

## **BCHF Council Meeting**

March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023, 7:00pm via Zoom

Present: Rosa Flinton-Brown, Barbara Kearney-Copan, Anna Irwin, Greg Nesteroff, Shannon Bettles, Mark Forsythe, Elwin Xie, Aman Johal, K. Jane Watt Kira Westby

Regrets: Janet Ou, Refano Lumempouw, Emma Quan, Kennedy Neumann, Ron Verzuh, Maurice Guibbord

### **Agenda**

1. Adoption of agenda as amended (new business items added)
  - a. MOVED by Rosa/Mark to adopt the agenda. CARRIED.
2. Review and adoption of previous meeting minutes: February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023
  - a. MOVED by Greg/Elwin to adopt the minutes. CARRIED
3. Share and Tell
  - a. Shannon shared a presentation about the new National Museum Policy currently under consultation period. This new policy will in future likely have impacts on museum practice, and funding.
  - b. Public survey can be shared via the Buzz and social media – open to all respondents

### **Previous Business**

1. Draft constitution and bylaw changes – some feedback received, close to being ready to go out in next Buzz (April 15)

### **Reports**

1. President (Rosa)
  - a. **AGM 10am Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. There are some potential keynote speakers that are being contacted. Members will be invited to give updates on their work at AGM. Looking to move CLF out of Gala night and into AGM
  - b. Returning to the board: Anna, Rosa, Elwin, Mark, Jane, Greg, Barbara, Shannon, Kira, Ron and Aman. Some potential new members are being approached by current board members to gauge interest. Will be presented at next meeting.
2. Treasurer (Barbara)
  - a. Financials were attached to board package for board review
3. Membership (Shannon)
  - a. New members for approval: Lydia Chan, Michael Isinger, Avery Madden, Gord McConnell, Gretchen McConnell, Glynnis Stelting, Alice Tresierra. **Motion to accept new members moved by Shannon/Anna, CARRIED.**
4. Governance & Policy Committee (Kira) – no report
5. Communications Committee (Rosa)
  - a. Met in March and discussed speakers for AGM, general discussion and catchup. Mark and Elwin are working on their next video on a historic tugboat

6. Buzz Stats (Greg): Delivered: 739, Opened: 539 (73%). Top links: Front Words with Mark Forsythe 32, Closure of the Bateman Gallery 30, Naming and Renaming of Vancouver schools 24, Archived issue 18, BCHF seeks new board member 17
7. Magazine (Jane)
  - a. Spring issue is in the mail, but a bit later than expected. Theme is climate change.
  - b. Summer 2023 issue has gone to designer, will be coming out around June 1<sup>st</sup>
  - c. Fall 2023 issue is focused on lands and waters
  - d. Winter 2023 issue focused on labour history from different lenses
  - e. Doukhobours history and repatriation are considered for 2024 editions
8. Awards & CLF Committee (Anna)
  - a. Nominations Update: Nominations for this awards cycle closed on March 1, 2023.
  - b. Storytelling: 3 nominations, Cultural Resource Management: 1 nomination, Recognition Awards: 10 nominations, CLF: 8 nominations, Lamb: 6 nominations, Advocacy: 0 nominations. As we received no nominations for the Advocacy Award, it will not be awarded for this year.
  - c. CLF committee met on March 20<sup>th</sup>, with three proposals selected by the review committee for funding. **Motion to accept the CLF committee's recommendation to award \$10,500 to the three successful recipients. Anna/Greg, CARRIED, with Shannon abstaining.**
  - d. Next Steps: As with previous years, the Recognition Committee has broken into subcommittees to assess nominations with the goal of bringing award winners to the Board for the May Board Meeting. To accommodate sub-committee activity, the Recognition Committee will not meet in April.
9. Conference Committee (Shannon)
  - a. Aiming to open registration around mid-late April on Wild Apricot
  - b. Princeton crew is working on developing the schedule. They have a long list and a short list of presenters, lots of options. Shannon will bring forward the list and schedule once it's been narrowed down. Budget will also be confirmed as the list of speakers, schedule, and field trips are narrowed down. Venues will include Princeton Museum which will be main host site.
  - c. Hotels in Princeton – there are blocks of rooms on hold with limited dates of the hold, book early!

#### **New business**

1. Correspondence request seeking contact information for family of Gerry Andrews. Suggested that Gary Mitchell can help make the connection.
2. Correspondence from BC Archives was discussed. Information will be made public April 3<sup>rd</sup> via press release.
3. Point Ellice House closure: the board discussed drafting a public statement discussing the concerns for the sector in light of this and other recent organizational closures.

**Next meeting: April 26<sup>th</sup> 2023, 7pm – hybrid in-person and virtual meeting**

**Adjournment 8:20**