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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2007 MEETING

1. The agenda was approved.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and the Nov. 30, 2006 Board meeting were not available. When drafted, they can be discussed and approved online.

3. The financial statements were discussed extensively, and accepted. Members were concerned about the projected deficit, which is due to the uncertain status of the CAP and CAP-YI projects for the next year. If the projects are not extended or VCN doesn't received any funding from them, we will need to revisit the budget.

4. The staff presented its general and technical reports. The Board appreciated the detail information, and there was considerable discussion regard such matters as:

    a. The uncertainty about the continuation of CAP and CAP-YI;
    b. A long-delayed joint project with Volunteer BC to put the BC Societies database online;
    c. Hardware problems over the holidays that caused service interruptions, as recorded under systems news on the website;
    d. An ambitious plan for technical upgrades and development over the next several months.

5. The Board elected the following officers:
    a. President: Jim Sayre
    b. Vice President: Richard Smith
    c. Treasurer: Chantal Iorio

6. There was a discussion about reducing the quorum for Board meetings from a "majority" as set out in the by-laws to "half". The Board noted (with regret) the resignation of Jennifer Campagnolo, which reduced the number of members to 10. After discussion, however, it was decided to leave the quorum as is.

7. Committees: The Board discussed the establishment of a more active committee structure so that complicated matters do not have to be addressed

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entirely by the full Board. The following committees were tentatively approved, with the members noted as leaders and prospective chairs. The leaders were asked to consider the mandate, membership, and other questions regarding their committee before the next meeting.

a. Finance: Chantal Iorio
b. Operations: Michael Felczak
c. Communications: Romina Wendell
d. Personnel and Board Recruitment: Craig McLachlan
e. Wireless Projects: Scott Nelson
f. Legal and Privacy Issues: Jim Sayre

8. 2007 Summit: The upcoming Summit was discussed. Some members plan to attend, and will report back to the Board.

9. Next meeting: Thursday, February 22, 2007, at 6:00 pm.

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