

BCASW Board Meeting (via Zoom)

10am - noon

Saturday, October 26, 2019

MINUTES -

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. Attendance & Regrets

Attendance - Michael Crawford, Carol Ross, Phyllis Nash, Cayce Laviolette, Cheryl Ash, Glen Schmidt, Pam Miller, Rae Morris, Deborah Irwin, Wendy Weeks, Jacqueline Judd, & Tessa Murray, Elizabeth Vondette (VSS)

Regrets - Karla Bloomfield (Northern), Kim Stanyer (Kootenay), Ayesha Sackey (RDB), Raymond Cauchi (Student Rep)

3. Approve agenda: **Motion:** to accept: Glen/Carol/carried

4. Introductions (All)

5. Motion to appoint the following -

- Raymond Cauchi as Student Representative (2019-2020) – UFV student, work with indigenous, enthusiastic, wants to meet with department heads, desire to turn position into something effective.
- Glen Schmidt as CASW Representative (2019-2021) – appointed at last board meeting.
- Phyllis Nash as Past-President (2019-2020) – needs to be appointed for this term.
- Michael will become past president after this last year as president.

Motion: to appoint Raymond and Phyllis; Cayce/Liz/carried

6. Date for new board member orientation (Dianne):

Dianne will email everyone for possible times.

S2S update: Elizabeth has returned to fill the vacant Sea to Sky Branch Rep position.

7. Dates for Board meetings 2020 (Michael)

- January 24-25 in Richmond (in person),
- March 12 in Richmond at the conference (in person & Zoom)
- June 13 – 9-12 (Zoom)
- September & October TBD

8. Discussion & possible adoption of National Social Work Month theme (Dianne & Michael)

United by diversity. Strengthened by Inclusion - Unis par la diversité. Fortifiés par l'inclusion M/S/C to adopt this theme with Social Work Week.

9. Financial update (Cayce & Dianne): see AGM report

10. Health advocacy (Cayce):

Fiona Lewis chairs committee, but Cayce also sits on the committee. Approached by Doctors of BC to help in ongoing work to include social workers in primary care networks for community-based healthcare teams in the province who work with doctors and nurse practitioners.

Challenging for social work, doctors demand that social work be part of the team, because it's missing for clients. Ministry of Health is less certain of the need for social workers than Doctors of BC.

Michael, Dianne and Cayce met with Doctors of BC, with draft job/role description. Finalized job description for the Doctors of BC and the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Mental Health & Addiction. Committee members are familiar with the demands of the job, and are eager to have final document ready for use. Ministry of Health emphasize access to health care and attachment to the health team.

11. MCFD advocacy (Michael)

BCASW, along with coalition partners, have been meeting with MCFD officials. MCFD is adamant that social workers do not need to be registered believing that the delegation system is superior to the BCCSW system of regulation. MCFD will not revisit education changes. MCFD said that BCASW issues belong at their Educational and Research Table. Next meeting Nov 6.

Sonia Furstenau, MLA for Cowichan Valley, has been meeting with BCASW and has some significant concerns – willing to move forward with private members bill and questions to the minister that could aid BCASW and Indigenous children under the care of MCFD.

Pam will be attending a meeting Nov 12 on study in Cowichan valley MCFD and holding SW accountable through mandatory registration.

MLA Ann Kang was approached by Barb Keith with Phyllis' article in hand.

12. Database and website purchase (Cayce, Michael, & Dianne)

Both the database and website need to be replaced. Site freezing, and submitting payment are not working, database is declining. We need to allow people who are trying to join, to be able to join. Database and website interfere with administration.

A thorough discussion of our financial situation and the costs associated with a new database and website took place.

Motion to move ahead with database and website purchase of \$15,000 across two budget years, and to add ongoing costs of minimum \$4500 to 2020 budget for reasonable buffer amount.
Cayce/Carol/Carried

Action: Dianne will move forward to purchase the database and website.

13. Strike a 2020-2025 Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee: (Michael)

Cayce, Michael, Pam & Glen volunteered to serve on the committee to develop a new strategic plan.

Action: Michael to set up meeting

14. Other –

Discussion regarding the recent AGM.

Mental Health training for primary care role positions.

Elitism: being professional is about accountability and not elitism.

Keep working on broadcast technology.

15. Other –

Welcome to Darren Usher, our BCASW member services coordinator.

16. Other –

Carol would like to follow up from membership comments at AGM. Recognizing classism. Honouring the lived experience piece. How do we help the public understand our profession? How much confusion around social work because there are people holding non-social work degrees calling themselves social workers?

17. Next meeting -

January 24-25 in Richmond (in person),

18. Adjournment