

Vancouver Sea to Sky and Richmond Delta Burnaby Branch Meeting

October 18, 2006 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Present: Duncan Stephen, Gillian Sexsmith, Judy Ageson, Laura Staude

1. Branch Membership Survey

- Duncan tallied the results from the RDB Branch. He will e-mail the results out to members.
- The final changes will be made to the VSS Branch survey and then it will be sent out via e-mail to VSS members.

2. Branch Positions

- Treasurer – Marty Lund has resigned from the position of Treasurer. The position involves writing an annual report regarding the account activity. Receiving and filing the account statements, serving as one of three signing authorities
- Laura agreed to assume this role.
- Marty is completing the report for this year and will hand over the files to Laura.

3. Perspectives

- Duncan's social policy article on welfare, poverty and minimum wage levels was combined with an article on similar issues by Rob Hart.
- Barb has submitted her article on branch members with social work background from other countries.
- Angela has almost completed the editorial piece for the newsletter and her article regarding hidden costs of the Olympics.
- Marty's article on the history of BCASW has been suggested to be the cover article.
- Marissa Tuzi will submit an article about the Continuous Journey event.

4. AGM Report

- Duncan has prepared a report for the branch for the AGM on Friday Oct. 27. He will submit it to Linda Korbin.

5. Holiday Event

- We are hoping to do a holiday event at the Harvest Project. Gillian will follow-up and see if this is possible. We will bring food and appropriate donations. Harvest Project may offer suggestions for donations. Duncan will make the invitations. Judy will be noted as the person to whom RSVP's are directed.
- The date will be Dec. 6 or 7 if these work for the Harvest Project.

6. Social Work Week

- This event will be further discussed at the November meeting. We will find out if the schools want to participate like last year and then determine what venue would be best.

7. Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be November 16.
- In November we will also plan to recognize Marty's contributions to the branches by taking him and his wife to dinner. Duncan will be in touch with Marty about possible dates.