Board Voice Society of BC – Meeting Minutes

Date: Jan 17, 2022, 5 p.m.

Present: Terry Anne Boyles, Leslie Welin, Ernest Freeman, Eleanor Calder, Ajit Sinha, Louella Matthias, Sandra Micheals, Hardip Jhaj, Colin Gabelmann, Guy Duchaine, Gerry Olund, Jody Paterson.

Regrets: Bev Rundell (medical absence), Phyllis Nash.

Minutes taken by: Rosie Forth.

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| | Moved to Approve the Agenda: Moved, Ajit Sinha. Seconder, Louella Mathias. Carried. - Mention of Crisis Line RFP success (crisis line services not going up for open bid). Moved to Approve the Consent Agenda: Moved, Terry Anne Boyles. Seconder, Guy Duchaine. Carried. |

4. Matters for decision

a. Previous minutes

- Minutes amended to remove unnecessary detail about October financial statement.

Rosie Forth: Amend minutes and circulate revised version for directors.

Moved to Approve November Minutes after amendment:

Moved, Colin Gabelmann. Seconder,
Ernest Freeman. Carried.

b. Treasurer's Report

- Still seeking board directors with financial designation; Carol Chiang still assisting with this effort.
- BBB project: low expenditures due to virtual delivery during pandemic.
- Hoping for two year extension to the BBB.
- c. November and
 December Financial
 Statements

Moved to Approve November and December Financial Statements: Moved, Terry Anne Boyles. Seconder, Sandra Micheals. Carried.

d. AGM and conference dates

- Due to uncertainties about hosting an in-person conference during the ongoing pandemic, it is suggested to postpone this event.
- Co-chairs propose an early fall inperson conference, end of September (Sep 30-Oct 1), with the AGM on September 30 (within 6 month window of end of fiscal).
- Suggestion of a virtual professional development session for members in the spring – Bruce MacDonald of Imagine Canada.
- Current director positions and leadership will remain in place until conference/AGM.

Jody Paterson: Explore virtual format professional development session for members in the spring.

All Board Members: Contact Jody if you are able to provide any support in planning the proposed professional development session.

Moved to Postpone AGM/Conference to September 30-October 1: Moved, Eleanor Calder. Seconder, Gerry Olund. Carried.

| 5. Matters for information & | | |
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| a. Roundtable update | - Potential funding for priority projects within the broader sector: key areas – Reconciliation; Recruitment and Retention; Technology, Climate Change Roundtable meeting scheduled for Friday, January 21. Expecting discussion on recruitment and retention Last roundtable meeting was November 5 (usually every 6-8 weeks) Leslie encouraged directors to return to the SFU research that informed the TBW project Michael Davis, previous Board Voice Chair, reached out to invite collaboration on Governance for Our Kids Climate website (climate change initiative aimed at boards) – board directors encouraged to look at website and see recommendations for boards. | All Board Directors: re-read SFU research on social policy framework, and check out ourkidsclimate.ca website. |
| b. Reconciliation reflection | Options Community Services Completed a survey to see what can be done to build on existing connections with Indigenous communities. Partnered with Surrey School District with three Indigenous groups, for learning events. Options childcare and resource referral program offers more Indigenous workshops for early learning and care professionals. Children of the Heart Matter conference – committee for which | |

- Options is a key stakeholder. Planning more workshops.
- Developed land acknowledgment statement.
- Indigenous Connections Committee
 (8-10 managers and frontline staff) to
 create awareness, education, build
 understanding of Indigenous
 communities and impact of
 colonization and residential schools.
 Chair of this committee is working
 with a local Indigenous artist who is
 carving some custom art pieces for
 OCS main office in Surrey (reflecting
 the land).
- Committing to continuing education for staff, volunteers, and participants.
- 'Get to know' series highlighting a different local First Nations group each month.
- Held 1 day Indigenous education sessions for staff 'Building Bridges'.
- CEO and Deputy ED participated in cohort 1 Indigenous professional development through the Federation of Community Social Services, along with staff and a board member participating in cohort 2 of this training.
- In 2020, the focus was on understanding land acknowledgement (Elder provided session at the board retreat).
- Board attended full day session on reconciliation in November 2021.
- Awareness that there is a lot of work left to do, but upcoming survey results will identify gaps and help identify next steps.
- c. BBB project update
- Governance module ran last week, meeting set for January 31.
- The five BC regions for project delivery have been established.
- All three modules that have workbooks are now complete.
- 4th module is based on Community

All Board Directors: send Jody any sources for appropriate Indigenous art she can use for bulletins and updates.

| | Issues. Project will be delivered virtually but interactively. Invitations will go out to organizations in each community. Small fee to participants to cover facilitation/tech/admin costs. Facilitators will receive payment for their contribution, and are representing Board Voice. Some new members have been recruited through the first module. | |
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| d. Membership committee update | - Recommending a new definition for 'associate members'; will send this round to the board directors. This will be proposed as a bylaw change Engaging and sustaining members: goal to find out more about BV members; get to know them better; peer to peer conversations; understand issues they're facing in terms of the pandemic; understand their efforts on reconciliation; find out what they're looking for from Board Voice. | All Board Directors: contact 2 member organizations before March 7 th – let Eleanor know if there's an organization you'd prefer to contact, or she will send you 2 names – and speak to the Board Voice representative. Eleanor: Circulate materials to support discussion with member agencies. |
| e. Follow up to Roberts Rules discussion | - BV's Bylaws refer to Roberts Rules, suggestion to remove this from the Bylaws and take to the membership at the next AGM. | |
| 6. Matters for noting a. Correspondence b. Board calendar c. Other | Reminder to review Board Calendar. | |
| 7. Meeting finalization a. Review actions to be taken b. Meeting feedback c. Next meeting – Feb 22 d. Meeting adjournment | Moved to Adjourn the Meeting: Moved, Ajit Sinha. Carried. | |
| 8. In camera | | All Poord Directors |
| Governance corner: Findings from | | All Board Directors: |

| BoardSource 2021 "Leading with Intent" report on trends in non-profit | Encouraged to read 'Governance Corner' article. |
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