



**Board of Directors
January 28, 2013
Conference Call**

In Attendance

Heather Bayes, President
Russell Pohl, Vice President
Marcy Perron, Treasurer
Lee Lachmuth, North
Kathryne Coxon, Coast Fraser Delegate
Kevin Daniel, Interior
Jo Axe, Island
Jayne Wilson, Executive Director

Absent

Tamara Smith, Secretary
Jacqueline Marshall, MCFD (guest, absent)

Guest

Faye McClinton, MCFD Liaison

A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 6:45 p.m.

***M/S/C (Moved/Seconded/Carried)**

ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
1. Minutes of Previous Meeting	No changes to the Minutes of the December 19, 2012 meeting.	MOTION to accept the Minutes of December 19, 2012 Board of Directors meeting as circulated. *M/S/C Marcy/Lee
2. Additions and Changes to Agenda	One addition to Agenda.	
3. President's Report	<p>The President announced the resignation of the Vancouver Island Delegate and expressed thanks and appreciation. J. Axe will still be working with us on a webinar project.</p> <p>There was a Town Hall meeting in Vernon regarding MCFD practice/policy alignment. There are limitations on mileage and overages for foster parents. All exceptions must be reviewed by a committee.</p> <p>The President spoke briefly with the Provincial Director of Child Welfare. A conference call is being planned between BCFFPA and MCFD to speak about the practice changes in the Interior.</p> <p>We need to request a meeting with the Minister and Deputy to provide an update on our support and advocacy activities/costs, etc.</p>	ACTION The ED will compose a letter requesting a meeting with the Minister and Deputy.
4. Vice President's Report	<p>The office is doing an evaluation of wages and performance reviews.</p> <p>We are waiting for an update regarding Support and Advocacy in Prince George. There is a training in Abbotsford in March.</p>	
5. Treasurer's Report	The Treasurer reviewed the Comparative Income Statement with the ED's notes about budget items and projected savings. Highlights included: Board costs are high, Rider insurance workshop costs are being conserved through local delivery of workshops this year, wages and benefits will be	MOTION to accept the Treasurer's report as delivered. M/S/C Marcy/Kathryne

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	<p>under budget, contract meeting budget is well under target and the unfunded Support & Advocacy program expenses are as expected.</p>	
<p>6. Director's Report</p>	<p>The contract for services to northeast foster parents was awarded to North Peace Community Resources Society. We received very useful feedback regarding our proposal.</p> <p>BCFFPA needs to describe the parameters of the General Scholarship Fund which will be established for donations toward bursaries that don't specify a fund in their name. The ED suggests that the fund be generic in nature and follow the parameters of our other bursaries. See attached fund description.</p> <p>The Federation received another donation from M. Graydon for his bursaries.</p> <p>The Board reviewed proposed grammatical changes to the Code of Ethics.</p> <p>Discussion regarding Honorary and Honorary Lifetime Memberships to present at AGM 2013.</p> <p>Reviewed proposed Special Resolutions as discussed at face-to-face meeting in November 2012.</p> <p>Discussion about AGM activity ideas and potential entertainment for banquet.</p> <p>Nomination Committee composed of Regional Delegates will review any nominations for Secretary and Treasurer positions.</p>	<p>MOTION to establish a General Scholarship Fund which will be supported by donations to the Federation that are for education bursaries but not specified for any other bursary. M/S/C Marcy/Kevin</p> <p>MOTION to accept the changes as outlined in the revised Code of Ethics. M/S/C Marcy/Kevin</p> <p>MOTION to accept proposed Special Resolutions 2013C-1 and 2013B -1, 2, 3, 4 & 5, as proposed to be presented to members for voting at 2013 AGM. M/S/C Kevin/Russell</p>
<p>7. CFFA Update</p>	<p>There is no news to report. BC's representative would like to be more active at CFFA.</p>	
<p>8. MCFD Liaison</p>	<p>The drafted changes regarding babysitting and relief will be distributed for review soon. The MCFD contact will be in touch with BCFFPA. The next version of the Foster Family Handbook is expected to be completed by the end of this fiscal year.</p> <p>54.1 and 54.01 are two different processes. 54.1 applies to CCOs and 54.01 applies to children before they become CCOs when guardianship is being transferred. J. Marshall will have more information. MCFD is encouraging extended family members to be involved in the care of kids before they are permanently in care.</p> <p>The Liaison sent out the information regarding dental limitations and processes. The ED forwarded the</p>	

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	information to the Board members. Discussion regarding dental coverage for CICs through MCFD.	
9. Regional Delegate Reports	<p><i>Vancouver Island Region – Jo Axe</i> (written report submitted) The Delegate has resigned effective January 31st. There is no news to report.</p> <p><i>North Region – Lee Lachmuth</i> (written report submitted) Prince George is hoping to host a Support and Advocacy training in April. The office is waiting to hear more from the College that was considering providing space and materials. The North delegate is in the process of setting up a conference call with interested foster parents from the North region soon. MCFD Liaison suggested speaking with EDS's about assistance for foster parents in the North attending the Support & Advocacy training.</p> <p><i>Interior Region – Kevin Daniel</i> (written report submitted) The Kootenay region foster parents have received a letter from MCFD regarding practice changes to follow policy. Kelowna has their meeting with MCFD this week regarding the same subject. The Interior is hearing about 54.1's being promoted by MCFD.</p> <p>There are no partnership meetings taking place in the Kootenays unlike other areas of the Interior region.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Region – Kathrynne Coxon</i> (written report submitted) There is a lot of support and Local activity in Chilliwack area. The Chilliwack Local Association's president is stepping down. A member of the Chilliwack executive committee is interested in stepping into the role with more training.</p>	
10. New Business	No new business.	
11. Next Meeting	Next meeting via conference call on February 25, 2013.	
	Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm	

NEW

BCFFPA General Scholarship Fund

BCFFPA occasionally receives funds from donors that they request be put toward scholarships for children and youth who were formerly in care. The Board of Directors has outlined a General Scholarship Fund into which we can place donations from these generous donors. Unless directed to do otherwise, scholarships will be distributed under the name of the donor(s) until the funds are expended.

The General Scholarship Fund was established in 2013. One bursary will be distributed annually.