



**Board of Directors  
September 29, 2016  
Pre-AGM Board Meeting  
Nanaimo, BC**

*In Attendance*

Russell Pohl, President  
 Tamara Smith, Vice President  
 Lance Bereck, Treasurer  
 Walter Aguilar, Coast Fraser Delegate  
 Victor Elkins, Coast Fraser Delegate  
 Chad Hooker, Vancouver Island Delegate  
 Kevin Daniel, Interior Delegate  
 Tanya Tagmann, North Delegate  
 Jayne Wilson, Executive Director  
 Ronda Sweeney, Community Network Manager

*Absent*

Monica Buchanan, Secretary

Meeting commenced at 9:10 am

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

ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
1. Additions and Changes to the Agenda	One additional item was added to the Agenda.	
2. AGM Walkthrough	<p>Discussion and decision about workshop speaker introductions. Ronda will provide additional copies of shifts that Board members have agreed to work throughout the AGM event. Discussion regarding table hosting and networking during event.</p> <p>Encourage messaging about Whistler event in 2017.</p>	
3. Project Updates	<p><i>Recruitment Campaign Status</i>            Campaign launch announcement will take place on AGM conference day prior to workshops. BCFPPA's new website will be launched and will interface with MCFD's campaign messaging and will feature a pdf intake form for online submission to BCFPPA's office. The campaign is largely social media based.</p> <p>Our membership database is being converted for online access so that members can update their profile information. This should be completed in another month or so. The database is expandable if necessary to include additional information.</p> <p><i>Memberships</i>            Discussion about possible membership options for BCFPPA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Providing free memberships will impact Local and Macro funding and voting for next AGM. Discussion turned to association or affiliate messaging rather than membership messaging. Committee was formed to discuss membership structure going forward.</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b> committee to discuss membership structure was formed. Should be on monthly Board meeting agenda.</p>

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4. AGM 2017 Planning	<p>After attending the CFFA in New Brunswick and seeing the attendance numbers, we should reassess our block numbers and vendor event room bookings. Attendance numbers aren't as high as originally reported.</p> <p>An individual is interested in donating some funds and selling sponsor tables. The President has the contact information.</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b> May be able to access some support funding for AGM 2017 through BC Federation of Labour.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> OTO proposal to MCFD to support BC's foster parents in attending AGM 2017.</p>
5. President's Report	<p><i>Meetings and Events Attended</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Launch for recruitment project event on September 10<sup>th</sup></li> <li>- Meetings with Allison Bond and Brenda Lewis</li> <li>- Video filming for Intro to Preservice and Resource Social Worker Training</li> <li>- Japanese delegation coming in October</li> </ul> <p><i>CFFA Update</i></p> <p>Russell stepped away from his nomination for President at CFFA. Given present practice he recommends stepping away from CFFA activity for the time being. Recommends continuing our commitment to host CFFA's AGM 2017. Would write a letter detailing reasons for stepping away. Request that ED step away from NED committee as well as Board member and both delegates.</p> <p>Discussion regarding standing and ad hoc committees.</p> <p>Need to ensure widespread media coverage for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> that BCFFPA step away from CFFA to give them an opportunity to address requested changes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>M/S/C</b> Russell/Tamara</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> require updated list of standing and ad hoc committees and who sits on each.</p>
6. Vice President's Report	Staffing summary was provided regarding positions and workload distribution.	
7. Executive Director's Report	Discussion regarding communications with the office and responses to office requests. Provided updates on Caregiver and Resource Social Worker Training projects.	
8. Regional Reports	<p><i>Interior Report</i></p> <p>The Macro has its AGM tomorrow evening. Financial constraints are causing a big problem and are a main focus. The financial review Board is causing challenges for reimbursements and payments. Food costs have increased drastically and transportation costs are always an issue. School fees are increasingly expensive at the beginning of each school year. 15, 30 and 60 day notice all being given in Kamloops and a sliding scale is being employed.</p>	

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	<p><i>North Region</i> Has floated the idea of BCFFPA coming to the region but no traction yet. Smithers wants us to come for a 1 day workshop. Partnership meetings are not taking place.</p> <p>Venue booked for Christmas event. Fundraising for 2017 needs to take place. Certification for Support and Advocacy is underway. Letter writing campaign to encourage MCFD to bring BCFFPA back to Prince George.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Region</i> Connected with Jan Chapman. No recent meetings. Still issues regarding accessing mental health services for children and youth in care. Concerns regarding foster parent illness and transparency with MCFD as caregivers are often penalized for being ill and CICs are removed and not returned.</p> <p>MCFD workers don't know about the privacy training that is required.</p> <p><i>Island Region</i> Different approach being used. Very close to securing an Island Local. Will be meeting in the next couple of weeks. Lots of communications continuing for Courtenay and Campbell River regions. Some additional contact from Nanaimo foster parents. Funds that were being held for BCFFPA Island Locals aren't being released. This is causing friction in the community. Support coordinators are distributing the regional delegate's card.</p> <p>Discussion regarding adult children in the foster home – training and liability insurance.</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b> item for newsletter – adult children in foster homes and liability insurance.</p>
<p>9. Ongoing Business</p>	<p><i>Union Presentation</i> Overview of presentation, participant numbers and note taker for presentation.</p> <p><i>Board Succession Planning</i> Discussion</p> <p>"This isn't work" is stated on the MCFD site in reference to being a foster parent.</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b> reset Board email addresses for use by current members.</p>
<p>10. New Business</p>	<p><i>Documentation on the Website</i> Other BC agencies aren't sharing annual reports or Board minutes on their websites. Should we follow suit? And how many years worth of information should be posted? Discussion. Decision that we will continue to be completely transparent and to host 2 years worth of information only.</p>	

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	<p><i>Advocacy Testimonials on the Website</i> Should be featuring successful support cases and testimonials on the website.</p> <p><i>50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Funds to Active Locals</i> We would like to support a community event for foster families to acknowledge our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.</p> <p><i>Interior Location AGM 2018</i> Discussion. Location to be determined at a later date.</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b> Support coordinator to contact reopened homes for written testimonials.</p> <p><b>MOTION</b> to issue \$500 to each active Local to host a recruitment, membership, promotion event for their community. <b>M/S/C</b> Lance/Tanya</p>
10. Next Meeting	AGM, October 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2016 in Nanaimo. Next monthly meeting on October 24 <sup>th</sup> by conference call.	
	Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.	