

**BC College of Social Workers
Annual General Meeting**

MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 23, 2012

Place: UBC - School of Social Work

Chair: Elizabeth Jones

With remote locations via Video Conference:

Kelowna - Kelowna General Hospital
Prince George – College of New Caledonia
Victoria - Royal Jubilee Hospital

Members present in Vancouver

Ed Berry
Doris Darvasi
Colleen Spier
Leonard Ibbs

Curtis Magnuson
Susan Noakes
Gary Mavis
Chi Ying Wong

Members present in Prince George

Bruce Northey

Regrets:

Susan Hogman

Staff in attendance:

John Mayr, Registrar
Christeen Young, Recorder

1) Call to Order -

The Chair of the Board called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

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2) Quorum -

A count of registrants in attendance was taken for the purpose of establishing quorum as required by section 33(1) of the Bylaws for the College. There were 45 registrants and therefore a quorum present.

3) Approve Draft Agenda

The members of the Board and registrants considered the draft agenda as previously distributed for the meeting. The agenda was accepted as circulated.

4) Minutes from November 2011 AGM

The members considered the draft minutes from the meeting of the Board on November 10, 2011 as previously distributed.

5) Business arising

There was no business arising from the last AGM meeting minutes of November 10, 2011.

6) Report of the Board

The Chair delivered the report of the Board highlighting some of the activities that have taken place since the last Annual Meeting. The Chair acknowledged the retirement of Sheila Begg and Bonnie White.

7) Committee Reports

a. Finance Committee

i. Year Ended – December 2011

The Chair of the Committee reported on the results of the financial audit and reviewed the 2011 financial statements.

ii. Selection of Auditor

Motion: To appoint the Chartered Accountancy firm of McDonald Rickett as auditors for the College.
The motion was adopted.

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b. Quality Assurance

The Quality Assurance Committee reported on the activities of the Committee in the past year.

c. Registration

The Registration Committee reported on the activities of the Committee in the past year. As at the end of the year, there were a total of 2627 registrants as follows:

2367 Full
124 Clinical
136 Non-practicing

d. Inquiry

The Inquiry Committee reported on activities of the Committee in the past year. The following statistics reflect the number of complaints received, and the action taken, during 2011:

- Files brought forward from previous year – 13
- New files – 12
- Total files – 25

Of these 25 files:

- No further action taken – 13
- Complaint Resolution Agreements outstanding - 3
- Complaint Resolution Agreements completed – 4
- Active Investigations – 3
- Complaint Resolution Agreements signed – 1
- Citations issued - 1

e. Discipline Committee

The Discipline Committee reported on the activities of the Committee in the past year. The Hearing resulting from the Citation issued by the Inquiry Committee was postponed pending Court proceedings.

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f. Registration Appeals

The Registration Appeals Committee reported on the activities of the Committee in the past year. The Committee conducted one appeal and upheld the decision of the Registration Committee. The Appellant's application was rejected on the issue of character and was the second time the Committee had rejected an appeal from the same applicant.

8) Report of the Registrar

The Registrar reported on the activities of the College for the year ending December 2011. The College implemented a new database that gave registrants the opportunity to renew registration online. In the first year 59 percent of registrants renewed using the new system.

The Registrar acknowledged the College's strong relationship with the BC Association of Social Workers and the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

9) Question and Answer

The Board of the College held an open question and answer period and then addressed the issue of the removal of the exemption from registration for social workers employed by health authorities.

10) Adjournment –

Motion: To adjourn the AGM at 3:15 pm.

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