

Board Voice Society of BC Annual General Meeting Minutes

Sept. 22, 2020, 5 p.m. - virtual webinar format via Zoom teleconference platform

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1.	<p>Welcome and Call to Order</p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.</p> <p>Board Chair, TA. Boyles, welcomed everyone to the Board Voice Society of BC 2020 AGM.</p> <p>J. Paterson briefed attendees with the meeting logistics and voting procedures.</p>
2.	<p>Adoption of the Agenda</p> <p>No changes/additions to the agenda were noted.</p> <p>Motion AGM 2020 - 01</p> <p>Be it resolved that the agenda for the Board Voice Society (BVS) Annual general of September 22, 2020 be approved. as presented. Motion: L. Welin Seconded: S. Micheals Carried Unanimously</p>
3.	<p>Previous Minutes Approval</p> <p>The minutes of the BVS 2019 AGM were adopted.</p> <p>Motion AGM 2020 - 02</p> <p>Be it resolved that the minutes for the November 2, 2019, Board Voice Annual General Meeting be approved as presented. Motion: E. Calder Seconded: B. McMichael Carried Unanimously</p>

<p>4.</p>	<p>Treasurer’s Report</p> <p>Treasurer, C. East, reviewed the Board Voice un-audited Financial Statements, Fiscal year ended March 31 2020. Of note were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An increase in cash from \$10K to \$22K, with no accounts payable. • The fund raising program was successful. • Expenses for the AGM went down due to a change in venue. <p>Motion AGM 2020 - 03</p> <p>Be it resolved that the Board Voice voting membership accepts the unaudited Financial Statements of the Board Voice Society of BC for the Fiscal Year ended, March 2020.</p> <p>Motion: C. East Seconded: A. Sinha Carried Unanimously</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Report from the Executive Director</p> <p>Executive Director, J. Paterson, outlined activities fulfilled and ongoing within the four main goals included in the Board Voice Strategic Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Advocacy for the Sector</u>, including a new provincial project and being registered as a lobbyist; • <u>Advocacy for a Social Policy Framework in BC</u>, including Stories of Innovation, a seat at the Round Table, and presenting to the select standing committee of finance in government; • <u>Member Development and Knowledge Sharing</u>, including frequent updating of website resources, sitting on advisory committees, and plans to have an in person conference in May of 2021; and • <u>Sustainability</u> including applying for charity status and maintaining membership.
<p>6.</p>	<p>Election of New and Returning Board Members - Nominating Committee</p> <p>Nominating Committee Chair, A. Mehat, called for nominations from the floor to elect new Board members. With none indicated, election and re-election proceeded.</p> <p>To introduce L Mathias’s nomination, she comes to the Board with over 25 year of experience in the NFP sector, is Vice Chair at Options Community Services, has a degree in public policy and holds certificates in Risk Management and Board Governance.</p> <p>Motion AGM 2020 - 04</p> <p>Be it resolved that Ajit Sinha be elected to the Board Voice Board of Directors for a second term, September 2020 to September 2023; that Bill McMichael be elected to the Board Voice Board of Directors for a third term, September 2020 to September 2023, and that Louella Mathias be elected to the Board Voice Board of Directors for a first term, September 2020 to September 2023; and that this election is deemed confirmed on completion of a Consent to Act as Director form as per the Societies Act.</p>

	<p>Motion: A. Mehat Seconded: B. Rundell Carried Unanimously</p> <p>Welcome was offered to L. Mathias, and thanks went out to A. Sinha and B. McMichael for continued participation for an additional term.</p> <p>Members continue to be encouraged to recommend candidates, especially from regions which not already represented. It was noted that candidates with financial acumen are especially welcome.</p> <p>With these elections, the Board of Directors is comprised of 11 Directors:</p> <p>Terry Anne Boyles Leslie Welin Ajit Sinha Bev Rundell Barbara Brown Sandra Micheals Eleanor Calder Louella Mathias Ajit Mehat Bill McMichael Ernie Freeman</p>
7.	<p>New Business</p> <p>Chair, TA. Boyles, introduced New Business and turned the floor over to C. East to explain the practice to waive appointment of an auditor.</p> <p>The Treasurer outlined that this has been a consistent practice within the last 10 years, based on the size of the organization and having a sound financial management control system in place.</p> <p>In response to questions posed by a membership,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) it was affirmed that if BV is successful in achieving charitable status, an auditor will be engaged and B) the role of Options Community Services was explained in more detail. <p>Motion AGM 2020 - 05</p> <p>Be it resolved that the Board Voice membership approve the waiving of an auditor for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021. Motion: C. East Seconded: L. Welin Carried Unanimously</p>
8.	<p>Adjournment of Formal AGM</p> <p>Motion AGM 2020 - 06</p>

	<p>Be it resolved that the 2020 Annual General meeting of the Board Voice Society of BC is concluded. Motion: S. Micheals</p> <p>Adjourned at 5:51pm</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Closing Details</p> <p>Thanks went out to Simone Plusa for assisting in taking minutes today, and to Rosie for her work through the last year.</p> <p><u>Provincial Project</u></p> <p>L. Welin outlined the Provincial Project formulation, in that the BVS was awarded a contract to strengthen governance and the relationship between Boards and Senior staff within the province. Workshops planned to be delivered outside the lower mainland prior to COVID crisis, will now be delivered virtually. Workshops focus will be on recruitment and retention of senior staff, understanding a Board’s legal responsibilities and accountability, enhancing Board enlistment, looking at Board dynamics, and issues specific to the region in which they are offered. Workshops are anticipated to start in the spring of 2021.</p> <p>J. Paterson to send membership the project outline shared with the Board members.</p> <p>It was noted there is great interest in obtaining direction on how to encourage diversity at the Board level.</p> <p><u>Those leaving the Board</u></p> <p>Board Voice recognized the passing of Terry Moist and his contribution in past years. Two Directors leaving the Board Voice Board of Directors, C. East, and G. Olund, were recognized and thanked for their time on the Board.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Member Corner Q&A</p>