

BCFFPA Board of Directors
Teleconference Summary
February 17, 2009

1. Minutes of January 12, 2009 accepted as written
2. Additions
 - a. Personnel
 - b. P/C
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. a decision was made to transfer \$30-\$40 K into a cashable GIC in order to garner higher interest.
 - b. The Federation continues to be in a good financial position
 - c. CFFA – the board made the decision not to send a representative to the CFFA in Nova Scotia due to the high cost. The decision was by consensus. Sheila Davis to send her regrets.

01/02/2009: MSC: (P. Dueck) **Move to hire Edgemount Movers to move the office as recommended by our ED.** Unanimous

02/02/2009: MSC: (P. Dueck) **Move to take ED recommendation and lease a new photocopier.** Unanimous

The current photocopier does not do what was anticipated so another one will be sought

4. President's Report
 - a. Upcoming Meetings
 - i. Jane Cowell to discuss Insurance Coverage and other issues
 - ii. Minister Christensen to discuss Rights, Dental, Provincial issues such as 60 days notice, recruitment and retention
 - iii. Representative for Children and Youth – to discuss Rights of CIC's and how foster parents can better care for them, as well as relevant issues which violate those rights
 - iv. Blue Cross to discuss the disparity in coverage between Mainstream and Aboriginal CIC's and how this can be addressed.
5. Membership Report
 - a. A letter has been drafted for sharing with foster parents throughout the province. It is hoped that the letter will encourage membership. The letter will be sent to the full board for approval prior to sending out
 - b. Flowers were sent to a board member on the passing of her father
 - c. Lorraine Daley of Golden was the winner of the digital camera in this year's membership draw.

03/02/2009: MSC:(H. Bayes) **I move that 23 in the policy and procedure be expanded to include that a member may only hold office in one local and or region board.**

New Section 23 will read

Members may only hold office in one local association or regional council within a BCFFPA Region to which they have declare affiliation. unanimous

04/02/2009: MSC: (H.Bayes) I move that **Membership Policy Section 10 d** be amended to read: **A member in any class of membership may be expelled for breach of By-law, Policy or Code of Ethics, Violation of Oath of Confidentiality or Breach of Harassment Policy towards any staff or fellow member. for a specific period of time, upon a 2/3- majority vote of the Directors. (See By-laws Article II Membership Ceases.)"**

- i) A letter of reminder of policy etc for the first time**
- ii) Second breach a letter stating the member is at risk of expulsion**
- iii) Third time the member shall be expelled**

6. Regional Delegates
 - a. Vancouver Coastal – Peter attended a foster parent meeting. Most issues arising pertained to the relationship between foster parents and the ministry. Another issue brought forward is that one foster parent is planning to initiate a new association which will only included professionals who are foster parents (need to have a degree). The board discussed possible issue of discrimination. Peter will be attending the FAS conference in Victoria in March. The sponsors are UBC and Health Canada. He will report back to the board
 - b. Interior – The Macro board is holding a teleconference this week. Retention and Recruitment are important topics to be discussed. It is anticipated that many ministry people will attend.
 - c. North – Partnership meetings will once again be started up in the Dawson Creek area. Sherrie continues to attend Regional Advisory meetings. The President is planning on meeting with the RED and will include the Delegate in that meeting. There is a need to encourage membership in this area.
 - d. Vancouver Island – The scheduled Partnership meeting was cancelled with no new date set.

7. Old Business
 - a. Executive Job Descriptions – BF in March
 - b. AGM Motions Updates – all motions are posted on the web page, as well as the work being done to address them
 - c. Annual Reports – due April 28th
 - d. Nominations Committee Report – a couple of people have expressed an interest in running for office.
 - e. Office Move updates – move is set for February 27th
 - f. Regional Assistance funding for AGM 2009 – The issue of how much per region was discussed briefly. BF in March
 - g. Insurance Training – Ellaine provided insurance training to 25 Resource Workers and 15 Foster Parents in the Fraser Region. Nelson has requested training in June 2009.