

DRAFT minutes
BCRPVPA Annual General meeting
May 22, 2025

Executive: C. Johnson, J. Larcombe, I. Kent, S. Kinnon, C. S. Baerg,
T. St. Pierre, M. Arnold, D. Luporini, L. Young, J. Antosz, B. Deren

Regrets:
Y. Martinello

Attendance:
V. Rygnestad, J. Ruffeski, H. McTaggart, Kalesnikoff, H. MacKendrik, A.
Burlone. D. Joyce,

Zoom: G. Soon, E. Phillips, H. Grant

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda:

1. Welcome - We give thanks and acknowledge that the BCPVPA office is located on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.
2. Approval of Agenda - approved
3. Approval of the last Annual General meeting minutes (attached)
One correction:

approved
4. Treasurer's report – Lanny

Investment in a term deposit at Van City has been made.
Term deposit coming due in July. At present it is being managed through the BCPVPA.

Financial Report as of March 31, 2025

Financial Position

Fund Balances as of June 30, 2024 - **\$ 47,824.78**

Fund Balances as of March 31, 2025 - **\$ 55,917.56**

(Vancity- \$ 35,385.54 + GIC \$ 20,532.02)

Statement of Operations

Revenue from July 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025 - **\$ 26,377.50**

Membership – \$22,920.00

Hearing Life Annual Scholarship - \$ 2,500

Affinity Program Royalty (e.g. Hearing Life) - \$ 957.50

Expenditures from July 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025 - **\$ 1,161.03**

Communications/Technology - \$ 843.14

Meeting Costs/Governance - \$ 314.29

Bank Charges (e transfers 4 @ .90 per) - \$ 3.60

The financial report was approved as presented.

Proposed Budget for 2025-2026

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>\$ 27,500</u>
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Membership Dues	800 members X \$30	\$ 24,000
Hearing Life		\$ 2,500
Affinity Program		\$ 1,000

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>\$ 24,500</u>
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1. Communications/Technology	\$ 3,400
2. Meeting Costs	\$ 2,200
a. Snacks/food for meetings and AGM	
b. Gift cards for draws and guest speakers	
c. Guest speakers' expenses – fees/lunch	
d. Room rentals/insurance	
3. Student Scholarships/Bursaries	
a. BCRPVPA 10@ \$1,000	\$ 10,000
b. Hearing Life \$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
c. Loyalty Programs \$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
4. Hospitality/Sunshine	\$ 400
5. Governance Costs	\$ 5,000
a. Executive meeting costs	
b. Chapter council meetings	
c. Accounting fees + T4A for scholarships	

Excess of	\$ 3,000
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As Treasurer, I move to adopt the proposed budget for 2025-2026 as presented.

The proposed budget was approved as presented.

Collective appreciation for all of Lanny's work to ensure the Association's finances were managed appropriately, was shared.

5. President's report – Deborah

Chapter Council-

Marsha and I presented at Chapter Council on May 3, 2025. We discussed: how to become a member and why you would want to become a member, benefits you can continue to receive with our Association, benefits you should ensure you access BEFORE you retire, and an update about student scholarships and bursaries to remind schools to inform their students.

Draft Communication plan:

MONTH	FOCUS	NEWSLETTER/E-BLAST	MONKEY SURVEY (could be used to generate info for the newsletter)
September	Welcome back! Volunteers needed		Topics of interest Connecting our membership
October	Travel options Insurance options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Meeting notice •e-blast reminder of meeting •Newsletter 	
November	Discount options with BCRPVA membership (Canadian based)		
December	Scholarship and Bursary application		
January	Travel options Insurance options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Meeting notice •e-blast reminder of meeting •Newsletter 	
February	Scholarship and Bursary application		
March	Travel options Insurance options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Meeting notice •e-blast reminder of meeting •Newsletter 	

April			
May		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Meeting notice •e-blast reminder of meeting •Newsletter 	
June			

Members are encouraged to submit preferences or ideas for focus topics.

Constitution Changes (attachment)

The proposed changes were reviewed. Most of the changes are housekeeping and ensure the constitution reflects the present organization and function of the BCRPVPA.

The constitution changes were approved.

Membership update: Jessica

Members as of May 1 810 (2 deceased)

Update: for almost the beginning of June, 2025 we are up to 811 members.

Proposed meeting dates for next year (attachment)

Some General Meetings are Tuesdays: January 20, March 17, and some General meetings are Thursdays: October 16, , AGM May 21.

6. Vice-President's report – Marsha

BCRPVPA Affinity and Benefits/ Communications Report May 2025

Marsha highlighted key aspects of her report, as submitted in the agenda.

Communications and Technology

Responded to emails re insurance, travel, and other benefits.

Continue to update website and provide links on our website– driving members to our website.

Printed 65 brochures and some were distributed along with some wild seed bookmarks from *belairdirect*.

Went to BCPVPA Chapter Council with Deborah to speak about referring members to BCRPVPA when retiring.

Affinity and Benefits – Focus on Canadian!



HearingLife: May is hearing awareness month. For every free hearing test or equipment purchase HearingLife contributes monies to our scholarship bursary fund. Always good to get at least a baseline test and hearing loss is one of the contributors to dementia.

belairdirect (Johnson and Medoc): Contract provides 1.5% annually royalty paid out based on number of members designated as BCRPVPA members.

In June we will receive \$558.50 towards our scholarship and bursary funds as they pay for the advertisements you see in the newsletters and eblasts. Please change your affiliation to BC **Retired** Principals as you could get better rates!!

