

 <p>foster parents British Columbia BCFFPA</p> <p>Annual General Meeting May 25, 2013 Vancouver Airport Marriott Hotel Richmond, BC</p>	<p><i>In Attendance</i></p> <p>Heather Bayes, President Russell Pohl, Vice President Tamara Smith, Secretary Lee Lachmuth, North Delegate Kevin Daniel, Interior Jayne Wilson, Executive Director</p> <p>32 voting members present</p>	<p><i>Absent</i></p> <p>Marcy Perron, Treasurer Kathrynne Coxon, Coast Fraser Delegate</p>
<p>A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 9:35 a.m. *M/S/C (Moved/Seconded/Carried)</p>		
ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
1. Welcome and Introductions	The President called the meeting to order, thanked everyone for attending and introduced the Board of Directors, staff members, the life and honorary members in attendance, our Auditor and our Parliamentarian.	
2. Honorary Associate Lifetime Membership Award	The President introduced this year's award recipient, Sobhana Daniel, Director, MCFD's Office of Domestic Violence and former Liaison to BCFFPA. Sobhana gave a moving acceptance speech.	
3. Guest Speaker	<p><i>Guest Speaker – Barbara Walsh, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister – Strategic Initiatives</i></p> <p>The President introduced Barbara Walsh who spoke on current initiatives and foster parent engagement in the process of sector change.</p>	
4. Housekeeping	<p>The President reviewed the housekeeping items.</p> <p>a. Notice of annual meeting was provided in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Notice provided in the February (Winter) 2013 issue of FosterlineBC newsletter ➤ Notice provided on the BCFFPA website ➤ Notice provided by mail <p>b. A quorum of at least 25 voting members were present (32 voting members in assembly)</p> <p>c. The Agenda was passed by the assembly.</p> <p>d. The Standing Rules (Rules of Order) were adopted by the assembly.</p> <p>e. The Tellers Committee members were assigned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ronda Sweeney, BCFFPA ➤ Roxie Bateman, Foster Parent ➤ Brian Tipper, Brian Tipper Inc. <p>f. The Minutes of AGM 2012 were accepted as circulated.</p>	<p>MOTION (01/AGM/13) to approve the Agenda as presented. Carried</p> <p>MOTION (02/AGM/13) to approve the Standing Rules (Rules of Order). Carried</p> <p>MOTION (03/AGM/13) to accept the Minutes of AGM 2012 as presented. Carried</p>

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5. Reports	<p><i>President's Report – Heather Bayes</i> The President summarized her written report. The President thanked the Vice President and Secretary for their ongoing volunteerism and exceptional dedication in facilitating completion of the modified and renamed Advocacy Program. The President acknowledged the recent changes to BCFFPA's image through a new logo and website. All in attendance were encouraged to join in the World Cafe where their insights and opinions would be gathered and shared anonymously with the Ministry.</p> <p><i>Auditor's Report – Brian Tipper</i> The Auditor noted that this year's statement has a slightly different format due to practice guidelines. The financial statements are comparative to the previous year. The operating funds were lower as BCFFPA received no additional grants from MCFD for special projects. The deficit is reflective of costs related to delivery of support and advocacy to foster parents.</p>	<p>MOTION (04/AGM/13) to accept the 2012-2013 fiscal audit as provided by Brian Tipper Inc. Carried</p> <p>MOTION (05/AGM/13) that Brian Tipper Inc. be appointed auditor for BCFFPA for the fiscal year 2013-2014 and that the Board of Directors be authorized to fix the remuneration for these services. Carried</p>
6. Special Resolutions	The proposed Special Resolutions were read to the assembly. The proposed Special Resolutions were sent to voting members on March 22 nd , 2013 for review and mail-in voting.	
7. Elections	<p>The Chair of the Nominations Committee delivered the Nominations report, stating that all was in order with nominations; memberships of all were in good standing.</p> <p>The single nominee for Treasurer, Marcy Perron, is excused from the Annual General Meeting and was not present.</p> <p>The single nominee for the Secretary position, Tamara Smith, spoke briefly regarding her commitment to foster parents in BC.</p> <p>**VOTING and COFFEE BREAK**</p>	
8. Resolutions Report	There were no resolutions from AGM 2012 to report on.	
9. New Business	F. Hetherington spoke regarding the creation of a foster parent union. A union would address all reoccurring issues such as mileage, foster parent remuneration, relief and other concerns. (Discussion.)	<p>MOTION (06/AGM/2013) to investigate the process, pros and cons of a foster parent union. Carried</p>

