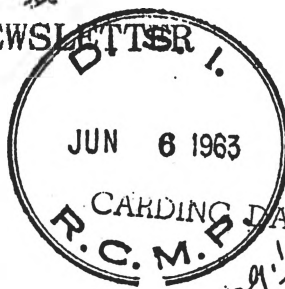


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FOUNDING MEETING

On December 9, 1962, 81 men and women met at UBC's International House for a day of discussion on the state of civil liberties in B.C., and the need for an organization to defend and extend these liberties. It was decided to form a (B.C.) (Civil Liberties Association), a constitution was adopted, and the following directors were elected:

For a 3-year term	For a 2-year term	For a 1-year term
Michael Audain ✓	Dr. Werner Cohn ✓	Mr. Fritz Bowers ✓
Dr. James Foulks ✓	W.G. Dixon ✓	Margaret Erickson ✓
Rev. Phillip Hewett	Gordon Dowding ✓	Dr. Stan Lyman ✓
Alex Macdonald	Tony Emery ✓	Adrian Marriage
Pat O'Neal	John Fornataro ✓	Dr. J.S. Tyhurst

ORGANIZATION

The Association is now being incorporated under the Societies Act. The Board of Directors has met twice to plan the organization of the group, to prepare an immediate programme, and to elect the following:

President: Phillip Hewett ✓ Vice President: John Fornataro ✓
 Executive Secretary: Michael Audain ✓ Recording Secretary:
 Margaret Erickson ✓ Treasurer: Fritz Bowers ✓

Invitations to become Honorary Directors have been sent to a number of prominent citizens.

The Civil Liberties Association will strive to be as flexible as possible. Topical problems will be tackled as they arise with the aid of ad hoc committees. Two issues are now being tackled:

Dr. Werner Cohn ✓ chairs a committee which is studying the trials and convictions of the Sons of Freedom incarcerated at Agassiz. The committee seeks to determine whether there has been a violation of civil rights in the absence of legal counsel.

Mr. T.C. Ison of the UBC Law Faculty heads a committee to recommend possible action for our association concerning the issue of legal aid or public defense.

A Processing Committee (Gordon Dowding ✓ lawyer; Stan Lyman ✓ sociologist; and Adrian Marriage ✓ social worker) has been established. This committee will handle complaints and requests for advice from individuals in the community. Where appropriate it will arrange for individuals the expert advice of a lawyer or social worker. Where a clear violation of civil liberties is involved, a recommendation for action will be made to the Board of Directors. Individuals with grievances should contact a member of this committee or the Executive Secretary.

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