

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
BRITISH COLUMBIA BRANCH
THE CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

RESOLUTION

SUBJECT: Planning and Priorities Meeting Resolution

DATE OF RESOLUTION: June 2, 2017

MOVED: Bill Veenstra

SECONDED: Ken Armstrong

WHEREAS on March 31 2017 the Executive Committee held its annual priorities and planning committee meeting, chaired by the Vice President, in order to consider potential activities for the 2017-2018 CBABC year;

AND WHEREAS the various proposals have been reviewed and discuss in the course of preparing a budget for the 2017-2018 CBABC year;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The proposal for a Member Recruitment Pilot Project be brought forward after the report this summer of the national MPPS review and considered at the September provincial council meeting for funding from unrestricted reserve funds;
2. The CBABC cease publishing a print copy of the lawyer directory and instead market and sell advertising in respect of its online director;
3. The CBABC continue to publish three print editions of BarTalk and publish the remaining three editions electronically;
4. The CBABC ask its sections committee to:
 - a. review its sections structure in light of the new National Sections Charter,
 - b. look across the country at which sections in which branches are doing well and why, and consider wither those successes might be adapted into some of our own BC Branch sections;

- c. continue to review the number of sections we have, and consider whether it might be appropriate in some circumstances to amalgamate and/or create one larger section out of several smaller ones;
5. The CBABC continue to support public service programs funded by the Law Foundation, but also continue to seek out an appropriate organization to take over these programs;
6. The CBABC cease to hold scholarship fundraising events, with CBABC scholarships to instead be fund through interest earned on endowments at each university;
7. Funding in the New Programs/Activities funding be used for:
 - a. Expenses related to the Truth & Reconciliation working group and other activities leading up to and in connection with a CBABC reconciliation action plan;
 - b. Obtaining professional assistance and advice with respect to a governance review;
 - c. Any new Young Lawyers initiatives that may require funding; and
 - d. Other new programs and activities that arise during the year;
8. The CBABC continue to work with government to advocate for issues identified in the Agenda for Justice prepared for the 2017 election, with professional assistance from outside consultants where appropriate;
9. With respect to the Student Loan Forgiveness program, the CBABC target a limited number of communities that have specific needs for a lawyer and work with local government officials to develop in partnership proposals for pilot projects with respect to this initiative;
10. Three Provincial Council meetings be scheduled for the 2017-2018 year, with the appropriate meeting schedule moving forward to be considered in the context of a governance review;
11. The Truth & Reconciliation Working Group continue its work into the 2017-2018 year;
12. With respect to Standing Committees, the Vice-President engage in consultation of candidates for chair positions in advance of the Committee Appointments day to ensure that appropriate and available candidates are appointed;
13. The review of the CBABC's standing committee structure continue;
14. The CBABC plan for a local event to facilitate participation in the CBA's national 2018 Annual General meeting (currently scheduled for February 2018);
15. The Vice President and Executive Director strategically consider how scheduling of Executive Committee meetings and the use of Zoom technology may permit more efficient use of the time of Executive Committee members and cost savings, while at the same time ensuring an appropriate level of in-person interaction;

16. The ongoing capital improvements to the CBABC's website and technology infrastructure continue through the upcoming year with resulting costs to be capitalized;
17. Staff compensation be increased by 3% across the board – while this is greater than the rate of inflation, it reflects that in recent years increases have not been provided for;
18. Any costs allocated to the BC Branch with respect to post-Rethink changes be provided for from the Unrestricted Reserve;
19. The President undertake, during the 2017-2018 year, visits to managing partners of larger law firms with significant numbers of CBABC members in order to understand how our programs are being received by the firms and identify ways that we can improve our adapt our programs to better meet the needs of those firms;
20. Branch staff look into ways that the CBABC can inexpensively take steps to promote the value of the legal profession to the public, including through social media campaign(s);
21. Other than as set out above, and subject to further or other direction, CBA BC Branch activities continue in the 2017-2018 in much the same fashion as in 2016-2017.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BC BRANCH OF THE CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION AT A MEETING HELD AT WHITESPOT RESTAURANT IN VANCOUVER, BC ON JUNE 2, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caroline Nevin', with a stylized, cursive script.

**CAROLINE NEVIN, CAE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION**