and local districts.

Ted and I thanked BCPVPA for the extended invite throughout the years. We do have a chance to speak at each Chapter Council meeting.

## 2. Book Sale at UBC Short Course.

This was held in July 2018 and we raised \$662 to add to our scholarship fund. This is like getting 33 new memberships or more.

## 3. Speakers

**Diana Cruchley** today on "The Indispensable Binder"

Diana was the District Administrator for Professional and Community Services for the Langley School District. She is an author of several books.

**Kris Taylor** on "Investment Fees and You" at the January 17 GM - thanks to Lanny for organizing this.

Kris is Principal in the KLT group and has worked in the financial service industry for over 20 years, thus he knows the financial services industry well.

Much has been said about investment fees in the media over the preceding months. With bank sales targets becoming more aggressive, it is important to understand the industry better.

- How to avoid scams
- What you are actually paying for
- What service you should expect for the fees you pay
- Ways to either get better service for the fees you pay, or pay less fees
- How the financial services industry works.

**Jeff Larcombe** will speak at the May 7 AGM on Vegetable Gardening.

A speaker is still needed for the March 19 GM - we are looking at a Healthy Aging topic, particularly *proprioception*, with Vivian as the guest.

4. **Survey:** Jeff, Vivian, Gerald and Eileen are working on a survey to help us determine interest areas of our members. The survey is being distributed to members via email.

