



MINUTES OF THE 2022 BRITISH COLUMBIA HISTORICAL FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, June 04, 2022 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Online via Zoom.

1. Welcome

President Shannon Bettles called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed attendees

2. Members' Roundup and In Memoriam

Attendees watched a slide show honouring BCHF members who passed away in the last year. We remember Chief Delgamuukw (Earl Muldon), Harry Kruisselbrink, Shawn Lamb, Glen Mofford, Alan Ramsden, Ron Welwood and Jean Wilson.

The President introduced the Board members present at the meeting: Callie Anderson (Membership Chair), Doug Brigham (Secretary), Rosa Flinton-Brown (Treasurer), Mark Forsythe (Second Vice President), Anna Irwin (Director), Refano Evan Lumempouw (Director), Gary Mitchell (Honorary President), Greg Nesteroff (Director), Emma Quan (Director) and K. Jane Watt (Past-President), Kira Westby (Director), Elwin Xie (Director).

3. Report on Attendance and Voting Delegates

33 attendees were present at the meeting, of whom 27 were voting delegates. The quorum for the AGM is 25.

4. Minutes of the Previous AGM

Motion to adopt the agenda. Moved by Anna Irwin. Seconded by Kira Westby. Carried.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the AGM of 05 June 2021. Moved by Anna Irwin. Seconded by Kira Westby. Carried, with one abstention.

5. President's Report

The President addressed the President's Report on page 3 of the BCHF Annual Report 2022.

Shannon commended Federation members for carrying on the work of British Columbia heritage and history in the second year of the pandemic, as well as the efforts of the BCHF Board as they continued to meet virtually. Everyone worked to support each other.

Our Governance Committee reviewed the Board handbook and the Federations' by-laws, with a view to modernizing both. The Board approved a new values statement to mark the start of our second century. We contracted a design firm to develop a new brand for the Federation. These efforts both led the Board to consider our current and future audiences: who are we reaching, who are we not reaching?

Board members continued to produce relevant, impactful content for our social media channels. The Federation's digital emergence continued this year. Our membership management is fully digital and the BC Buzz continues to attract attention every month.

BC History magazine is a point of pride for the Federation. The digital version is what allows us to make the magazine available to schools and universities. Kudos to long-time editor Editor, Andrea Lister, for her efforts to get the digital magazine up and running. Managing Editor Jane Watt has led an expanded Magazine Team this year.

Our Awards Committee, led by Anna Irwin, worked hard to recognize the highest-calibre work in history and heritage from around the province.

Shannon comes to the end of her three-year term as President. She is grateful for the opportunity to lead the Federation and for all of the wonderful people she has worked with over the past three years. The experience enriched her life and forged strong friendships. She is confident that Federation members will love what the next President and Board have in store.

Motion to adopt the President's report. Moved by Mark Forsythe. Seconded by Anna Irwin. Carried.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer addressed the Treasurer's Report on pages 23-28 of the BCHF Annual Report 2022.

Our cash position is \$133,539, an increase of \$8,000 over last year. The Board has worked to strike a balance between building up cash reserves and distributing money. There are no substantive changes in our liabilities.

We received donations of \$7,159 to the Centennial Legacy Fund (CLF), an increase of \$1,500 over last year. We also transferred the proceeds of last year's book auction to the

CLF, which added another \$2,454 to the fund. CLF grants supported three projects this year: work on the Chinese Exclusion Act (Catherine Clement), the CCUB land titles research (Jonathan Kalmakoff) and Wards Pass Cemetery recovery (Stewart Historical Society). The closing balance for the CLF is \$10,685. Our Contingency Fund balance stands at \$20,222.

The Federation posted a small profit this year. Callie Anderson and Jane Watt made significant efforts to clean up and automate our subscription management process. Renewals are now fully online and automatic, rather than being handled through member societies. We started selling two-year subscriptions in 2021, which inflated our subscription revenues for that year. We continue to receive substantial support from the Canadian Periodical Fund. Membership figures have rebounded to 2020 levels and our advertising revenues have risen thanks to the efforts of our Magazine Team.

Donations have risen since 2021. We received a grant to continue our efforts at developing our digital magazine and an accompanying website. Referral fees from Johnson Inc. have declined substantially because fewer people are purchasing travel insurance; we hope that the situation will correct itself in the coming year.

Our mailing expenses for the magazine have fallen substantially this year as people take out digital subscriptions. We are investing more money in Canadian content and we are starting to pay people more for their work on the magazine. We continue to save money on travel and meetings and while we miss the in-person contacts, our online meeting platforms have allowed us to extend our provincial reach greatly.

We continue to focus on the responsible, ethical stewardship of our resources and on good financial controls.

Motion to adopt the Treasurer's report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022. Moved by Rosa Flinton-Brown. Seconded by Anna Irwin. Carried.

7. Committee Reports

Committee reports are available in the BCHF Annual Report 2022. The President expressed her deep gratitude to all members of the committees.

Mark Forsythe expressed his gratitude to our President for her leadership over the past three years and her efforts to raise the profile of the Federation.

Motion to adopt the reports of the committees. Moved by Greg Nesteroff. Seconded by Anna Irwin. Carried.

8. Recognition of Member Societies

The following societies were present at the meeting:

- Alder Grove Heritage Society
- BC History of Nursing Society

- Bulkley Valley Museum
- Langley Heritage Society
- Slokan Valley Historical Society
- Surrey Historical Society
- Vancouver Historical Society
- VGH School of Nursing Alumnae Association
- Victoria Historical Society
- West Coast Ringette Historical Society

9. Election of Officers and Directors

The President thanked Callie Anderson and Doug Brigham, who have completed their terms on the Board.

The following individuals stood for election to the BCHF Board:

- President: Rosa Flinton-Brown
- 1st Vice President: Anna Irwin
- Secretary: Kira Westby
- Treasurer: Mary-Margaret Gaye
- Director: Mark Forsythe
- Director: Maurice Guibord
- Director: Refano Evan Lumempouw
- Director: Greg Nesteroff
- Director: Janet Ou
- Director: Kennedy Neumann
- Director: Emma Quan
- Director: Ron Verzuh
- Director: Elwin Xie

Motion to elect the slate of Officers and Directors. Moved by Kathy Murphy. Seconded by Ron Greene. Carried.

Doug Brigham thanked outgoing Honorary President Gary Mitchell for his long service to the Federation and presented the two new appointees to the BCHF Board:

- Honorary President: K. Jane Watt
- Past President: Shannon Bettles

10. Future Conferences

We have not yet selected a partner society for next year's conference. One potential partner has expressed interest. If your society is interested in hosting the 2023 Conference, please contact the Secretary or President.

11. Member Society Updates

The following societies provided brief updates:

- BC History of Nursing Society (Nan Martin)
- Victoria Historical Society (John Lutz)

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Moved by John Lutz. Seconded by Anna Irwin. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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