

**BRITISH COLUMBIA COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORKERS
MINUTES**

Date: **May 14, 2011**

Place: The Westin Bayshore Hotel, Vancouver

Chair: Liz Jones

Members present: Lorna Dittmar, Bruce Hallsor, Susan Hogman, Curtis Magnuson, Gary Mavis, Susan Noakes, Bruce Northey, Glen Schmidt, Chi Ying Wong

Regrets Geraldine Manson

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

In attendance: Staff: Susan Irwin, Kirsten Dowd

Liz Jones called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

1. Approval of agenda The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. Approval of minutes The minutes of the meeting on March 12, 2011 were approved as circulated.

3. Vote Susan Irwin reported, Board appointed Dawn Branswell as a member of the Registration Committee, by email vote on April 9, 2011.

4. EXECUTIVE REPORT: Liz Jones

- The Board expressed acknowledgements to the staff for planning and organizing the reception and welcome table for the ASWB Spring Education Meeting
- Continuing with facility planning
- Hiring committee has been active and report will be discussed in detail later on the agenda

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5. REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Susan Irwin

Susan Irwin gave a verbal report (written report is attached)

- There are several new complaints and more files have been closed
 - The Ombudsmen investigated a complaint against the College and closed the file as there were no findings
 - Continuing to work on the competency profile project
 - Exemptions committee is continuing its work with a goal of amending the regulation this fall
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6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 FINANCIAL REPORT: Gary Mavis**Financial Statements**

The financial statements for February and March 2011 were reviewed.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that

The Board of the BC College of Social Workers receives the financial statements for February and March 2011.

The motion was adopted.

6.2 REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Susan Hogman

- There are no new applications to review
 - Dawn Branswell has now joined the committee
 - The committee will examine registration jurisdictional issues
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6.3 REGISTRATION APPEALS COMMITTEE: Bruce Hallsor

The committee has no appeals to review at this time.

6.4 INQUIRY COMMITTEE: Susan Noakes

A written report was circulated.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that

After considering the report of the Inquiry Committee pursuant to section 28 of the Social Workers Act, the Board of the BC College of Social Workers confirms the decision of the Inquiry Committee on File 2010-08 to take no further action as the conduct of the social worker was satisfactory.

The motion was adopted.

Files 2011-01 through 2011-05 were opened pursuant to the *Criminal Records Review Act* as the registrants did not submit the required authorization on time. The Board discussed expectations regarding responses of registrants to these complaints as in some cases the responses were minimal.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that

After considering the report of the Inquiry Committee pursuant to section 28 of the Social Workers Act, the Board of the BC College of Social Workers confirms the decision of the Inquiry Committee on Files 2011-01, 2011-03, 2011-04, 2011-05 to take no further action as the conduct of the social worker was satisfactory.

The motion was adopted.

File 2011-02 – will be brought to the next board meeting.

6.5 DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE: Bruce Hallsor

No complaints have been referred to the Discipline Committee.

6.6 QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE: Glen Schmidt

- The Committee has met twice since the last board meeting
- The continuing competency report should be completed by the next board meeting in September
- Glen discussed the importance and need to consult with members about the document

7. SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER SURVEY: Bruce Northey

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- Bruce Northey circulated a written report about the social service worker survey which he distributed to most community college social service worker educators across BC
- He highlighted key findings – there was significant, but not unanimous interest in supporting regulation of social service workers
- He noted that many of the respondents have social work degrees but are not registered

- Bruce met with Glenda McDonald from the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers to learn from their experience regulating social service workers
- The Board has asked Bruce to provide a written report for the next board meeting

8. COMPETENCY PROFILE: Susan Irwin

- Susan provided a summary of this project which was initiated in 2009 to address labour mobility issues
- CCSWR obtained funding for this project from HRSDC in spring 2010 and contracted with Directions Evidence LLP to conduct the survey
- Two members of the committee attended the Deans & Directors meeting in Montreal in the fall of 2010 and revised the survey process in response to their requests
- Survey was sent to 33 school directors but only a few responded
- Survey will be going live in May/June 2011
- A link will be sent to all registrants to complete the survey
- Suggestion of providing incentives so people will complete the survey
- Glen summarized the concerns of some educators with the concept of “competencies”

9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Liz Jones

- As a result of the board deciding to hold the election before the AGM, as in previous years, the executive proposed to re-schedule the guest speaker on social media and provide an educational workshop as well
 - The meeting will be November 10 at the Renaissance Hotel
 - Tentative agenda is:
 - 5-6pm – reception
 - 6-7pm – AGM
 - 7-8pm - guest speaker
 - 8pm – discussion about continuing competencies or other topics
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- Board approved \$1,500 budget for guest speaker plus travel costs
 - Suggestion of back-up speaker Gary Schoener
 - Susan Irwin was asked to circulate information about the proposed speaker
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10. FACILITY PLANNING: Liz Jones

- Executive met with Susan and James Lewis, realtor
 - Executive recommends accepting realtor's advice not to purchase
 - Board discussed preferences for new office space
 - Board directed that staff search for separate, not shared, facility
 - As more space is needed and the cost of rent space will increase, there was discussion of the budget
 - Currently the budget for office space is \$30,000 and the executive recommended that this will need to double next year
 - The board indicated agreement with this plan
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11. RECRUITMENT OF REGISTRAR: Liz Jones

- Liz provided an update of the process
- The committee has been working with the HR consultant
- As few applications were received, the requirements were expanded to consider non social workers
- A short list was prepared and interviews will be conducted soon

12. MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Board meeting will be at the Granville Island Hotel on Saturday September 17th 9am - 3pm.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

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