

**VCN Annual General Meeting
Thursday, Dec. 4th, 2008
411 Dunsmuir St., Vancouver, B.C.**

Board in attendance: Jim Sayre, Richard Smith, Chantal Iorio, Michael Felczak, Craig McLachlan, Pedro Mora, Travis Keyworth.

Staff in attendance: Tom Hansen, Steven Chan, Kalia Turdueva.

Members in attendance: Quorum achieved with 16+ VCN members in attendance.

Meeting called to order at 6:25 PM.

MOTION for approval of the agenda – Dan Fass moved; Tom Hansen seconded; Carried.

MOTION to approve minutes from last year's AGM – moved by Dan Fass; seconded by Pedro Mora; Carried.

Jim Sayre presented the president's report.

Chantal Iorio presented the financial statements:

- Discussed the difference between financial audit and review engagement.
- Presented the review engagement that was conducted for the past fiscal year.
- CAP continues to represent most of the revenue, which flows through and is administered by VCN on behalf of CAP sites.
- This past year also had revenue from ILS project.
- Each year also some revenue from donations.
- Small increase in expenses to cover additional staff allocations and wage increases.
- Question from member: would it be helpful to include budget for next year as part of the documents distributed for the AGM? Discussion: VCN's budget for each year is very similar to the past year based on the nature of our organization. In this sense, the financial statements that are presented each year are in effect a guide to the following year.

A mistake was noted in the AGM meeting agenda: “5. Appointment of Auditor” should read “Appointment of Accountant for Review Engagement.”

Tom Hansen moved that we defer the appointment of the accountant to perform the review engagement to the board for the next year. Seconded by Anthony Swain. Carried.

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.
- Over 100 CAP sites in Lower Mainland.

- As with previous years, CAP sites continue to be used by a diversity of people in various communities, including senior citizens, First Nations people, immigrants, the unemployed, 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>.

Michael Petty presented an overview of VCN/Free Geek partnership to setup additional and new community access sites with public Internet access.

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

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

Members Business:

- Pedro Mora suggested that new board members should be required to be a VCN member for at least 6 months before becoming a board member. This would ensure that new board members are familiar and experienced with VCN before joining the board. Discussion:
 - Do we want to think about things as inside/outside and make board membership exclusive by mandating these additional requirements?
 - Is formal membership really a good guarantee that a member will actually be experienced with VCN services? What if they only use one service like email?
 - Currently anyone with an interest, desire, and time to help out on the board is welcome to join.
 - Any amendment to the existing bylaws would need to be presented to members before the AGM and voted by members at the AGM.
- Member noticed a recent reduction in spam:
 - There have been some improvements in the VCN spam filter.
 - Recent big spam source has been weakened internationally.
- Question from member about managing spam. Members can check out services and tutorials available for VCN members about using the Internet and email.
- Question about VCN email addresses being blacklisted by hotmail. Only hotmail can remove the blacklist entry.

Board membership:

- MOTION to nominate the presented slate, composed of Jim Sayre, Richard Smith, Chantal Iorio, Michael Felczak, Craig McLachlan, Pedro Mora, and Travis Keyworth. Moved by Maxine Gadd; Seconded by Eric Karbin; Carried.
- Nominations called for from the floor:
 - Anthony Swain expressed interest in joining the board. Nominated to the slate.
- MOTION to approve the slate by acclamation – Moved by Bella Chen; Seconded by Maxine Gadd; Carried. Opposed by Pedro Mora.

A member expressed thanks to the board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.