

Board Voice Society of BC – Meeting Minutes

Date: June 21, 2021

Present: Terry Anne Boyles, Leslie Welin, Bill McMichael, Ajit Sinha, Ernest Freeman, Eleanor Calder, Sandra Micheals, Louella Mathias, Jody Paterson.

Regrets: Bev Rundell (medical absence).

Minutes taken by: Rosie Forth.

Item	Notes	Action
<p>1. Meeting Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Land acknowledgement b. Apologies c. Each director invited to take 20-30 seconds to share one challenge and one exciting development from their organization <i>that informs the work of Board Voice</i> 	<p>Bill: New treatment centre opened in Chilliwack, 20 beds, first of its kind in the region. Youth aged 13-18 who required an extended stay in treatment. Culturally safe. Consultation with local Indigenous leaders.</p> <p>Sandra: Audit and finance meeting with board today, went well. New members coming on, plenty of interest during the recruitment phase.</p> <p>Louella: Just begun collaboration meeting with CLBC to enhance service delivery to people with disabilities. Residential programs continue to experience challenges in hiring (shelter and transition houses, casual and PT staff). Options does a lot of emergency weather management for Surrey. Creating new system to streamline recruitment process. Reaching out to local universities to target students.</p> <p>Leslie: Centre for people living with developmental challenges opening soon, day services. Will have space for renting to community members and organizations for meetings. Recruitment is a challenge. Island Health and VIU partnership for nursing students to have 3 years of employment after schooling, discussion of youth job challenges (young people’s ideas on quality of life).</p> <p>Eleanor: AGM on Thursday. Issue of food for families living in poverty in the</p>	

<p>c. Board Voice Purposes (for recommendation to the AGM)</p>	<p>Ajit: Until the issue is resolved, a statement for the BV account may be downloaded in the first week of the month for Jody and Luba if needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 6 purposes registered under the Societies Act, 2 of these are not areas where we can demonstrate charitable activities to the Charities Directorate in terms of Board Voice becoming a charity: giving money to members (BV can still provide funds under a contract, but should not be a donor to members) and holding property. Propose removing those two and minor revisions to the other 4 purposes.- Discussion to insert 'non profit'/'community sector' in first sentence; Jody notes our activities must tie to our purposes when applying for charity status, and that simply helping non-profits may not be considered a charitable undertaking. Insert 'not for profit' in every purpose. Directors agreed to make this revision. <p><i>Moved to Recommend Revised Purposes as per the following and send to the AGM for Approval:</i></p> <p>To champion the health and well-being of the people of B.C. through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Advocating with respect to issues that are of concern to communities and the not-for-profit community services sector;b) Promoting the value of collaborative, high quality not-for-profit community-based social services;c) Promoting public participation through engaging not-for-profit boards in projects and activities at the community, regional and provincial levels;d) Promoting volunteerism and	
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<p>d. June 23 Federation virtual meeting – who will attend?</p> <p>e. Will we have an August meeting?</p>	<p>good governance by providing training and resources to volunteer boards operating in the not-for-profit community services sector.</p> <p>Moved Eleanor Calder, seconded Sandra Micheals. Carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not a conference, Zoom event. \$25 fee. Jody will attend (BV Directors unable to attend). - Next meeting in July, no meeting in August. September will be next meeting after July. 	
<p>5. Matters for information & dialogue</p> <p>a. Advocacy update</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. General</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;">ii. Roundtable update</p> <p>b. Bylaws (motion to recommend to AGM will be</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Isobel Mackenzie, Jennifer Charlesworth, CRA presentation. Increased value to members. Working on securing meeting with MCFD. - Jody would like to meet with David Eby and Niki Sharma again (with specific plan). - Proposed meeting with Karin Kirkpatrick in early September. - Leslie’s points to be discussed at advocacy committee meeting in early September. - Include Sonia Furstenau in meeting plans – if not possible to meet with all, brief those Ministers missing. - Meeting on July 22, prep meeting on July 15. - Procurement and Contracting group meets on Wednesday. - Noted recent BCGEU name change from ‘Government Employees’ to ‘General Employees’. - Flagged ‘he/she’ terminology to change to ‘their’ or otherwise adjust 	<p>All Board Members: Notify Terry Anne by the end</p>

<p>in July meeting)</p> <p>c. Provincial project</p> <p><i>Question for breakout room reflection: How are you an Ambassador for Board Voice?</i></p> <p>a. Membership committee report and reflection</p>	<p>for non-gendered reference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revision on Board Member numbers – try to have at least one board member more than the minimum, avoid having fewer than 7. - Leslie: ability to appoint a director to fulfil another’s term until the AGM. Noted that there is a clause for this. - BV exploring adding a clause that missing a certain number of meetings in a year is grounds for director replacement. - Board has power to appoint up to 2 external board members (potential to use for Treasurer with financial designation). - Removal of ‘Secretary,’ replace with ‘Society’ in terms of functions designated for secretary in bylaw, most of which are currently done by staff. - Bylaws will be on the July agenda for recommendation to the AGM. - Proposed review of Bylaws every second year, in the BV workplan. - Louella notes that Options is currently seeking a Treasurer and that board members with financial backgrounds can be challenging to find. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 modules written, Jody working on a facilitators’ manual. - Pilot in September. - Add to written report for July. - Put off to July agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eleanor recommends board member contact with all new members within 6 months of joining, potential for finding new members, explore what members want/need. - Discussion of adding donation button or similar to website for people who 	<p>of June if any other Bylaw revisions are identified.</p>
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- d) Promoting volunteerism and good governance by providing training and resources to volunteer boards operating in the not-for-profit community services sector.