

VCN Board Meeting
Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010
411 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Directors in attendance: Jim Sayre, Richard Smith, Craig McLachlan, Brendan Houle, Travis Keyworth, Anthony Swain, Chantal Iorio, Michael Felczak.

Staff in attendance: Izabela Krekora, Chris Chanhsamone.

Guest in attendance: Hamida Hajee

MOTION to approve minutes from Dec. 3rd, 2010 board meeting – m/s/c.

Update on John Webb award:

- We put forward a nomination for Peter Royce
- However, our nomination was not accepted
- Jim has written a letter to ask them to please reconsider the nomination

We should continue to highlight the work of our great volunteers. Some ideas:

- Lunch every quarter to meet with and thank our volunteers
- Highlight volunteer award info on our website
 - On front page after AGM and volunteer awards
 - Regular website section for awards, listed by year
 - Email volunteers and members to inform them of the awards

Izabela presented the staff report:

- CAPYI magazine is finished:
 - We'll be printing some hard copies
 - Online version needs to include low-resolution images (for dial-up users)
- CAPYI interns are finishing up each week
- CAP claims are also coming in, but slowly so far
- Industry Canada is coming in for a routine visit on Monday
- WebTeam offering a 2-for-1 promotion to promote services and non-profits helping non-profits

Chris presented the technical report:

- Kenny has been working with CAP sites to setup WIFI hotspots/mesh networks
- Recently upgraded and replaced firewalls
- Some PC upgrades to the lab at 411
- Installation of a new UPS system for power backup
- We have passed along our donated hardware to FreeGeek

The board discussed helping other groups and organizations interested in providing free WIFI to the public:

- This can include community centers, legions, etc.
- We could help with the setup and management of the WIFI hardware/software

Chantal presented the financial report:

- Processing CAP claims
- Donations lower than budgeted (likely affected by recession)
- Also worth considering a donation box with information about our services

Election of officers. The following members volunteered to continue to serve:

- Jim Sayre as President
- Richard Smith as Vice-President
- Chantal Iorio as Treasurer
- Michael Felczak as Secretary

MOTION to accept the presented slate of officers – m/s/c.

Small Business Internship Project:

- We submitted our application two weeks ago
- Now awaiting decision

Next meeting:

- Tentatively 3rd Thursday of February
- Hamina would also like to attend the next meeting. Please email the date/time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.