

**Bulkley Valley Centre for Natural Resources Research and Management**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**January 11, 2010**

**Present:** Debbie Cichowski (Chair), Phil Burton, Brian Edmison, Sybille Haeussler, Anne Harfenist, Jim McCormack, Bob Mitchell, Irene Ronalds, Rick Budhwa (RPM), Kirsteen Laing (AM)

**Absent:** Rosemary Fox, Brian Fuhr, Don Morgan, Laurence Turney

Note: monthly information update was circulated with agenda

- 1) Acceptance of Agenda
  - *Anne moved to accept; Jim seconded. Approved.*
- 2) Approval of Dec. 14 draft Minutes
  - *Bob moved to adopt minutes; Phil seconded. Approved.*
- 3) Introduction of potential new NSERC researcher
  - Jocelyn Campbell is working on lichens in the ICH
- 4) Action Items from Previous Meeting(s)
  - a) Strategic Plan - discussed under agenda item #7
  - b) School board, geosciences subcommittee, community radio - all moved to ongoing list
  - c) Awards – nominating committee and evaluation committee are separate; nominations due by Jan. 25; nominating committee has decided not to spend a lot of time searching the literature for deserving papers as was done in previous years
    - **Kirsteen to send out e-mail to members soliciting nominations**
    - **Debbie to solicit nominations at seminar**
  - d) Complexity Workshop – date set for Feb. 19 at Old Church, 08:30-13:00; preliminary agenda ready; open to everyone; Sybille, Don, Alana, Jim P., Richard O. and Amanda leading
  - e) Conferences – discussions re BVRC holding a mining conference are ongoing
- 5) BVRC Alternative Structure Options for 2010
  - Approaching break-even point to match this year's budget
  - Forecasts do not include conferences or new projects
- 6) New Funding Opportunities
  - CEA office – adaptive management/climate change envelopes; fall deadline
  - Vancouver Foundation – Feb. Lol; environmental envelope
  - BV Credit Union – some preliminary discussion of value of study of economic impacts of climate change on Smithers or wider area; idea not on CU agenda; CU has economic development fund; add idea of climate change focus for BVRC and how to incorporate economic experts to strategic plan discussion
    - **Sybille to forward Cindy Pierce report (community guide to climate change assessment) to Tom Havard of CU;**
  - Agricultural Enterprise Development Centre – not a funding opportunity but a reminder of an area into which BVRC could broaden scope (agricultural expertise and research); maybe a niche under 'self-sufficiency'; add to strategic plan discussion
  - Discussed idea of adding upcoming funding opportunities page to website
    - **Kirsteen to add**
- 7) Strategic Plan
  - Revisions have incorporated discussion wrt the operational side of BVRC; targets now reflect objectives rather than strategies
    - **Debbie to circulate revisions with request for feedback before the workshop**
    - **All board members to review draft strategic plan and send in comments**
  - Feb. 15 Strategic Plan workshop to be held at college
  - Discussions on broadening scope of work to include climate change, economic analysis and agriculture as per above; research plan workshop; conversation to be continued next meeting
    - **Debbie, Jim, Bob and Don to organise**
- 8) Smart Planning for Communities

- Ian Picketts just defended thesis on climate change adaptation by BC municipalities
  - **Sybillie to contact I. Picketts and Joan Chess**
- Joan Chess, Sustainability Facilitator at Fraser Basin Council

9) BC Societies Act revisions

- No comment from

10) FORREX

- Titles of all BVRC peer-reviewed literature should be routinely submitted to FORREX; papers that have not undergone peer-review should not be submitted

11) Meeting Dates

- AGM on March 22 with same general format as previous 2 years
  - **Anne to organize**
- No Feb. board meeting; essential business issues arising will be dealt with by e-mail where possible or as add on to strategic plan workshop
- April 12, May 10, June 14

**Next Meeting – Feb 15 Strategic Plan Workshop**

**Meeting Adjourned**

Minutes taken by Anne Harfenist