[MEDOC® Travel Insurance - BCRPVPA](#)

[Home Insurance - BCRPVPA](#) Win with *belairdirect* home insurance!

Contact Lisa Hansen, Manager, Group Benefits 1-866-440-8300 Ext: 67163
lhansen@johnson.ca for free friendly advice on any insurance matter.

\$1000 Scholarship Opportunity from *belairdirect* open until July 15.

[BEL-2025 scholarship opportunity - BCRPVPA](#)

Any graduate both independent and public, 75% average and they don't get many applications from BC. Applicants must be related to a *belairdirect* or Johnson associate – that's us!

Remember we have a wide range of benefits: [Benefits - BCRPVPA](#)

Callia flowers, Perkopolis, Iris Vision, Park N'Fly, EMS savings, West Jet, Fresh Prep, Bell, Rogers, humanworks, Enterprise, Avis, Collette, Trip Merchant, HearingLife, Home, Travel, extended health Insurance and more.

Trip Merchant:

Tom McLean launched their new travel platform with *Trip Merchant*, designed exclusively for *BCRPVPA* members. Sign up at [Trip Merchant - BCRPVPA](https://tripmerchant.com/register)

Member Benefits Include:

- Exclusive Member Savings
- Trip Merchant Loyalty Program
- Trip Contests
- Trip Itinerary Builder
- Online Presentations
- Exclusive Group Departures with *Trip Merchant Journeys*
- Travel Inspiration and more!

Click this URL - <https://tripmerchant.com/register>

Organization Code: Please enter this code exactly as shown **4324**
link: <https://tripmerchant.com/login>. , enter your email address and password you created.

Marsha outlined the workshop opportunities:

Technology Workshops

Presented by: Connected Canadians (contact [Connected Canadians](#)) We have contacted Connected Canadians to discuss which options best suit our community. Workshops can hold up to 15 people (or more on request) and are normally 60 mins in length.

Workshops could include:

ChatGPT: Navigating the Digital Conversation

Online Banking and Financial Literacy

Getting Help with Technology

Phishing Scams & Staying Safe Online

Recognizing Fake News

Digital Documents

Safe Digital Communications

Getting Around Easily Using Technology

Music and Technology

Newsletter

What did you like, what catches your eye and what is of benefit to you?
HELP NEEDED - Always looking for articles, quizzes, puzzles, jokes, items of interest.

Monkey survey will support some widespread member input into the newsletter.

A picture was taken of the members present at the luncheon and was submitted to the C and C #102.

7. Past President's report – Christine

Christine reviewed the 'cast' of guest speakers that occurred this year.

8. Scholarship's report – Jeff

Over 100 applications were received by the end of March 2025. The committee met in April and distributed over \$14,000 in scholarship and bursary money. This year the monies will be sent directly to the post-secondary institution.

Conversation for the fall executive and AGM: should students from independent schools be included in the application process.

A big thank you to Yolande for all that she does to process the applications and distribute them to all committee members.

Jeff also reminded members that other than the one meeting all scholarship and bursary work could be done on your own at home.

9. Sunshine report – Bonnie

Bonnie was thanked for all the ***sunshine*** she continues to spread. We were reminded that sometimes members who pass away in care facilities often have the family condolence card returned because the rooms are filled with new patients quite quickly.

10. Website update

Just a reminder that the June/July 2025 Chronicles and Capers will be available for members on our website. Members will receive an email when it is posted on our website. A printed document will be available for those members who still receive a 'hard' copy.

11. New business – Deborah How we can connect with each other?

We received two suggestions:

SIGNAL <https://signal.org/>

And

MIGHTY <https://faq.mightynetworks.com/en/articles/6499145-where-can-i-get-help>

We encourage you to have a look at both sites and give us your feedback:
info@bcrcvpa.ca
by July 31, 2025!

**ELECTIONS – Christine Johnson ran the election portion of our AGM.
Each position was elected at the AGM**

<u>President:</u>	Deborah Luporini
<u>Past President:</u>	vacant
<u>Vice-President:</u>	Marsha Arnold
<u>Secretary:</u>	vacant – presently: Deborah Luporini
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Lanny Young

5- 9 Members-at-Large (returning)

Jeff Larcombe
Ian Kent
Yolande Martinello
Bonnie Deren
Sher Baerg
Jessica Antosz
Sandra Kinnon

New:

Elaine Thompson
Heidi Grant

We welcome Elaine Thompson and Heidi Grant. Having members from outside the Lower Mainland on our executive is wonderful and doable, especially given how technology can facilitate connectivity.

Presentation and Thank You

Marsha Arnold spoke to Christine Johnson's and Ted St. Pierre's contribution to the BCRPVPA executive. Both are stepping down from their respective roles on the executive.

Congratulations were extended from everyone with a card of thanks and a gift card for each of them.

Next meeting:

Executive: Tuesday, September 16, 2025

General: Thursday, October 16, 2025

DRAW for attendance prize!

Winners were: Heather McTaggart and Ian Kent

Jeff Larcomb won the Belair Direct backpack

The meeting 'paused' at 11:09 a.m. for five minutes while our speakers got set up for their respective presentation.

Cheryl Anderson from Hearing Life checked in with headphones and pens for everyone at the meeting, and an update on Hearing Life services around the province.

Guest Speaker: Lisa Hansen from *belairdirect* (Johnson)

12. Adjournment: Everyone was invited to a 'no host' lunch, following the meeting, hosted by Lanny Young and assisted by Sandra Kinnon. We were happy to have five members of the BCPVPA join us for lunch.