

Lifetime membership for St. John's Institute is a one-time initial donation of \$50.00. Annual dues for 2007/2008 are \$20.00/individual and \$10.00/student (with valid I.D.) Lifetime members will receive all of the SJI Newsletters, keeping

# 2007/2008 SJI Membership Dues

you informed about SJI activities, events and developments. Paying the additional annual fee classifies you as a full member which en-

titles you to vote at the 2008 Annual General Meeting on **December 1st, 2008.** You will receive a tax-deductible receipt for

payment of dues, as well as for any additional donations. Donations are accepted towards St. John's Institute as a whole as well as to specific programs like Camp Bar-V-Nok and OS-VITA.

*Please fill out the following form and return it with your 2007/2008 SJI Membership Dues payment. Check all boxes that are applicable.*

Please find enclosed membership fees for \_\_\_\_ number of adults: X \$20.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please find enclosed membership fees for \_\_\_\_ number of students: X \$10.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please find enclosed an additional sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be put towards the following (please specify) as a donation.

Camp Bar-V-Nok

General Donation to SJI

OSVITA

Other \_\_\_\_\_

For each individual or student that pays the lifetime membership fee and/or annual dues please provide us with the information below, it will help us update our mailing and membership lists.

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## VITALIZE YOUR ORGANIZATION

In June Amanda Shuya and I attended the Vitalize 2007 Conference, a provincial voluntary sector conference hosted by the Wild Rose Foundation. It truly is a conference for everyone: from volunteers to directors, teenagers to golden-aged participants, and sports organizations to art foundations.

I attended six sessions, which included sessions like "Strategic Planning for the Conscientious Board", "Directors' And Officers' Liability", and "Board Structure - What is Best for Your Organization." There were many sessions and plenty of variety to choose from; the speakers were knowledgeable, professional and from a variety of backgrounds such as law, academics, and let's not forget the opening speaker Mr. CBC personality Rick Mercer.

Benefits of the conference for our organization were abundant and abundantly clear. I learned about some common misconceptions or myths about non-for-profit organizations. For example, a board is accountable and responsible to the corporate objects (i.e., corporate authority, etc.) of the organization and not to its mission statement; another fact learned was that the desired organizational mix is *small boards* and *large committees* (not vice versa, with the ideal board size being around seven). I returned to our board with questions, such as when was the last time the board had a meeting with our insurance broker? I also learned how a multi-corporation structure might work best for an charitable organization like ours. I brought up action items needed for our board, such as establishing a *Performance Expectations* document for board members.

Overall the conference was very well hosted, with many sessions to choose from (over 40), excellent meals and venues for the events, and a focused exhibit hall. Considering the low registration fee (relative to the what you and your organization receive in returns), the fact that the venue alternates between Edmonton and Calgary, and the overall quality of this conference, it would be an oversight not to send someone from your organization to this conference next year. Whether your organization is running well or in need of a tune up, I would strongly recommend that all our organizations consistently send delegates to this conference.

Best wishes for your organization,

Ivan Zubritsky

# 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, December 1st, 2007

Please make an effort to pay your membership fees before the AGM. This will allow us to process these fees and will enable us to have your receipt ready for pick up at the AGM. Long lines and extensive waiting time may result if you wait to make payment at the AGM. This will also allow us to save on postage by eliminating the need to mail out receipts. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, debit, Visa, or MasterCard. Credit card payments can be made over the phone. Thank you kindly!