

**British Columbia Historical Federation Council Meeting**  
**Sunday May 24, 2015**  
**8:00 -9:00 Granville's Coffee House, Quesnel**

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**Present:** Gary Mitchell, Barry Gough, Jacqueline Gresko (Honourary President), Ron Hyde, Andrea Lister, Jane Watt.

Regrets: Kerri Gibson, Shannon Bettles, Sandra Martins, Maurice Guibord, Judy Lam Maxwell.

**Conference 2015:**

Members agreed that the Quesnel conference had been a successful one and were heartened by the importance of the book prizes to recipients and to the community of history in BC.

**Action:** Gary Mitchell will write a letter of thanks on behalf of the Federation to the Mayor of Quesnel, and he will write a separate letter of thanks to the editor of the *Quesnel Observer*. Each will be copied to Council and to Elizabeth Hunter.

**Action:** Jane Watt will be in contact with Elizabeth once Elizabeth has had a chance to compile conference revenue and expense reports.

**Action:** Jane will get the final cheque for conference dues from Ken Wuschke and will tally the total and turn over the cheques for conference to Kerri.

**Membership Report:** Ron Hyde reported that regarding the 2015 membership year, as of May 13, 2015, the Society had 332 paid-up memberships representing 25,447 individual members. Dues collected to date for the membership year are \$10,088 plus donations of \$183. 21 Society and 8 Affiliate memberships are to be renewed.

10 new Associate membership applications have been received as follows:

Sandra Abbey	Janet Boeur
Rosemary Griffin	Wayne Guay
Michael Hanson	John Macfarlane
Jane Muskovic	Susan Smith
Charlotte Turpin	Richard Turpin

*That these applications be accepted.*

Moved by Ron Hyde. Second by Jacqueline Gresko. All in favour.

**Book Sale Report:** Jane reported that \$368.50 had been collected from sales of the book prize books. Cash and cheques were turned over to Gary for transfer to Kerri Gibson.

**Summer Orientation and Welcome of New Members:**

A discussion ensued regarding plans for a summer orientation and welcome of new members to be held during the week of the 13 to 19th of July.

**Action:** Gary will schedule this gathering and find a venue. All members present, with the exception of Barry Gough, could attend during this week.

*On the agenda for this gathering:*

- **Welcome and Orientation of new members** to Council policies and access to online documents, including the current BCHF Constitution and Bylaws, Schedule of Meetings, *BC History* subscription, and *Newsletter* access.
  - **Action:** Jane will pull together an updated document outlining current roles and responsibilities of Council members, including financial support for attending meetings and reimbursement for expenses.
- **Canada 150 Planning**, including outlining possible projects and the Federation's consideration of the make up of its program with respect to the weight of its offerings between celebration and legacy projects.
- **Planning for a comprehensive review of the Federation's Constitution and Bylaws** in advance of the new legislation with respect to societies. Ideally, the Federation would have two AGMs (2016 and 2017) to revise its foundational documents to align with the new Act.
- **Ron Hyde's proposal for a Community Heritage Award**, submitted for consideration in April.

**Honourary President:** A brief discussion about the Federation's next Honourary President took place.

**Book Awards:** Maurice Guibord has agreed to stand as committee chair once again. He has suggested pairing new members up with existing ones to offer mentoring.

**Website:** Members suggested that an *in memoriam* list be added to the website as a reminder of the depth of volunteerism in the historical community. They further recommended that the calendar be synched with the British Columbia Heritage Fairs calendar.

**Conference 2016:** Gary will follow up with Revelstoke to confirm interest in hosting the conference. Nakusp is interested in hosting Conference in 2016 and has the local capacity to do so. Maurice has agreed to stand as Conference Liaison. Jacqueline offered to be part of an advisory group, as has Elizabeth Hunter, the host of Conference 2015. All members agreed that information regarding conference dates needs to be available to members before the end of 2015.

## **Chinese Historical Wrongs Final Recommendation and Report**

Gary suggested that we ask Director Judy Lam Maxwell to recommend to Council ways that it might support members and member societies in integrating legacy initiatives from this report.