

BCASW BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 21st, 2021

Zoom



Attendance - Cheryl Ash (Secretary), Michael Crawford (President), Dianne Heath (Executive Director), Pam Miller (MAL), Phyllis Nash (Past-President), Carol Ross (VP & RDB), Glen Schmidt (CASW), Fiona Lewis (Treasurer), Kimberly Azyan (MAL), Rae Morris (MAL), Raymond Cauchi (Student), Lorry-Ann Austin (TN), Jas Hundal (FR), Tessa Murray (NW), Niki Hemstad-Lett (KTN), Karla Bloomfield (Northern) & Cayce Laviolette (MAL)

Regrets – Lorry-Ann Austin (TN), Wendy Weeks (VI), Anna Jackson (Student Rep), & John Richmond (VSS)

1. Recognition of Traditional Territory (Michael)

We acknowledge that our office is located in the unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples, including the territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and that our members live and work in unceded territories across British Columbia. We acknowledge territory and First Peoples and commit to genuine and ongoing work to forge real understanding, and to challenge the legacies of colonialism.

2. Review of agenda –

3. Adoption of June 8, 2021 minutes – accepted

- a) President's Report (Michael) Awaiting the start of MCFD's consultation – doing it completely in house. BCASW offered to help, but were turned down by MCFD
- b) Report on BCASW's participation with the BCCSW, BC Psychological Assoc, and the BC College of Psychologists. Not sure when the legislation on the Health Professions Act will be coming forward but indication is that they are sorting out which profession will go with which college and will wait for the legislation.
- c) Social media – Facebook (1,216, +52), Twitter (316, +22), & Instagram (319, +46)

4. Executive Director's Report (Dianne)

- a) Kelly Guiaya MSW practicum student
- b) 50,000 moved into investment account
- c) Database and website are moving forward, hopefully will launch this fall and a monthly cybersecurity scan added
- d) BCASW Donation to the Indian Residential Survival Society
- e) AGM speaker confirmed
- f) Mentorship program over 50 members
- g) 1223 members

5. Treasurer & Financial Committee Report (Fiona & Dianne)

- a) Financial surplus this year. Rise in membership, revenue from webinars, and advertising

6. CASW Report (Glen)
 - a) Virtual meeting on Oct 28.
 - b) Quiet summer.
 - c) No consensus on mandatory vaccine
 - d) No consensus around federal long-term care model

7. Branch Updates (Branch Reps)
 - a) Fraser River (Jessie)
 - b) Northern (Glen)
 - c) Northwest (Tessa)
 - d) Okanagan (Cheryl)
 - e) Richmond/Delta/Burnaby (Carol)
 - f) Thompson Nicola (Lorry-Ann - regrets)
 - g) Vancouver Island (Wendy)
 - h) Vancouver Sea to Sky (John)
 - i) Kootenays (Nikki)

8. Student Rep Report (Raymond/Anna Jackson sends regrets)

9. Committee Reports – see Perspectives
 - a) PD (Phyllis, Chair)
 - i. Merlinda Weinberg webinar, Sep 16th, 47 registered
 - ii. Two proposals for webinars that are moving forward (gaming addiction and cultural adoption).
 - iii. Topics for upcoming webinars should include cultural sensitivity and truth & reconciliation
 - b) Membership (Glen, Chair) - Kelly will support the committee as part of her practicum
 - c) Personnel/Human Resources (Fiona, Chair)
 - d) Health Advocacy Committee (Fiona, Chair)
 - e) Primary Care Ad Hoc (Cayce, Chair)
 - f) Anti-racism and Cultural Advocacy (Marisa Tuzi & Jhevoi Melville, Co-chairs)
 - g) Advocacy Circle (Carol, Chair) – target MLA offices with letters for advocacy of protection of title, and human trafficking.
 - h) Senior's Interest (Alison Leaney, Chair & Kimberly Azyan, Board Liaison)
 - i) Editorial/Perspectives (Heather, Chair & Dianne)
 - j) Awards (Pam, Chair)
 - k) Nomination (Phyllis, Fiona) – see AGM
 - l) Indigenous Advisory Group (Michael & Dianne)
 - m) Governance (Pam, Kimberly, & Dianne)

10. Implementing the strategic plan, 2021-2024 (All)
 - a) Board, committee & branch reorganization (Phyllis & Carol) – reorganizing, communicating, and growing were the three themes. One-year review at next board meeting. Consider portfolios rather than branches?

11. AGM (Dianne & all)
 - a) Speaker is confirmed – Adrienne Montani of First Call. Carol will introduce the speaker.

- b) Agenda will be posted on the website, along with the financials.
- c) Carol will present financial report in lieu of Fiona's absence.
- d) There were no resolutions
- e) Say goodbye to leaving members, and hello to new members.
- f) Cayce (VP), Cheryl (Sec), and Allison (MAL) will be elected by acclamation

12. Board assessment/evaluation (Michael, Phyllis, Carol, Fiona)
- a) Carol to stay on with this after the AGM

13. National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – **ACTION:** BCASW will draft the statement and make the recommendation to members for opportunity of events

14. Next Meetings: AGM will be next meeting, and then Michael will canvas the new board.

Month	Board	Exec	Branch Reps
October	1pm CPD & 3pm AGM, Friday, Oct 22, 2021		
November			
December			

15. Adjournment –

Cheryl Ash, Recorder