

**BC College of Social Workers  
Board Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting No. 20**

**Date:** September 23, 2012

**Place:** Opus Hotel – Vancouver

**Chair:** Elizabeth Jones

**Members present:**

Ed Berry

Doris Darvasi

Susan Noakes

Leonard Ibbs

Gary Mavis

Curtis Magnuson

Colleen Spier

Susan Hogman

Bruce Hallsor

**Regrets:**

Chi Ying Wong

**Staff in attendance:**

John Mayr, Registrar

Christeen Young, Recorder

**1. Call to Order**

The Chair of the Board called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

**2. Approve Minutes from June 23, 2012 meeting of the Board**

**Motion:** To approve the meeting minutes of the Board on June 23, 2012 as previously distributed.

The motion was adopted.

**2.1 Accept Minutes of June 23, 2012 Annual General Meeting**

**Motion:** To accept the meeting minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on June 23, 2012 as previously circulated.

The motion was adopted.

**3. Business Arising**

**3.1 Report on TILMA hearing**

The Board heard a report from Susan Noakes, who attended the TILMA hearing on behalf of the College. The Agreement requires that the panel issue its decision not later than 45 days after the hearing. As of this date, no decision has been made.

#### **4. Chairs report**

##### **4.1 Towards Developing a Respectful Relationship**

The Chair provided an update on the *Towards Developing a Respectful Relationship* project. An ethics application for the project has been submitted to the UBC Office of Research Ethics. Approval is expected to take a number of weeks.

##### **4.2 Election to the Board of the CCSWR**

As hosts of the Canadian Council of Social Work Regulators meeting, the College successfully conducted the election of officers.

#### **5. Registrar's Report**

##### **5.1 Resignation of Board Member**

The Registrar reported that he received written notice of Bruce Northey's resignation from the College's Board. In accordance with the Bylaws, the resignation is effective on receipt.

##### **5.2 Report on meeting of the Canadian Registrars**

The Registrar reported on the meeting of Registrars held on September 20 and 21, 2012.

##### **5.3 Canadian Council of Social Work Regulators Board Meeting**

###### **5.3.1 Update on Competency Profile**

The English and French versions of the Competency Profile were approved at the CCSWR meeting. The Competency Profile will be distributed to each provincial social work regulatory body by October 15, 2012 and to other stakeholders on November 6, 2012. It is expected that each provincial regulator will review and approve the profile prior to the end of 2012.

##### **5.4 Removal of exemption for Social Workers employed by Health Authorities**

The Registrar advised that work was continuing on amending the regulation so that social workers employed by health authorities would be required to register. It is expected that the final decision will be announced by the end of the September.

#### **6. Committee reports**

##### **6.1 Inquiry Committee**

The Chair of the Inquiry Committee reported on the activities of the Committee. The Committee had two teleconference meetings since the last meeting of the Board. The committee submitted four reports to the Board on matters in which no Citation was issued.

###### **6.1.1 Reports to the Board**

**6.1.1.1 2011-13** The Board received the report of the Inquiry Committee into the matter related to file 2011-13

**Moved** that after considering the report of the Inquiry Committee the Board act pursuant to section 28(2)(a) of the *Social Workers Act* and confirm the Inquiry Committee's decision. The motion was adopted.

**6.1.1.2 2012-05** The Board received the report of the Inquiry Committee into the matter related to file 2012-05

**Moved** that after considering the report of the Inquiry Committee the Board act pursuant to section 28(2)(a) of *the Social Workers Act* and confirm the Inquiry Committee's decision. The motion was adopted.

The Board further directed the Inquiry Committee to write to the Government of Canada to raise the issue of unregulated agencies providing service to vulnerable youth.

**6.1.1.3 2010-04** The Board received the report of the Inquiry Committee into the matter related to file 2010-04

**Moved** that after considering the report of the Inquiry Committee the Board act pursuant to section 28(2)(a) of the *Social Workers Act* and confirm the Inquiry Committee's decision. The motion was adopted.

**6.1.1.4 2012-04** The Board received the report of the Inquiry Committee into the matter related to file 2012-04

**Moved** that after considering the report of the Inquiry Committee the Board act pursuant to section 28(2)(a) of the *Social Workers Act* and confirm the Inquiry Committee's decision. The motion was adopted.

## **6.2 Registration Committee**

The Chair of the committee introduced the amended policy regarding the registration of applicants without a social work degree.

It was suggested that the related Master degrees be defined in the policy as follows:

MA in Counselling Psychology  
MED in Counselling Psychology  
MDiv in Theology

**Motion:** To accept the policy on applicants with related degrees presented by Registration Committee with amendments to the related Master degrees.  
The motion was adopted.

## **6.3 Finance Committee**

### **6.3.1 Unaudited financial report for filing**

The Chair of the Finance Committee presented the unaudited financial reports.

**Motion:** To accept for filing the internal financial statements.

**6.3.2** The motion was adopted.

**6.3.3 Motions for Banking**

The following motions related to banking were proposed:

**Motion:** To close the account in the name of the BC College of Social Workers at Prospera Credit Union and for those funds to be transferred to the College's current operating account.

The motion was adopted.

**Motion:** To close the account in the name of the BC College of Social Workers at Van City Credit Union and for those funds to be transferred to the College's current operating account.

The motion was adopted.

**6.3.4 Policy on the provision of materials to the board by electronic means**

Members discussed the options for conducting business by electronic means.

**Motion:** To grant authority to the Registrar to facilitate the Board conducting business by electronic means through the purchase of devices.

The motion was adopted.

**7. Strategic Plan**

**7.1 Report on Progress**

The Registrar provided an update on activities related to the strategic plan including an estimate of task completion

**8. Board Elections 2013**

It was reported that the annual election of members to the Board of the College was complete as only four registrants ran for election. As there were four vacancies the four nominees were elected by acclamation. The new members are:

Andrea Harstone

Deborah Jones

Jacqueline Stokes

Curtis Magnuson

**8.0 Next Board Meeting**

The Board confirmed that it will next meet on: November 17, 2012 at 9:00am. The meeting will be held at the office of the College.

**9.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:27pm.