

BCHF Council Meeting

April 26th 2023, 7:00pm via Zoom

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

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

Agenda

1. Adoption of agenda
 - a. MOVED by Anna/Mark to adopt the agenda. CARRIED.
2. Review and adoption of previous meeting minutes: March 22nd 2023
 - a. MOVED by Greg/Anna, with amendment to correct the date of previous meeting in the minutes. CARRIED.

Reports

1. President (Rosa)
 - a. AGM Planning - Reminder of deadline for Annual Report contributions to Shannon and Anna by May 1st.
 - b. New Board members finalized – Monica Miller (will be new membership coordinator), John Bartlett, Chelsea Dunaway
 - c. Transition on Book Awards – Maurice is stepping down from Book Awards, there is a new member potentially in the works to take this over
 - d. Rosa discussed her attendance at consultation sessions for a potential South Asian museum in BC
2. Treasurer (Barbara)
 - a. Financials attached to board package
3. Membership (Shannon)
 - a. Monica Miller is onboarding with membership coordinator
 - b. New members for approval: Associate Members: Vicki Brooks, Steven Islaub, Janna Kirkwood, Susan Kwan, Susan Lamothe, Eadie Metz, Aliena Sit, Dan Wilburn, Lara Zanen Vitolo, Jen Wong. Societies: Fernie and District Historical Society. **Motion to accept new members MOVED by Shannon/Greg. CARRIED.**
4. Governance & Policy Committee (Kira)
 - a. Kira reported on feedback that has come in, integrated changes as needed into the constitution and bylaws. Final review will be completed so that items are ready for integration into AGM agenda package.
5. Communications Committee (Rosa)
 - a. Emma will be getting back into posting on Instagram, and expanding into Twitter

- b. Buzz Stats (Greg): Delivered: 754, Opened: 564 (75%). Top links: Closure of Point Ellice House 55, O'Keefe ranch owes money to Vernon 27, BCHF AGM registration 19, BC Archives drops licensing fees 15, Archived newsletter 14
6. Magazine (Jane)
- a. Spring magazine has gone out, summer is in design for distribution in June
 - b. Work continues for fall and winter issue on respective themes, identifying writers, etc.
 - c. 2024: first issue will be repatriation, second issue looking at Doukhobors history
7. Awards & CLF Committee (Anna)
- a. Awards has been working on adjudication in sub committees through April, will meet in May to finalize and bring list to board for May 31 meeting
8. Conference Committee (Shannon)
- a. Pricing has been suggested, would like to open up registration next week if possible
 - b. Gala will be held at the Legion, former Lieutenant Governor will be giving a keynote
 - c. Schedule has been updated slightly; 12 presentations over course of the conference
9. New business
- a. Travel expense reimbursement policy
 - i. Proposed that \$4000 fund be set aside in annual budget for travel expenses (airfare, ferry, personal vehicle fuel, per diem for hotel/meals of \$50/day). Pre-approval form filled out and sent in to Treasurer
 - ii. **MOVED by Rosa/Aman to adopt the travel expense reimbursement policy as presented. CARRIED.**
 - b. Yale Historical Society
 - i. YHS has been managing Yale historic site for 40 years, contract has been awarded to Forager Foundation. Negative local community feedback in response to this change. Board discussed reaching out to Heritage Minister to discuss concerns of member organizations in regards to management and funding of heritage sites and museums in the province.

Adjournment: 8:40

Next meeting: May 31st 7pm – Awards approval and AGM walk through