

**Mount Royal College Alumni Association
Justice Alumni Chapter**



Unofficial minutes of Justice Alumni Chapter - Annual General Meeting held on:
Saturday, June 2, 2007
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Location: Mount Royal College, Lincoln Park Room (J301)

Present: James Wood, Chair
Jocey Bonnycastle
Bob Burke (with Clara May)
Roland (Rollie) LaHaye
John Lee
Leona MacEachern
Debbie McInnis
Shirley Reynolds (MRC Alumni Relations)
Ric Tetlock
Mary Urbanovitch
Matt Zazula

Regrets: Tanya Davey
Charlene Diamond
Janne Holmgren
Laura Rideout

1.0 Introduction of 2007/2008 Justice Alumni Chapter (JAC) Board

- 1.1 Board members present included Jocey Bonnycastle, James Wood, Leona MacEachern, Debbie McInnis and Matt Zazula.
- 1.2 Roland LaHaye was present to represent the Faculty of the Department of Justice Studies. Bob Burke, former faculty member, was also in attendance with his wife Clara May.
- 1.3 Class of 82' graduates present for the reunion and the AGM included: Leona MacEachern, Ric Tetlock, Mary Urbanovitch and Matt Zazula.

2.0 JAC / Alumni Update

- 2.1 Structure and Governance
The JAC abides by all policies and guidelines of the Mount Royal College Alumni Association (MRCAA), as well as all policy and procedures of Mount Royal College (MRC).

2.2 Currently there is no charge to be a member of the JAC. There are no current operating costs for the JAC. The Chapter does not currently have a budget due to the fact there are no current funds. There are opportunities to apply for funding through the MRCAA.

2.3 Programs and Services

TD Meloche Monnex currently provides insurance to alumni members
Clearsite Wealth Management
Alumni Association Wine
Life, Medical, Dental and Travel insurance to follow (hopefully by June)

If any member has any further benefit ideas, please contact Randy Paquette, Director of Alumni Relations, 440-7099.

2.3.1 Rollie LaHaye went through the speaker series that were very popular at the college from the past year. As part of his classes, Rollie invited alumni and professionals working in the criminal justice field to attend his classes on certain dates to listen to guest speakers present on current issues in criminal justice. These are class based series that the community becomes involved in, enhancing the quality of the class, while providing continuing education to the community. The main challenge with this was acquiring a space large enough to fit everyone, but thus far things have worked out smoothly. Rollie and the Justice Studies Dept. are committed to continuing this next year. This speaker series can be posted on the Justice Alumni Website.

2.3.2 Rollie is also affiliated with the Alberta Criminal Justice Association (ACJA). They would be interested in co-presenting different workshops they present. This could prove to be beneficial to both the ACJA and the JAC as more alumni become re-connected to the college.

2.3.3 Rollie inquired as to whether the Board has a specific number of members they would like to achieve. James advised that we are looking to re-connect with as many members as we can, and that we have not set a limit. Currently we have 37 members. It was discussed that recent grads are more likely to stay connected to the college as we have their contact info and we can keep them updated via Reflections magazine and the Alumni and Chapter website. Also, there are those who no longer work in traditional criminal justice roles, or have moved and they will be hard to reconnect with.

2.4 Alumni Communication

A variety of different communication modes were discussed. In addition to E-newsletters, hard copy and email, there is a recent wave of online sites that connect groups of people together (such as MySpace and Facebook). Jocey explained that these are centralized sites where there are thousands (millions) of members. The board discussed the possibility of having a board representative on these sites. The board decided that in order to capture as many alumni as possible, we need to use a variety of means. Rollie discussed the use of a poster to give to all justice related agencies to post in a common area. This was how information was carried in regards to the speaker series.

2.5 Events and Activities

James went over why we formed the Justice Alumni Chapter and the objectives that we hold. James also discussed the speaker series and the possibility of expanding this. Other events that were discussed were social events (non-academic), having co-sponsors (ACJA, MRC Justice Studies Dept.) to have special pricing at conferences.

3.0 Other Business

3.1 Having a monthly highlight column was discussed that would feature where past students/faculty have been and their activities.

3.2 Putting the reunion information on the Justice Alumni website was also discussed.

3.3 Investigating additional benefits for those who no longer reside in Calgary/Alberta.

3.4 The board will determine the next meeting and members will be notified of the next JAC event via e-mail and the MRC Justice Alumni website.

Meeting adjourned.