

BRITISH COLUMBIA COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORKERS
MINUTES

Date: September 17, 2011

Place: The Granville Island Hotel

Chair: Liz Jones

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

Regrets Doris Darvasi, Geraldine Manson, Glen Schmidt

A quorum was present throughout the meeting.

In attendance: Staff: John Mayr, Kirsten Dowd

Liz Jones called the meeting to order at 9:02am

- 1. **Approval of agenda** The agenda was approved as circulated.
- 2. **Approval of minutes** The minutes of the meeting on May 14, 2011 were approved.
- 2.1 **Conduct of business via electronic means**

The Board affirmed three motions conducted between meetings by electronic means.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that

The Board of the BC College of Social Workers authorize the Personnel Committee to make an offer as is described in the attached letter and to make minor amendments if necessary.

The motion was adopted by electronic vote.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that

The Board of the BC College of Social Workers appoints John Mayr as Registrar of the BC College of Social Workers effective July 1, 2011, pursuant to section 12 (1) of the Social Workers Act.

The motion was adopted by electronic vote.

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Motion: It was moved and seconded that

The BC College of Social Workers authorizes John Mayr as a signing authority for all accounts of the BC College of Social Workers effective July 1, 2011.

The motion was adopted by electronic vote.

3. EXECUTIVE REPORT: Liz Jones Chair

The Chair reported on the activities of the Committee. There have been three formal executive meetings since the May working with the new Registrar. Appreciation to the members of the hiring panel was expressed. The Registrar has been asked to complete an organizational review and risk assessment for the Board.

It was also reported that the College was successful in its application for a research grant from the ASWB to complete a research regarding the relationship between the College, social workers and aboriginal organizations.

4. REGISTRAR'S REPORT: John Mayr

The Registrar gave the members an overview of the experience he brings to the College and highlighted activities undertaken since appointment. He reported on:

- Preliminary review of the organization's structure.
- Meetings with Representative of Children and Youth, MCFD, ASWB, and the UBC School of Social Work.

The Registrar updated the Board on ongoing activities: AGM, Board Elections, office relocation, amending the budget, changes to the Social Workers Act, review of Bylaws and Standards, negotiating the removal of exemptions

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 DISCIPLINE REPORT: Bruce Hallsor

- Written report circulated
- The Committee has held no hearings since the last meeting
- The BC Supreme Court ruled on an application for judicial review on June 16, 2011 involving the College. The question was whether a former registrant was subject to College Inquiry and disciplinary action. The Court agreed with the position of the College.

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5.2 FINANCE COMMITTEE: Gary Mavis

- An amended budget was circulated for consideration.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that

The Board of the BC College of Social Workers approve the budget as amended.

The motion was adopted.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Board approve its request to change financial institutions

Motion: It was moved and seconded that

That the Board of the BC College of Social Workers approve the College to use Royal Bank for financial services.

The motion was adopted

The members of the Board considered draft interim financial statements

Motion: It was moved and seconded that

That the Board of the BC College of Social Workers accepts for filing, the interim financial statements.

The motion was adopted.

5.3 INQUIRY COMMITTEE: Susan Noakes

- The Committee delivered a verbal report of activities

Motion: It was moved and seconded that

The Board of the BC College of Social Workers authorize the registrar under section 26 (2) to be able to dismiss all or part of a complaint.

The motion was adopted.

It was reported that the Committee will be developing a practice and procedure manual. The purpose of the manual will be to build a foundation for consistent procedures.

Report on Inquiry Complaint Files

Three members of the Discipline Committee left the room during the Inquiry Reports.

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 each of the following files. In making these decisions the members of the Board considered information with regards to each of the files.

1. 2010-06 The Inquiry Committee reported that the registrant who was the subject of this matter successfully completed the terms of the Complaint Resolution Agreement.
2. 2010-10 Board upheld the decision of inquiry committee to take no action as the conduct to which the matter relates was satisfactory.
3. 2010-02 Board upheld the decision of the Inquiry Committee to act under section 30 of the Social Workers Act to enter into Consent Agreement and the terms of the agreement.
4. 2011-06 The Board reviewed the matter and agreed with the decision of the inquiry committee to take no action as the conduct to which the matter relates was satisfactory
5. 2011-08 The Board upheld the decision of the inquiry committee to act under section 30 of the Social Workers Act to enter into a complaint resolution agreement and the terms of the agreement.
6. 2011-09 The Board reviewed the matter and agreed with the decision of the inquiry committee to take no action as the conduct to which the matter relates was satisfactory.
7. 2011-11 The Board reviewed the matter and agreed with the decision of the inquiry committee to take no action as the conduct to which the matter relates was satisfactory.
8. 2011-12 The Board reviewed the matter and agreed with the decision of the inquiry committee to take no action as the conduct to which the matter relates was satisfactory.

The motion was adopted.

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5.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE: Bruce Northey

- The members of the Board received the written report of the Quality Assurance Committee. The Committee is proposing that the Board approve a quality assurance program that has continuing competence as its basis.

The Board accepted in principle the work of the Committee and requested that the committee identify the next steps.

5.5 REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Susan Hogman

- A written report was circulated

Motion: It was moved and seconded that

That the registrar for the BC College of Social Workers raise the issue of cross jurisdictional counselling and suggest the creation of a Pan Canada protocol at the next Canadian Counsel of Social Work Regulator's meeting.

The motion was adopted.

The Board also considered the issue of criminal record checks for international applicants from countries in which it is difficult or not possible to obtain a criminal record check. The members agreed to table this discussion to a future meeting.

5.6 REGISTRATION APPEALS COMMITTEE: Bruce Hallsor

The Committee has had no appeals referred to it since the last meeting.

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

- Meeting on November 10, 2011

Schedule for November 10, 2011:

- 9:00am - 12:00pm Board meeting
- 1:00pm - 4:00pm Education session
- 5:00pm - 6:00pm Reception
- 6:00pm - 7:30pm AGM
- 7:30pm - 8:15pm Keynote Speaker

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7. NEW BUSINESS

- The BCCSW was asked to sponsor the BCASW conference in 2011.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that

The Board of the BC College of Social Workers gives \$1,500 to the BC Association of Social Workers to be a bronze sponsor of the annual conference.

The motion was adopted.

8. MEETING SCHEDULE

- Strategic planning meeting on January 13, 2012 from 9am - 4pm
- Board meeting on January 14, 2012

9. ELECTION NOMINATIONS

- It was reported that seven members were nominated to run in the College election for terms beginning 2012.

10. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 pm.

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