

IPAC, Vancouver Regional Group  
2007 Annual General Meeting  
June 8, 2007

Chair's Report

IPAC Vancouver has had an active year and focussed on expanding its conference and professional development program. Under the able leadership of the Program Chair, Karen Dornan, the following events were held:

- BC and Canada as Asia's Pacific Gateway into North America: Challenges and Opportunities (June 2007);
- The Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games: Multi-Party Cooperation at Work (March 2007);
- Active Citizenship (February 2007); and
- New Frontiers in Public Sector Governance and Performance Reporting (December 2006).

By deciding upon the full 2006-07 program in the fall of 2006, the Vancouver Regional Group sought to improve attendance at events because participants would be able to plan ahead and working groups would be able to start working on events well in advance of the events taking place. In addition, starting with the June 2007 event, participants are encouraged to evaluate the event and provide suggestions for future themes they would like to see IPAC address.

IPAC Vancouver maintains its sound financial footing and holds a surplus in its accounts. Lesley Matthews, Treasurer, ensured that the Board considered its financial position in considering fee structures for the learning events. Lesley Matthews has been an active and highly valued member of IPAC Vancouver for many years, starting off as a New Professional representative.

With respect to membership, IPAC Vancouver continues to hold its base membership of approximately 100 members. Barb Pearce, Membership Chair, another long-standing and active Board member, could be counted on to bring forward creative suggestions on ways in which to encourage membership.

Kevin Pike, as past Chair of the Vancouver Group, played a key role in adjudicating the nominations for the Lieutenant Governor's Silver Medal for Excellence in Public Administration. This flagship event is a good partnership between the Victoria and Vancouver Chapters.

Syd Baxter continues to play a strong leadership role on the Vancouver Group and is also an important member on the Board of IPAC National as the Secretary. This immediate connection with IPAC national is highly valued as he is able to share on a timely basis the latest initiatives underway by IPAC national.

Grace Cheng stepped into the role of Secretary for the Vancouver Group and quickly proved herself to be efficient in the secretariat function but also contributed to the concept development a variety of the events.

Michael Hunter has completed his second year as the voice of Young Professionals around the Vancouver Group discussions. There is a strong appetite by the Vancouver Group to find opportunities to reach out to new professionals.

Our Directors, Bob Paddon, Penny Bruin, Allan Tupper, Judy Rogers and Ardath Paxton Mann could be counted on to offer sage advice balanced with concrete suggestions on how to improve IPAC Vancouver and its learning events. In addition, we continued to call upon their expertise to act as speakers for the events.

The main challenge for 2007-08, will be recruitment for both Officers and Directors. I would also encourage efforts be given to expanding our membership. It is hoped that the new "Friends of IPAC" initiative being spearheaded by IPAC national in collaboration with all regional groups.

While this report has identified key areas where Board members have contributed to IPAC Vancouver over the past year, they have all done much more. IPAC Vancouver is a highly effective and collegial team where everyone contributes to the learning events and offers suggestions on how to improve our work. As a result, my year as Chair has been rewarding and I am grateful to have had this opportunity.

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