

MINUTES - CPF BC & YUKON BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Vancouver, B.C. Friday February 16, through Sunday February 18, 2007

Present: Directors Marcela Navarro, Leila Remfry, Victoria Vaseleniuck, Marie Reed, Sabine Schweiger, Marie-Noelle Genest and President Heather Newman  
ED Rita Parikh

Meeting begins at 6:30 pm @ Kitsilano Secondary School, Francopalooza evening.

MSC: Heather Newman/Sabine Schweiger to adopt the Agenda.

MSC: Marcela Navarro/ Marie Reed to adopt the minutes from the December 2006 meeting.

- Nomination Committee Report by Marie Reed.
- letters to go out to Chapter Presidents in March in search of candidates.
- phone calls to chapter Presidents by May.
- Marie Reed and Heather Newman not returning on the Board so must address issue of needing a new President.

\*\*\*\*\* interval for Francopalooza dance opening \*\*\*\*\*

8:30 pm Meeting resumes.

- Nomination Committee meeting continues.
- Sabine suggests weighing strengths and weaknesses in new candidates to complement the existing Board.
- Heather comments that we need divergent viewpoints and different personalities/
- Victoria adds that the Terms of Reference state the expectations.
- Bursary/Membership Committee Report.
- Sabine questions the name of the committee...perhaps should be named simply Bursary Committee, discussion.
- does it have an unclear purpose? Is it encouragement, reward, or recognition?
- we should use existing criteria.
- Board should approve the Bursary goal
  - should make sure advertising is adequate
  - should include timelines
  - must track results for general knowledge about bursary recipients
  - we need this information to design policies and for evaluation
- **Adjourns for the evening @ 9:30**

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BOARD MEETING RESUMES Saturday, Feb. 17 @ 2:45 pm

All Directors are present.

- Board begins to systematically review the National Governance Policies for use at our BC & Yukon branch level.
- Heather points out that all the dates must be changed:
- Policies to have December 3, 2006 as date of adoption
- Policies reviewed to be dated February 17, 2007
- Policies modified to be dated February 17, 2007
  
- Beginning with Gov. 1 we progress to approve and/or modify policies through Gov 4.1.1. (this task is to be continued at a later meeting).
- **ALL POLICIES ARE CONSIDERED MOVED BY CONSENSUS.**
  
- A discussion begins re. the AGM
  - that we should "take back" our AGM
  - surveys of members should be circulated at each AGM
  - must collate results from last AGM survey so we can give answers to most important questions
  - Sabine comments that we need to have an AGM with a BCCPF focus
  - cost sharing initiatives with partners but NOT a joint conference
  - our own banquet, our own celebrations
  - dates of AGM have been usurped by National for 4 years
- Sabine: the objectives should be to recognize, celebrate and SHARE members' ideas and accomplishments, and also to give them new skills and tool to go home with.

- "cross pollination"
  - perhaps reception with keynote speaker on Opening Night?
  - Heather: perhaps workshop structure to allow 2/3 presentation and 1/3 discussion?
- Adjourned at 6:05 for dinner**
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**RESUMES Sunday, Feb 18<sup>th</sup> @ 8:05 am**

**All Directors present, joined by Executive Director Rita Parikh.** - Membership Committee, Sabine, nothing to report.

- some discussion about it not being a committee, more of a "linkage" instead just the "Bursary Committee"
- Membership Committee would then become a Committee of the Whole instead...
- Finance Committee reports, Victoria.
- no extraordinary budgets to discuss
- President's Overview, Heather.
- discussion of member issues, teacher shortages, outreach visits requested, etc.
- Heather mentions rumblings from other branches that the National office does not necessarily hear Branch concerns..
- discussion from Rita, interpretations are often overblown and often wrong, plus plenty of errors in interpretation from National office.
- there are communication problems both ways...
- Rita presents 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Financial Report
- membership/chapter discussion
- teacher shortages, teacher quality issues, outreach issues.
- Rita points out concerns about money for next years' AGM (there isn't any)
- there will be no Francopalooza next year.
- staff and workload challenges
- discussion re. perhaps office should NOT be sending all the 90% back to chapters, but should withhold some amount to cover the increased costs of member numbers rising?
- more resource money needed for our Branch Office.
- challenge is to retain membership
- discussion about communication, website changes
- discussion about one signatory on cheques instead of two?
- **2 resolutions proposed:**
  - Rita and Leila to be single signatories
  - 2 signatures required for \$10,000 and over

**MSC: Sabine Schweiger/Marcela Navarro That Leila Remfry and Rita Parikh be single signing authorities for amounts up to \$10,000, and that amounts above \$10,000 will require two signatures.**

- Rita presents 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Statement of Operations.
- she points out we should note the budget surplus of \$19,279, and that this will go down somewhat.
- there are no questions.

-AGM discussion

- Rita's recommendation to be held in VICTORIA
- we need to do Policy workshops for members involving meeting their MPs
- Ministry of Education will fund policy workshops- in conjunction with the AGM means member's airfares will be covered by the Ministry of Education.
- some of us to meet with Education caucus.
- AGM DATE to be NOV 2,3,4<sup>th</sup>

- **Our NEXT MEETING: May 11, 12, 13<sup>th</sup> weekend**

- **SEPT. MEETING: Sept. 14, 15, 16<sup>th</sup>**

- lastly, Marie-Noelle Genest will not be completing her term, we will need to actively recruit a new candidate for Youth Director.

**MEETING ENDS @ 12 noon**

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