

Board Voice Society of BC – Meeting Minutes

Date: July 19, 2021

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

Regrets: Bev Rundell (medical absence), Louella Mathias, Ajit Sinha.

Minutes taken by: Rosie Forth.

Item	Notes	Action
1. Meeting Opening a. Land acknowledgement b. Apologies		
2. Approval/additions to agenda	<i>Moved to Approve the Agenda:</i> Moved, Leslie Welin, seconder Bill McMichael. Carried.	
3. Approval of consent agenda a. ED report b. Committee reports	<i>Moved to Approve the Consent Agenda:</i> Moved, Ernest Freeman, seconder Eleanor Calder. Carried. - Board Members encouraged to call any contacts at agencies who have not yet paid their membership fees. Jody will also connect with EDs at these agencies.	All Board Members: Call any contacts at agencies that have not yet paid their membership fees. Jody: Connect with EDs at agencies who have not yet paid fees.
4. Matters for decision a. Previous minutes b. Treasurer's report c. Board Voice - Friends of Board Voice Proposal to set fee structure for non-members at organizational level of \$100/year if under \$500,000	<i>Moved to Approve June Minutes:</i> Moved, Sandra Micheals, seconder Leslie Welin. Carried. - Some larger member fees were paid in June. <i>Moved to Approve June Financial Statements:</i> Moved, Ernest Freeman, seconder Bill McMichael. Carried. - Bylaw review raised question of 'associate members', which Board Voice does not have (confusing term – suggestion is just to have full members, not associate members).	

<p>operating revenue; \$200/year if over \$500,000 operating revenue; and \$50/year for an individual.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A second category is needed for agencies that don't directly provide services (no voting permissions, but receive communications), charged an annual fee. - Annual re-appointment. Terminology moved from 'associates' to 'friends'. - This is outside of the bylaws but will be in policy. - Leslie: consider adding a 'supporting' (lower fee) 'sustaining' (slightly higher fee) level. - Discussion of supporting/sustaining friends – those who want to contribute more to the long-term sustainability of Board Voice. - Agreed to explore wording and definitions for these 'friend' agencies. Membership Committee will work on this. 	<p>Membership Committee: Propose wording for the 'Friends of Board Voice' category, including supporting and sustaining.</p>
<p>d. Revised bylaws approved to go to AGM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changes to gender wording have been made. - Section 3.4: 3.4 (b) (ii) replaced by 3.4 (c), the combined wording created confusion. - Clause 11.5 – transition clause from old Societies Act to new Societies Act. This clause has been deleted and clauses renumbered. - Leslie: Wonders about being able to show present bylaw, proposed change, and revised bylaw at AGM. Easier for people to understand the changes. - Leslie: asked committee to look at 3.4 and check the flow of this clause. - Clause numbering and punctuation was adjusted in meeting, for recommendation to the AGM. 	<p>Jody and Terry Anne: Will rework clause 3.4 and send it back out to the board.</p>

<p>e. Recommendation that names of four candidates for Board Voice board go to AGM</p>	<p><i>Moved to Recommend Revised Bylaws to the AGM:</i> Moved, Sandra Micheals, seconder Bill McMichael. Carried.</p> <p>- Discussion of AGM notice to members, and attachments, cover memo, plus old and revised bylaws.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Now have 5 candidates. Newly added – Phyllis Nash (Kootenay Boundary Co-op). - No one is willing to take treasurer role at this time, but could be considered in future. - Kitimat may come forward with a nominated director. <p><u>Other nominees:</u> Guy Duchaine – personal and professional disabilities experience; Hardip Jhaj - Kinesiology specialist, several board experiences both national and provincial (PCRS); Colin Gabelmann, from North Island John Howard Society in Campbell River; Gerry Olund joining OneSky in Penticton.</p> <p><i>Moved to Recommend All Five Candidates to the AGM:</i> Moved, Eleanor Calder, seconder Ernest Freeman. Carried.</p>	
<p>5. Matters for information & dialogue</p> <p>a. Breakout room – How are you an ambassador for Board Voice?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This topic was presented at a previous conference. ‘How do we stand up for our mission’. - Board discussed this ambassador question in breakout rooms. <p><u>Key discussion points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue advocating even after BV board involvement. - Obtain Board Voice business cards for all directors. 	

<p>b. Provincial project update</p> <p>c. Each director invited to take 20-30 seconds to share one challenge and one exciting development from their organization that informs the work of Board Voice.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raising awareness with new contacts, explaining the mission of Board Voice. - Networking in other areas of BC if possible – keep contacts on other boards. - Ask home board directors about their possible contacts on other boards, explore whether they understand Board Voice’s mission. - Be vocal, explain the mission, raise awareness wherever possible. - Signing off with graphic artist on two of the modules (Recruitment and Retention, Rules of the Road). - Important to model the governance principles in the project on the Board Voice board, such as self-evaluation. - Decolonizing your Board is an important topic to include (rights paid for, permitted to use). - Pilot to be run in Cowichan. - Issue of who to deliver this course to – provide only for members, to attract potential members? - Staggered pricing idea. - Pay fee for the course that includes BV membership? - ED can’t attend alone, must have a board director with them. 	<p>Jody: Will send links to important resources for board members, including decolonizing your board.</p> <p>All Board Members: Please look for skilled facilitators in your communities for the provincial project (they are paid a small honorarium). 4 people needed. Need knowledge of community and governance, ability to think on their feet, able to engage participants, need to have facilitated dialogues. Potential facilitators can contact Leslie. Dates: early 2022.</p>
<p>6. Matters for noting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Correspondence b. Board calendar c. Other 	<p>No meeting in August.</p>	

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting finalization 2. Review actions to be taken 3. Meeting feedback 4. Next meeting – Sept. 20 5. Meeting adjournment 	<p><i>Moved to Adjourn the Meeting:</i> Moved, Leslie Welin. Carried.</p>	
<p>Resource corner: <u>Vision 2020 – Transforming the funding relationship between the Government of Ontario and the community non-profit sector</u></p>		<p>All Board Directors: Encouraged to read ‘Resource Corner’ article.</p>