

**VCN Annual General Meeting**  
**Thursday, Dec. 3th, 2009**  
**411 Dunsmuir St., Vancouver, B.C.**

Board in attendance: Jim Sayre, Richard Smith, Craig McLachlan, Michael Felczak, Travis Keyworth, Brendan Houle, Anthony Swain, Pedro Mora.

Staff in attendance: Steven Chan, Chris Chanhsumone, Sid Roberts, Kalia Turdueva, Izabela Krekora.

Members in attendance: Quorum achieved with 15+ VCN members in attendance.

Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM.

MOTION for approval of the agenda – moved by Dan Fass; seconded by Penny Goldsmith; Carried.

MOTION to approve minutes from last year's AGM – moved by Jim Scewchuk; seconded by Eric Karbin; Carried.

Jim Sayre presented the president's report, providing a brief overview of VCN and its key services:

- Dial-up internet
- Email, mailing list, and web hosting
- CAP and CAPYI
- VCN Web Team
- WIFI projects
- High-speed internet with WIFI sharing
- Thanked staff, volunteers, members, and funders

Suggestion from a member: VCN should use its donation funds to provide high-speed Internet service.

- Jim Sayre responded: VCN has been actively investigating in the past year the possibility of somehow providing such a service to members. Unfortunately the provision of high-speed Internet service is very expensive in terms of both the hardware required as well as the fees involved in order to purchase bandwidth from large Internet network providers.
- Another member responded: it would be unfortunate if VCN lost members by providing high-speed service. Ideally, VCN would be able to boost membership as part of this process and service. Some discussion: if a high-speed user shared their connection using WIFI with neighbours, this could be an opportunity to invite new members.

MOTION to accept the President's report – moved by Doug Perry; seconded by Jim Scewchuk; Carried.

Gary Wozny presented the accountant's report.

Kalia Turdueva presented a summary of the CAP program:

- Community access points with computer and Internet access.

- Funded by Industry Canada.
- Administered by VCN in the Lower Mainland.
- Currently 102 CAP sites in Lower Mainland.
- CAP sites continue to be used by people without Internet access at home or at work, including new immigrants, people seeking employment, senior citizens, First Nations people, at-risk youth, people facing literacy challenges, the homeless, and people with disabilities and mental health issues.
- More information about CAP is available at <http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cap-pac.nsf/eng/00003.html>.
- More information about all CAP sites in BC is available at: <http://cap.vcn.bc.ca/map>

Rhianon Bader presented an overview of the CAP online magazine:

- Idea is to give readers a more detailed overview of CAP and CAPYI, including profiles of specific CAP sites and users.
- The online magazine is available at <http://cap.vcn.bc.ca/capyimagazine>

Kevin Rowe presented an overview of the CAPYI and related programs:

- Working both with people that ask for assistance and help at CAP sites (e.g. using the computer, accessing the Internet) as well as CAP site staff to maintain, troubleshoot, and upgrade hardware and software used at CAP sites.
- Trying to work closely with VCN to support CAP sites that wish to provide WIFI access to the public at these sites.

Melissa Garcia presented an overview of the VCN WebTeam and its recent activities:

- Continuing to work closely with non-profits in Vancouver to support and inform organizations on available low-cost or free services and online opportunities to advance and enhance each organization's goals.

Penny Goldsmith, Brian Campbell, and Kalia Turdueva led a short remembrance of Peter Royce.

MOTION to nominate Peter Royce for the John Webb award for community contribution – moved by Jim Scewchuk; seconded by Doug Perry; Carried.

The board and members thanked our active volunteers. Certificates and gifts of appreciation were awarded.

Board membership:

- Nominations called for from the floor. None were received.
- MOTION to nominate the presented slate, composed of Jim Sayre, Richard Smith, Chantal Iorio, Michael Felczak, Craig McLachlan, Pedro Mora, Brendan Houle, Travis Keyworth, and Anthony Swain. Moved by Penny Goldsmith; Seconded by Jim Scewchuk; Carried.

Members Business:

- Members, staff, and board broke out into small discussion groups.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.