

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Saturday, December 6, 2014**  
Westin Wall Centre Airport, Airport Ballroom  
3099 Corvette Way, Richmond, BC  
Scheduled 1:00 p.m to 1:30 p.m

**CALL TO ORDER AT 1:00 P.M.**

**1. Approval of December 6, 2014 Agenda and December 14, 2013 Minutes**

Moved that the agenda of December 6, 2014 be approved as circulated.

Bill Veenstra **MOVED** Jennifer Chow **SECONDED** **CARRIED**

Moved that the minutes of December 14, 2013 be approved as circulated

Michael Welsh **MOVED** Bill Veenstra **SECONDED** **CARRIED**

**2. Opening Remarks from the President**

President Shorten cited the past year as having its challenges from a budget standpoint, but noted that it was dealt with admirably and produced results better than were forecasted.

Mr. Shorten acknowledged a number of activities executed under the leadership of Past President Crawford, most notably those surrounding government relations. Provincial Council members were also acknowledged for all of the hard work that they put in over the course of the year.

### **3. Resolutions**

#### **Auditor Reports and Financial Statements**

Mr. Welsh noted that the Financial Statements included in the pack remain labelled as “draft” until approved at this meeting, and echoed President Shorten’s statements that the Branch finished the year in good shape financially. It was also noted that this year’s audit went very smoothly and without incident.

**Moved** that the Auditor’s Report be accepted and the Financial Statements for the fiscal year 2013/2014 dated August 31, 2014 be approved as circulated.

Jennifer Chow **MOVED** Michael Welsh **SECONDED** **CARRIED**

#### **Appointment of Auditors 2014-2015**

Mr. Welsh explained that the Branch seeks to appoint Manning Elliott Chartered Accountants as auditors for the 2014-2015 fiscal years and offered to field any questions in that regard.

**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 2014-2015.

Jennifer Chow **MOVED** Michael Welsh **SECONDED** **CARRIED**

#### **Bylaw Amendments**

Mr. Veenstra explained that Bylaw amendments address three issues identified by the Executive over the course of last year.

The first amendment allows the Executive to appoint someone to fill a vacancy as an elected representative, but they will just serve until the next AGM at which point they will be able to run for a full three-year term, and a subsequent three-year term.

The second amendment allows the Executive Committee to have the ability to address a situation, whereby a candidate withdraws between the election deadline and the nomination date.

The final amendment change is grammatical in nature and addresses the wording on how the Equality and Diversity Representative is named. It is being changed from “elected” to “appointed” to more accurately reflect the procedure.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Section 25 of the CBABC bylaws be amended to read as follows:

25. CBABC Council Members who are elected by County shall hold their positions for three (3) years unless:

they have been appointed by the Executive Committee under s.34, due to the resignation or termination of the previous CBABC Member who held the position for that County; or

they resign; or

their position as CBABC Council Members elected by County are terminated by a resolution of Council passed in accordance with s.14 of these Bylaws; or

they are elected as CBABC Table Officers.

**AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Section 26 of the CBABC bylaws be amended to read as follows:

26. CBABC Council Members elected by County may not serve longer than six (6) consecutive years on CBABC Council unless the Member is:

(a) elected as a CBABC Table Officer, in which case the 6-year limit is suspended while the Member holds a Table Officer position, or

(b) appointed for a term of one year or less under s. 34, in which case the Member may serve for a maximum of seven (7) consecutive years.

**AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Section 27 of the CBABC bylaws be amended to read as follows:

27. If a CBABC Council Member elected by County:

(a) ceases to be a member of the CBABC Council for any reason; or

(b) is elected as a CBABC Table Officer thereby creating a vacancy pursuant to subsection 25(d);

Then at the next annual election the vacancy will be filled for a new three (3) year term.

**AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Section 34 of the CBABC bylaws be amended to read as follows:

34. Any vacancy in the positions of CBABC Council Members elected by County may be filled by appointment by the CBABC Executive Committee until the vacancy can be filled by election pursuant to Section 27. When filling such a vacancy, the CBABC Executive Committee shall have regard to the CBABC's commitment to ensuring that members of the CBABC Council represent the diversity of the CBA's membership.

**AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

There be added a new Section 45.2, to read as follows:

45.2 If for any reason including withdrawal of a candidate, lack of time or otherwise, the nomination of a representative for Executive Committee election cannot be completed in time for election, the CBABC Executive Committee, may, in consultation with the CBABC Nominating Committee, make such nominations in addition to those nominated as will complete the slate of candidates for CBABC Executive Committee.

**AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

50.1 At the June Meeting of the CBABC Council each year, following the elections of the CBABC Officers as set out in section 40, the CBABC Council shall appoint an Equality Representative to the CBABC Executive, such Equality Representative to be an existing member of the CBABC Council who is either:

- (a) the Chair of the Equality Committee or,
- (b) a designate selected by the Chair of the Equality Committee from the membership of the Equality Committee.

Erin Crocker **MOVED** Bill Veenstra **SECONDED** **CARRIED**

**4. Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Nevin acknowledged a terrific Branch staff, fabulous volunteers, and perhaps the most energized, experimental and nimble Branch in the country, and thanked everyone for being a part of it.

The December 6, 2014 CBABC Annual General Meeting adjourned at 1:35pm.