



# VIRRRJA Bulletin

Advancing restorative justice on Vancouver Island, the Sunshine Coast and all the Gulf Islands

## Strategic Plan Update

Our Board and three additional members (Gillian Lindquist, Deanna Wrate and Darlene Gage) have undertaken a review of our current (2021-2025) plan. We hired Theresa Kingston as our facilitator and to date we have met three times (Feb 7, 21 and March 14). Our final session will be April 25, following our April General meeting. Important topics include: reviewing, MISSION, VISION, VALUES and What is the role of VIRRRJA?

## Board needs your input

Our next General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 11** and we are excited to share our work on the Strategic Plan and even more eager to have members input before the Plan is finalized at the end of April. We will be providing an in-depth report of progress to date and asking for members to provide their feedback and input. We will also meet as a group and share program updates. **Plan to attend!!**



## Board Business:

Since the successful November Conference, our Board has met monthly and in January, launched our Membership Survey and Membership renewal campaign. We have 18 Member programs and a special welcome to new members Karen McKinnon (Comox) and Kyle Nelson (JHS Vic).

VIRRRJA continues to advocate for funding RJ with the BC Budget Consultation, is preparing for in person/Zoom hybrid meetings and are focusing on our Financial planning as well as ongoing efforts for grant applications.

A Communications review is underway with the help of Kya Dalton with a focus on our Website, our media platforms, our brand and messaging and improved emailing options. Watch for the improvements to our website and Facebook!

**Looking forward to seeing you at our April meeting.**

### VIRRRJA General Meeting DATES

<b>Tuesday April 11, 2023</b>	<b>10 AM - Noon ~ Zoom</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 6, 2023</b>	<b>10 AM - Noon ~ Zoom</b>

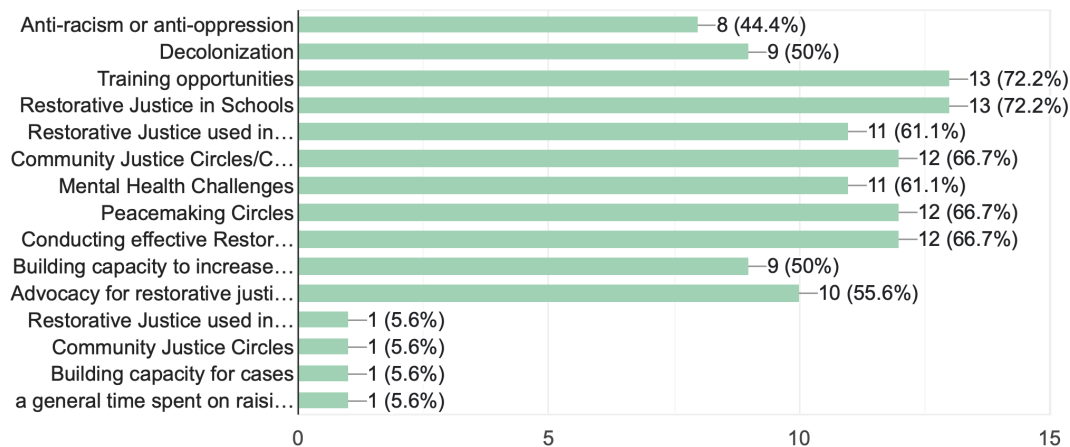
## VIRRJA Member SURVEY RESULTS: (22 respondents)

Thanks for your valuable input from our Member survey launched earlier this year. This feedback gives us important information for future planning. Here is a summary of the findings.

- ◆ Results indicated that 55% of members feel VIRRJA is meeting its mandate scoring 4/5 and 35% indicated their ranking as 3/5.
- ◆ Members chose the best time of day to meet is fairly even with 50% chose mornings, 40% afternoons and 40% evenings.
- ◆ Tuesday (66%) was the preferred day of the week, followed by Monday 56%, Wednesday 50% and Thursday 44%. We are going to use Tuesday in the future for meeting. The time may vary
- ◆ The past two conferences were attended by 60% of members and 73% would look forward to more conferences in the future.
- ◆ The majority of members 90% feel VIRRJA is meeting their communication expectations, primary using email 78% meetings 55% and networking with members 44%.
- ◆ Very valuable comments were provided when asked "What is VIRRJA doing, well?" "What can VIRRJA do better to support you and your program?", "What types of case files are you handling?" "What types of case files would you like to handle?"

### What topics are of interest for future General Meetings?

18 responses



Please contact [secretary@virrja.ca](mailto:secretary@virrja.ca) if you would like to see the full summary of the Member survey, which includes all the comment responses and graphs of preferences.