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	<p>G. Burleigh spoke regarding the rising cost of fuel and the current mileage allowance offered to foster parents by MCFD. (No discussion.)</p> <p>L. Lachmuth spoke regarding the need safe rooms and spaces for children in foster homes in reference to the February 2013 Practice Directive from the Ministry stating the discontinuation of the practice of confining children in a locked or supervised room for any reason. (Discussion.)</p> <p>Y. Langlois spoke in support of the creation of an insurance program for foster parents who contract a critical illness from a child in care. (No discussion.)</p> <p>L. Lachmuth spoke regarding the creation of a policy that outlines a process to ensure foster parent safety when there is a risk due to the activities of the child in their care. (Discussion.)</p> <p>A. Manuel spoke in support of ensuring that foster parents are included when assessment planning is taking place for a child in care. The person who knows the child the best should be consulted in these plans. (No discussion.)</p> <p>Y. Langlois spoke regarding the need for a medical/dental plan to be put into place for foster parents. The current provider does not offer a specific affordable program for foster parents. (Discussion.)</p>	<p>MOTION (07/AGM/2013) that BCFFPA advocate with MCFD for increased mileage amounts to foster parents that are more reflective of mileage paid to MCFD staff. Carried</p> <p>MOTION (08/AGM/2013) that BCFFPA advocate with MCFD to revisit the need for and provision of safe spaces for children and youth. Carried</p> <p>MOTION (09/AGM/2013) that BCFFPA advocate with MCFD to create an insurance or other program for foster parents who contract critical or serious illnesses from a foster child. (eg. Hep C or AIDS) Carried</p> <p>MOTION (10/AGM/2013) that BCFFPA advocate with MCFD that safety and security measures for foster parents be created in policy to protect against the results of high risk behaviors of children and youth in care. Carried</p> <p>MOTION (11/AGM/2013) that BCFFPA advocate with MCFD to involve foster parents with assessment planning or decisions regarding the children and youth in their care. Carried</p> <p>MOTION (12/AGM/2013) that BCFFPA look at the medical/dental plan options so that a plan is in place for foster parents. Carried</p>

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	<p>F. Hetherington spoke regarding the need to create a retirement plan for foster parents. Those who are aging have nothing in place and, as costs rise, the younger generation will not be drawn to fostering without a provision for retirement.</p> <p>L. Lachmuth spoke in support of the need for more information regarding the benefits and challenges of the application of Chuck Geddes CCI program in foster homes. (Discussion.)</p> <p>J. Dyer spoke regarding the need for a cost of living increase for foster parents who have not seen a change in maintenance or service payments in several years in spite of increasing costs.</p>	<p>MOTION (13/AGM/2013) that BCFFPA pursue the creation of a program for retirement benefits for foster parents. Carried</p> <p>MOTION (14/AGM/2013) that BCFFPA investigate and discuss with the Ministry the ramifications of Chuck Geddes' CCI program on the smooth functioning of a foster home. Carried</p> <p>MOTION (15/AGM/2013) that BCFFPA advocate with the Ministry for cost of living increases for foster parents. Carried</p>
10. Election Results	<p>Special Resolution – Constitution Amendment 2013C-1 <i>Article II: Purposes</i></p> <p>1. e) to promote and encourage the aims and objectives of each and every regional council of foster parent associations in each Ministry of Children and Family Development regions of British Columbia.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Passed</p> <p>Special Resolution – Bylaw Amendment 2013B-1 <i>Article IV: General Meetings; Section 3 - Notice for Annual General Meeting and Extraordinary Meetings</i></p> <p>b) Notice of any General Meeting shall be deemed to be given to every member if posted in the Federation newsletter and delivered electronically, mailed or hand delivered.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Passed</p> <p>Special Resolution – Bylaw Amendment 2013B-2 <i>Article IV: General Meetings; Section 5 – Voting</i></p> <p>A majority vote is required for the adoption of ordinary resolutions. Proxy voting is not permitted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Passed</p> <p>Special Resolution – Bylaw Amendment 2013B-3 <i>Article V: Board of Directors; Section 1 – The Board of Directors of the Federation shall be</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President • Vice-President • Secretary 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer • Regional Delegates <p style="text-align: right;">Passed</p> <p>Special Resolution – Bylaw Amendment 2013B-4 <i>Article V: Board of Directors; Section 2 – Officers</i></p> <p>a) The Officers of the Federation shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Candidates for these officer positions shall be selected by the Nominating Committee from a pool of foster parents and associate members. They will be chosen for their knowledge and expertise in relation to these positions. The Officer Candidates will be elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting. They will be elected through a combination of mail-in votes and the votes of those attending the Annual General Meeting. The Regional Delegates shall be elected or appointed within their regions and will represent the foster parents of those regions at the provincial table. Associate Members, selected to hold positions on the Federation Board of Directors, shall have full voting privileges during their term of office.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Passed</p> <p>Special Resolution – Bylaw Amendment 2013B-5 <i>Article VI: Committees; Section 1 - Committees</i></p> <p>b) The Nominating Committee</p> <p>The Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of one member from each of the regions. The Chair of the committee shall be appointed by the committee members.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Passed</p> <p><i>Election for Treasurer</i> Nominee: Marcy Perron 56 votes cast: 55 votes in favor, 1 votes against; 29 votes necessary for election</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Elected</p> <p><i>Election for Secretary</i> Nominee: Tamara Smith 54 votes cast: 54 votes in favor, 0 votes against; 28 votes necessary for election</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Elected</p>	
11. Announcements	<p>The 2014 Annual General Meeting will be held in Prince George on May 23-24, 2014.</p> <p>Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.</p>	