

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF
THE FRASER VALLEY ESTATE PLANNING COUNCIL**

May 7, 2013 @ 8:30 A.M.

AT MNP OFFICES #316, 5455 – 152 Street, Surrey, BC

Present: Susan Payment, Yolanda Benoit, Leanne Martyniuk, Carrie Stocco, Tara Britnell

Regrets: Nick Cheng, Dave Lee

1. Call to Order / Confirmation of Agenda

The meeting was called to order by Susan Payment at 8:40 a.m. and the agenda was confirmed.

2. Approval of Minutes

Yolanda Benoit made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 5, 2013. Tara Britnell seconded the motion. All in favour. *Motion carried.*

3. President's Report (Susan Payment)

Susan Payment made a motion to appoint Carrie Stocco as Treasurer to replace the vacancy left by Kelly McAuley's resignation. Seconded by Leanne Martyniuk. All in favour. *Motion carried.*

The Annual General Meeting will be held on May 21. The terms of Kelly McAuley (and now Carrie Stocco) and Leanne Martyniuk expire at the meeting. Susan will check with Nick Cheng as to whether he has heard if anyone wishes to stand for election to these positions.

There is a referral gift for the member who made the most referrals of new members in the past year. Susan will ask Laurie for the information and will ask Dave Lee to get a gift card.

4. Vice President's Report

None

5. Treasurer's Report (Carrie Stocco)

Carrie provided a draft statement. Susan will contact Laurie to request an invoice for the January to March period. Documents were signed to remove Kelly McAuley as signing authority and add Carrie.

6. Program Committee Report (Tara Britnell)

Tara will contact Michelle Isaak to request that she provide her biography before the dinner meeting and to confirm equipment requirements.

There was a general discussion as to speakers and topics for next year and a tentative schedule was developed as follows:

September – Panel discussion of elder fraud. The panel will comprise: (1) a representative of the Public Guardian & Trustee as to what the PGT's powers are; (2) a representative of the RCMP or a former RCMP member as to what the police can do; and (3) a lawyer as to how to recognize elder fraud, with specific reference to the guidelines developed by the BC Law Institute.

November – What to do with the family trust is light of the ability to challenge the discretionary nature of these trusts under the Family Law Act, with the result that they may become a family asset.

January - An overview of the new Wills Estates and Succession Act which will come into force in March 2014.

March – A presentation by a geriatric psychiatrist on recognizing incompetency.

May – A presentation on the state of the economy.

Tara will try to find someone to give a Members Spotlight at the next meeting as to the general effect of the new Family Law Act on estate planning.

7. Public Affairs (Yolanda Benoit)

The notices/ads have been given to CAGP and are posted on the CGA's website. Yolanda will investigate posting notices with the White Rock/South Surrey Chamber of Commerce and the Abbotsford Estate Planning Council

None of us were able to prepare an article in time for the last Leave a Legacy publication. Yolanda will call Colleen at Leave a Legacy to determine the next topic for the October publication so we can try to have something ready in advance.

8. Membership (Leanne Martyniuk)

Current membership stands at 58. There was one new member to approve: Kevin Gebert of Green Rock Financial. Motion by Leanne to approve membership; approved unanimously.
Motion carried.

At the AGM, Susan will encourage people to bring guests to the meetings.

9. New Business (All)

Yolanda asked that we use her new email: ybenoit@spca.bc.ca

Next Board Meeting (tentative): Tuesday, June 18 – 8:30 a.m.
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Next Dinner Meeting: May 21, 2013

Speaker: Michelle Isaak on Insolvent Estates