

BCAH Board Meeting Wed May 3, 2023

Attending Members: Marie Lamey, Nathalie Allen, Nicole Duelli, Lynn Mackay present; Heather Schofield, Harkirat Kaur absent.

1. Acceptance of meeting agenda, Marie motioned to accept the minutes and they were unanimously accepted.
2. Acceptance of minutes from last meeting (April 5, 2023) - the meeting minutes were updated. Lynn motions to accept the minutes and all were in favour.
3. Board updates from Treasurer: we have heard from the last few people and are now up to date with the membership renewals this year; the invoice for the lawyer meeting was paid and received payment from the herbalists who were sharing the costs; Membership updates – Marie hasn't had time to update the registry, but there were some changes that need updating. [Nathalie to reimburse an associate member who needs a reimbursement because she paid as a Registered Member.](#) No secretary updates. [Marie to follow up with a renewal who signed up with her CEUs through the BCAH website.](#) Almost all the people who were reminded to renew their membership responded and renewed their memberships. There were some additional names that needed contacting, [Marie to email the updated list to Lynn who will follow up with those people.](#)
4. Committee updates: the Committee is finalizing the Report and will send it along to the Board for approval soon. In re-reading the terms of reference, we had stipulated a year for the duties of the Committee and Nicole asked if the Board could extend the deadline for another 6 months. During this time, the Committee plans to finish the Report, send and analyze the survey and decide next steps. The 6 month extension was unanimously accepted by the Board.
5. CHA & CCFH updates: the Manitoba homeopathic association has an opportunity to go to an insurance company expo for life, fraud and health insurance June 7-9th. A table is \$3000 so the CHA and Manitoba association are sharing the costs. It is a great opportunity to collaborate and discover the needs of insurance companies so that more homeopaths can be covered. There is also a brochure being created for the CHA specifically for this event. The number of Canadians using homeopathy has jumped from 4.9M to over 10M according to a recent Boiron survey. We could add that information on our website. CCFH updates: nothing to report.

6. Review of April 12^h hour long meeting with lawyer, Gerry Fahey. The zoom video was shared on April 21st and Marie has forwarded his follow up email. Regarding the use of titles, the herbalists are using the term registered herbalists, however, it is not advisable to use the term “registered” since we are not registered under the College (and neither are the herbalists). He didn’t seem to be concerned about being restricted from practice. Bill 36 is not yet in force but the amalgamation of health professions is expected by June 2024. Nathalie had two AGMs this week for the naturopaths (the College and the Association) and gave us an update: both of them mentioned Bill 36, but not a lot is known regarding implications, while others were vocal about possible concerns and potential problems. The Association was not able to meet with the ministers, although they have tried. The Committee will continue to discuss how to move the profession of homeopathy forward and keep homeopathy viable. The standards are in place for self-regulation. [Marie received an email by a homeopath who had an issue with animal products being brought across the border from Remedia homeopathics and will look into this further.](#)
7. Idea of next in-person BCAH Case Conference to be in Surrey – to be discussed next meeting.
8. Other business to be deferred to the next meeting.
9. Date for next meeting: **June 7, 2023**