

Advocacy Committee Report Board Voice

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The Advocacy Committee considered a number of items for the 2015-2016 year.

Included were:

- Increasing the capacity of board directors through training about advocacy
- Development of policy and process for issues Board Voice will get involved with
- Develop a process to quickly respond to emerging issues
- Board Voice is recognized as a place for government and media to go for articulation of the needs of the community social benefit sector from a governance lens

The Social Policy Framework became an ad hoc committee of the Advocacy Committee.

Actions:

- Board Voice advocated for a timely appointment of a new Representative for Children and Youth.
- An item on the Board Voice blog described the role of board directors in advocacy.
- Board Voice representatives met with an Assistant Deputy Minister regarding social policy and the research done for Board Voice by SFU Public Policy graduate students.
- An Advocacy Committee member attended a BC Chamber of Commerce dinner with Deputy Ministers from Ministries of the Solicitor General, Social Development and Innovation and Health.

Challenges:

Human resources to carry out the Advocacy Committee plan were stretched. As a result, many of the items were not addressed. Instead, committee resources became focused on the Social Policy Framework initiative.

The network nature of Board Voice depends upon members stepping forward to sustain committees.

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