Vancouver Community Network
Board of Directors Meeting
29 November, 2004

411 Dunsmuir Street, 2nd Floor
Vancouver, BC, V6B 1X4

Present: Chantal, Madelaine, Jim, Richard, Michael, Craig, Martin
Also present: Peter Royce

1. Call to order, by Jim Sayre – 6pm

2. Approval of the agenda m/s/c

3. Adoption of the minutes of last meeting (November 1, 2004) m/s/c

4. Reports

Chantal presented and commented on the financial reports, including balance sheet, income statement, and budget.

Motion on the floor to accept the budget as presented for 2004 m/s/c

Peter presented an update on the BC & Yukon Technical Support Network

Peter presented, and the board discussed, the current difficulties with the mail server. More details will be posted on the web server.

5. Dates of meetings

Dates of future meetings to be the last Tuesday of the month, beginning with the January 25, 2005 meeting (no meeting December 28, 2004).

6. Board officers

Jim proposed a slate of officers for the board:

Jim – President

Richard – Vice President

Marisa – Secretary

Chantal – Treasurer

Slate was adopted as presented by unanimous vote m/s/c

7. Signing officers

Pending approval by bank and in line with rules in the Societies Act, the VCN will amend the cheque signing procedure so that "at least one board member" signs cheques, with one staff member also able to sign. m/s/c

8. Committee structure

After discussion a committee structure for the coming year was agreed to. The board also agreed to endeavor to include more members and people from the community on our committees and keep the membership updated on committee happenings. Each committee has at least one board member to guide it. Some of the committees will meet regularly, others will meet as needed. The structure will be as follows:

Finance committee – Chantal to coordinate, with one staff member (Lauren) at least

Operations committee – Michael to coordinate, with Steven

Personnel committee – Martin to coordinate, with Peter

Strategic initiatives (wireless) committee - Madeleine to be liaison

Communications committee – Richard to coordinate, with Peter

Members rights committee – Jim to coordinate

The status of a separate "planning committee" was discussed, with the proposal from Jim that we try a "committee of the whole" approach for planning, with all board members to participate and planning to occur as part of the regular board meetings.

9. Online communication tools

Discussion of online voting and motions and making greater use of online tools. Richard suggested we experiment with the minutes – adoption and revisions to them could be done online.

Peter noted that there is a board web site, at
http://staff.vcn.bc.ca/board

Adjourned at 8pm.