

BCHF Council Meeting

30 November 2022, 7:00pm

Via web conference

Present: Rosa Flinton-Brown, Mark Forsythe, Aman Johal, Kennedy Neumann, Greg Nesteroff, K. Jane Watt, Kira Westby, Ron Verzuh, Elwin Xie.

Regrets: Anna Irwin, Shannon Bettles, Maurice Guibord, Refano Lumempouw, Janet Ou, Emma Quan

The President called the meeting to order at 7:00

1. Review and adoption of previous meeting minutes: October 26th 2022
 - a. MOVED, Rosa/Ron to adopt the minutes. CARRIED
2. Adoption of agenda
 - a. MOVED by Greg/Mark to adopt the agenda. CARRIED

Share and tell

Kennedy shared a video introducing us to her place of work, Heritage Park Museum in Terrace

Previous Business

1. Giving Tuesday - \$2000 raised on Giving Tuesday! Great work Comms team, intern Alice, and all who helped/shared/donated.
2. Conference (see Shannon's Past President report as well)
 - a. Shannon is looking to know what board members are willing to attend an in-person conference/event and who would be able to help volunteer
 - i. Princeton has reached out as a possible conference host
 - ii. Shannon is considering ideas about splitting AGM, conference, and/or gala apart and trying to see how we could possibly rethink how those go together, how to enable time for members to meet and greet
 - iii. Mark, Elwin, Aman, Greg, Ron expressed interest in attending/assisting

Reports

1. President (Rosa)

New director appointment: MOVED (Greg/Mark) that the Board appoint Barbara Kearney-Copan as a full voting Director and Treasurer of the BC Historical Federation with her term ending at the next Annual General Meeting. Carried.

Motion to update BCHF signing authorities: MOVED (Ron/Aman) that in accordance with the BC Historical Federation bylaws, that our signing authorities be Rosa Flinton-Brown (President) Barbara Kearney-Copan (Treasurer), K. Jane Watt (Magazine Editor/Council Member). Carried.

2. Treasurer
 - a. October financial statements attached to agenda package
3. Membership (Callie)

New members for approval: Penny Lynn Price (Victoria), Doug Bordt (Apex Granite and Tile, Langley), Luke Chun Chau Chang (Vancouver), Elizabeth Chapman (Vancouver), Mei Ying Chiu (Burnaby), Laurie Janzen (Burnaby), Joel Loreth (Vancouver), M. Diane Lyons (Richmond), John Rannie (Abbotsford), Dave Reekie (North Van). Motion to accept new members: Rosa/Greg, CARRIED.
4. Governance & Policy Committee (Kira) - no report for November
5. Communications Committee (Rosa, Mark, Emma)
 - a. Giving Tuesday was the main focus of last few weeks, and it went very well.
 - b. Canada Gives event in June will need some attention starting in the new year
 - c. Next up for priorities is beginning to promote the awards with upcoming deadlines
 - d. Greg and Shannon are doing website updates where needed, Elwin is sharing content that gets shared out on social media
6. Buzz Stats (Greg): Delivered: 808, Opened: 546 (68%), Top links: Hastings Mill video 36, A Dizzying Array of Paper 20, Archived newsletter 20, Unarchived screening 19, Gur Sikh temple virtual tour 19,
7. Magazine (Jane)
 - a. Next Mags meeting is December 6th -- in keeping with our board direction re simplicity, it will be in a workshop format so that we have time to tackle big ideas/planning questions
 - b. Winter 2022 is at the printer, to be mailed out on the December 8th, beginning to hit mailboxes by the 15th of December -- we incorporated the BCHF values statement as requested.
 - c. December 16: next application for federal funding under the Aid to Publishers program due
 - d. A lesson re the importance of the human touch -- had over 72 people who had not renewed, and we emailed each individually --or sent a letter to those for whom we have no email address -- and were able to get that number down to approximately 30. Print circulation holding steady at just over 1000, with digital subscribers through us at now at approx. 200 and growing
 - e. Have the material for the conscious language webinar for the board, will mail out after the meeting. Were able to get permission to share the webinar documentation.
 - f. Spring 2023 issue -- hoping to have material in the hold by December 15th
 - g. New copy editor beginning in January, looking for production editor for about 10-15 hours per issue
8. Awards & CLF Committee (Anna)
 - a. See report attached to agenda package
9. Conference Committee (Shannon)
 - a. See Past President's report attached to agenda package

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Next meeting: 25 January 2023