

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, January 27, 2018
Westin Wall Centre Airport, Airport Ballroom
3099 Corvette Way, Richmond, BC
Scheduled 2:00 p.m to 2:30 p.m

CALL TO ORDER AT 2:00 P.M.

1. Approval of January 27, 2018 Agenda

Moved that the agenda for January 27, 2018 be approved as circulated.

Graham Kay **MOVED** Clare Jennings **SECONDED** **CARRIED**

2. Adoption of Minutes – January 28, 2017

Moved that the January 28, 2017 Annual General Meeting minutes be adopted as circulated

Darlene Kavka **MOVED** Ken Armstrong **SECONDED** **CARRIED**

3. President's Report

President Veenstra deferred the opening remarks to Past President Michael Welsh QC, noting that the Annual General Meeting reports primarily on the fiscal year that has passed.

Mr. Welsh noted that the Branch enjoyed a higher than usual profile within the government and media, which was beneficial in terms of building the organization's strength and reputation. This was largely due to the election and the release of the *Agenda for Justice* report. Successes were noted particularly around restorative justice initiatives that were proposed, as well as party commitments from both parties to substantial increases in legal aid in the upcoming year.

3. Financial Report

Ms. Mereigh commented that the overall financial health of the organization is sound, and everything is in good order.

Stagnating and/or declining revenue streams continues to be a trend, based on membership numbers and a move to make the organization's directory available for free online. With regards to the budget itself, we continue to see a relationship where there is a deficit budget, but that there are surpluses.

Auditor Reports and Financial Statements 2016/2017

Moved That: the Auditor's Report be accepted and the Financial Statements for the fiscal year 2016/2017 dated August 31, 2017 be approved as circulated.

Margaret Mereigh **MOVED** Ken Armstrong **SECONDED** **CARRIED**

Appointment of Auditors 2017/2018

Moved That: the accounting firm of Manning Elliott Chartered Accountants be appointed as auditors for the Canadian Bar Association BC Branch for the fiscal year 2017/2018.

Margaret Mereigh **MOVED** Ken Armstrong **SECONDED** **CARRIED**

The Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm

H. William Veenstra
President, 2017-2018

CAROLINE NEVIN
Executive Director