

Board Voice Agenda – Nov 16, 2020

Present: Terry Anne Boyles, Leslie Welin, Bill McMichael, Ajit Sinha, Ajit Mehat (left at 5:30pm), Ernest Freeman, Barbara Brown, Eleanor Calder, Sandra Micheals, Louella Mathias, Bev Rundell, Lori Gordon, Jody Paterson.

Regrets:

Minutes taken by: Rosie Forth.

| Tasks/Item | Notes | Action Items |
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| <p>Welcome/Acknowledgement/Check-In</p> <p>Purpose: to give all a chance to speak so we can be fully present for this meeting; to hear brief updates on what is happening in directors' agencies/communities</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Directors reported common themes dealing with COVID-19 in their agencies (staff illness, anxiety, mental health supports needed). - Ajit Mehat sadly resigning from the Board Voice board due to leaving his current organization. Ajit departed the meeting shortly after providing this update. - Welcomed Lori Gordon to the board. | |
| <p>Approval of Agenda</p> <p>Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from last meeting and Sept 22 mini-meeting • ED written report | <p>October minutes amended to reflect Barbara Brown chairing Mission, Mandate and Messaging committee.</p> <p><i>Motion to Approve Agenda:</i> Sandra Micheals, Leslie Welin. Carried.</p> <p><i>Motion to Accept Consent Agenda:</i> Eleanor Calder, Ajit Sinha. Carried.</p> | |
| <p>Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer's report • Provincial project | <p><i>Motion to Appoint Bill McMichael as Treasurer until June 2021:</i> Bev Rundell, Barbara Brown. Carried.</p> <p>Finance Committee is now Bill McMichael and Ajit Sinha.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leslie and Bev working on | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy plan • Board Voice insurance | <p>building content and developing process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on making the workshops participatory. - Building capacity and enhancing capacity. - 90 minute sessions including brief breaks. Breakout rooms, group engagement. - Viewed governance ecosystem slide. - Clarified difference between advocacy and lobbying. - Jody working on letters to Ministers; awaiting cabinet appointments. - Jody highlighted Select Standing Committee recommendations, can encourage members to use these, they relate to issues Board Voice has discussed for a long time. - Megson Fitzpatrick has previously been BV's insurer. Federation has recently started using the Hub. | <p>Jody will discuss insurance with Board Voice Finance Committee.</p> |
| <p>Action items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Voice elder in residence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leslie proposed connecting with someone to be an 'Elder in Residence', someone to consult with for both Board Voice and member organizations, who will bring life to the commitment to walk alongside Indigenous Peoples to address historic, present and future issues impeding reconciliation. - Concerns that reconciliation is | <p>All Board Members: Please send Leslie your input on how to develop this concept and put it into practice.</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board education – Diwali • Ajit Mehat’s involvement | <p>dropping off the table in light of COVID-19 changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ‘Expert Advisor’ role raised by Barbara (someone to act in this position, agreed on with both parties). - Ernest F can reach out to some contacts to run this idea past them. - Bill McMichael reviewed bylaws, possible to appoint an Elder as a consultant to the board. <p><i>Motion to approve concept of an Elder in Residence: Sandra Micheals, Ajit Sinha. Carried.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Idea of rotating board director education (presentations) on relevant issues. - Consensus reached to try this in next meeting. - Ajit Mehat is interested in continuing on the Board Voice board despite not being on the board of a member organization. He is seeking to join a new board. - Revisit issue of chair/co-chairs for next year. | |
| <p>Wrap Up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions this month • Topics for next agenda • Feedback on meeting | | |

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| Meeting Adjourned | <i>Motion to Adjourn:</i> Terry Anne. 6:50pm | |
| Next Meeting | January 18, 2020 | |