

**Approved minutes (January 20, 2026)
BCRPVPA General meeting
October 16, 2025**

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

Regrets:

Y. Martinello, Heidi Grant, Elaine Thompson

Attendance:

V. Rygnestad, G. Soon, E. Phillips,

Zoom: Christine Johnson, Celina Mau, Wayne Kelly, Lisa Rinke, Sandra Kinnon

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Agenda:

1. Welcome - We give thanks and acknowledge that the BCPVPA office is located on the unceded traditional territories of the x^wməθk^wəy^əm (Musqueam), S^kw^xwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

2. Approval of Agenda by consensus

3. Approval of the last General meeting minutes – March 13, 2025 by consensus

4. Treasurer's report – Lanny

Lanny reviewed the financial statement of June 30 which included a detailed review of spending to date, investments of money and scholarship and bursary payments.

Lanny also confirmed that our year-end report has been filed by our accountant with revenue Canada. Our annual fee has been paid and our accountant will be completing the T4 slips for our S and B winners for the 2025 taxation year.

Treasurer's Report for Executive Meeting on Sept. 16, 2025

Financial Report as of June 30, 2025

Financial Position

Fund Balances as of June 30, 2024 - **\$ 47,824.78**
Fund Balances as of June 30, 2025 - **\$ 38,473**
(Vancity- \$ 17,940.98 + GIC \$ 20,532.02)

Statement of Operations

Revenue from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 - **\$ 27,060**
Membership – \$22,920.00
Hearing Life Annual Scholarship - \$ 2,500
Affinity Program Royalty
(Hearing Life) - \$ 1,314.50
(Belaire Direct) - \$ 325.50

Expenditures from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 - **\$ 21,623**
Communications/Technology - \$ 1,235
Meeting Costs/Governance - \$ 1,149
Student Scholarships - \$ 13,525
Governance - \$ 3,142
Bank Charges (e transfers and wire transfers) - \$ 72
Accounting fees for year end - \$ 2,500

Lanny outlined the possibility of a Christmas luncheon for the membership at large on December 16 from 11:30 – 2 p.m. at Il Corvo in Deep Cove. The luncheon will cost each member who attends \$25.00. Guests or caregivers are also welcome and their cost is also \$25.00. Payments for those wanting to attend can be made through e-transfer: info@bcprvpa.ca. In the message box please enter the name(s) of the member and their guests attending.

We should be able to confirm the luncheon within the next two weeks and will follow up with an email to the entire membership regularly until the guest list reaches 50 (maximum number) or December 1st.

5. President's report – Deborah

Completed direct deposit for S and B, for the first time. Lanny was a great support for the financial wire transfers for the students' tuition.

Reminder about 'phising' and 'scams' – Be aware: if you are not sure about the content, make a phone call to the appropriate executive member. Check our our website homepage: Two direct connection buttons: TPP pension and Presentations for recordings made at our meetings.

Please note that the March General meeting date has changed from Tuesday, March 17 to Thursday, March 5. This will move the meeting out of spring break.

Guest Speakers for general meetings are now being managed by the executive.

General meeting speakers upcoming:

January General meeting – Lori Martins "Cheese"

March General meeting – Yolande Martinello "Water colour painting"

May AGM – Cheryl Anderson "Hearing Life"

Seeking permission from the membership to post the names of deceased and new members in the closest edition of the Chronicles and Capers. This will take effect in February. Members will be notified of the up-coming changes

6.Vice-President's report – Marsha

BCRPVPA Affinity and Benefits/ Communications

Communications and Technology

Responded to emails re insurance, travel, and other benefits even if they weren't members yet.

Using the communications@bcrvpa.ca has allowed me to send out eblasts more easily and I report the ongoing issues with inactive or deleted emails to Deborah and Jessica. Please let us know if you change our home or email addresses.

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

Went to BCRTA September 25th conference as an invited BCRPVPA representative. Speakers included Insurance updates, Sustaining Age Friendly Programs, Teaching in the Stone Age, and Steps to consider before end of Life. There were also Zone meetings and PostScript Awards. I learned that BCRTA has similar issues losing track of members, attracting membership, keeping the website accessible and attractive as well as providing support in a variety of ways to meet the needs of the aging population we serve.

Our own Gerald Soon, who is the speaker today, received an award for his article published in their magazine PostScript. We will be publishing that article our Fall Newsletter.

Pension - TPP

You may have received a letter from BCRTA asking you to join their association. Tim Anderson, their executive director working with TPP, received permission to send this request and they managed to attract more than 1000 retirees to try out their one-year free membership. Because BCRPVPA not informed, and pension members were not identified specifically as principals, everyone who was not a member of the BCRTA received that letter. BCRTA paid for this mailout.

Our BC TPP has the best inflation protection of all teacher pension plans in Canada, although the cost-of-living adjustment is not guaranteed. Over the past 23 years the COLA has increased our pensions by 63%.

Want to know more about your pension? [Home - Teachers - Teachers](#) using your pension number found on your pension correspondence or on your T4A or call 250-953-0431

Affinity and Benefits

I am starting send a 'package' of info to our new members after a few months of membership giving them the Perkopolis code and other links for our benefits as many do not access these offerings unless reminded of savings and other benefits.

