

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.

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>2. Approval/additions to agenda</p>	<p><i>Moved to Approve the Agenda:</i> Moved, Ajit Sinha. Seconder, Louella Mathias. Carried.</p>	
<p>3. Approval of consent agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ED report 	<p>- Mention of Crisis Line RFP success (crisis line services not going up for open bid).</p> <p><i>Moved to Approve the Consent Agenda:</i> Moved, Terry Anne Boyles. Seconder, Guy Duchaine. Carried.</p>	

<p>c. BBB project update</p>	<p>Options is a key stakeholder. Planning more workshops.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 	<p>All Board Directors: send Jody any sources for appropriate Indigenous art she can use for bulletins and updates.</p>
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<p>d. Membership committee update</p> <p>e. Follow up to Roberts Rules discussion</p>	<p>Issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. <p>- Recommending a new definition for 'associate members'; will send this round to the board directors. This will be proposed as a bylaw change.</p> <p>- 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.</p> <p>- BV's Bylaws refer to Roberts Rules, suggestion to remove this from the Bylaws and take to the membership at the next AGM.</p>	<p>All Board Directors: contact 2 member organizations before March 7th – 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.</p> <p>Eleanor: Circulate materials to support discussion with member agencies.</p>
<p>6. Matters for noting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Correspondence b. Board calendar c. Other 	<p>Reminder to review Board Calendar.</p>	
<p>7. Meeting finalization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Review actions to be taken b. Meeting feedback c. Next meeting – Feb 22 d. Meeting adjournment 	<p><i>Moved to Adjourn the Meeting:</i> Moved, Ajit Sinha. Carried.</p>	
<p>8. In camera</p>		
<p>Governance corner: Findings from</p>		<p>All Board Directors:</p>

BoardSource 2021 “Leading with Intent” report on trends in non-profit leadership		Encouraged to read ‘Governance Corner’ article.
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