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 (Use Trip Merchant as your travel agent to book Collette and you get both deductions), Home and Travel Insurance, and more.

Belairdirect Insurance (underwritten by Intact)

Belairdirect (formerly Johnson and Medoc) Our contract provides 1.5% annually as a administrative royalty paid out to us based on number of designated as BCRPVPA members. WE also receive payment for advertising their product which goes towards our scholarships as well.

Please change your affiliation to BC **Retired** Principals as you could get better rates!!

To get your **home insurance quote**, visit belairdirect.com/start-saving.

For your **travel insurance price**, visit belairdirect.com/travel-groups

or call 1 833 583-3643 and mention BCRPVPA

Lisa Hansen, formerly the manager of group benefits, has moved to the BCRTA as the new executive director and Jessica Simpson is temporarily taking her place as Lisa's job with belairdirect has not yet been posted. (jessica.simpson@belairdirect.com)

Government Dental Plan

TPP members do NOT qualify unless you have **not** had dental insurance before 2023 and have a taxable income below \$90,000. Average TPP pensions without CPP and OAS is \$36,000. BCRTA is lobbying with other similar employee groups to change this policy as we are excluded from this benefit because TPP offers dental coverage.

Trip Merchant

Latest BCRPVPA Group Travel Event is Lucerne & Zurich & Rhine Castles & Moselle Vineyards May 28th-June 9th. This Trip Merchant Emerald River Cruise offers free airfare and great discounts. Join us!

Contact Trip Merchant at info@tripmerchant.com 1 800 481-9739 for more information.

Trip Merchant, has designed a travel platform exclusively for *BCRPVPA* members. Sign up at [Trip Merchant - BCRPVPA](#)

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**
HearingLife

For every free hearing test at any Hearinglife outlet, given that you tell them you are a BCRPVPA member, we receive money towards our scholarships. Always important to get a baseline assessment by their professional audiologists. Stats Canada reports that 47% of Canadians over 60 have hearing loss. Hearing loss contributes to dementia so get your test today!
[Hearing Life - BCRPVPA](#) or <https://hearinglifeadvantage.ca/bcrpvpa/>

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Callia flowers, Perkopolis, Iris Vision, Park N'Fly, EMS savings, West Jet, Fresh Prep, Bell, Rogers, humanworks, Enterprise, Avis, Collette (Use Trip Merchant as your travel agent to book Collette and you get both deductions), Home and Travel Insurance, and more.

Technology Workshops

Our latest webinar on Phishing by Connected Canadians was well received. If you would like to receive the link to this recorded webinar or

the one held on Artificial Intelligence please contact Marsha at

communications@bcrvpa.ca
or at info@bcrvpa.ca

As your affinity and benefits rep, I have approached BCRTA about working together in offering more webinars in the future. I have been met with a positive response.

For **free** Technology Support
Phone:1-877-304-5813 or



"Nathan, there's a gentleman here trying to pay with his phone."

Email: info@connectedcanadians.ca

Website: www.connectedcanadians.ca

Or click on this [link](#) to the page on the CC website to book your **free** session

To check if your email has been compromised

<https://haveibeenpwned.com>

(Do not panic but change your passwords if you have been compromised.)

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, photos, etc.

communications@bcprvpa.ca or info@bcprvpa.ca

Volunteer Needed - Seeking a volunteer to mail out copies of the newsletter to those members who wish a hard copy (10 people right now).

Eileen Phillips has offered to help out with mailing out the copies of the newsletters. The copies are in black and white.

7.Membership report - Jessica

As of October 1, 2025 there are 5 new members, making our total 814 members. There are four new members who need to be added to our membership list.

1 member passed away over the past month.

8.Scholarship's report – Jeff

- 13 Scholarships and Bursaries were handed out for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Direct deposits were made directly to the post-secondary institution.

WANTED: 2-4 members from the general membership to support us with S and B selection.

Commitment: Your own time January – March: electronically receiving S and B applications.

April – committee selection via submission on line

April 29 (Wednesday) – meeting in Vancouver (BCPVPA office) for final selection

Jessica Antosz said that Don Boyd would be interested in supporting this opportunity. Eileen Phillips is willing to support this as well. Vivian Rygnstead will speak with Jeff after the meeting to talk further about this opportunity.

9.Sunshine report – Bonnie

Bonnie had nothing specific to add. Everyone was reminded that as soon as we are notified of a deceased member by the family, we will seek out a mailing address so that she can send a card to the family. Bonnie also sends out other 'Sunshine' needed cards.

10. New business – Deborah

October general meeting question:

What do you hope/desire/want from the BCRPVPA?

The members who were on line responded to this question. The answers varied with most people feeling happy with the information and support available to them. Pleased about the travel information. The newest members are still working through the website regarding benefits. Everyone was reminded that a quick question to the info line is the fastest way to get an answer.

ATTENDANCE PRIZES!!

This meeting's winners of the \$25.00 gift card were: Lisa Rinke and Bonnie Deren.

11. Next meeting:

Executive: Tuesday, November 25: in-person

General: Tuesday, January 20, 2025

12. The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

The presentation will begin at 11:10 a.m.