

BCAH Board Meeting Wednesday January 17th, 2024

Minutes

Present: Nathalie, Marie, Lynn

Absent: Harkirat and Nicole

1. Agenda accepted with recommendation to move Spring conference into main agenda for next meeting.
2. Minutes from last meeting adjusted – Marie edited and moved to accept – all in favour.
3. Board updates from secretary and membership: new requests reviewed – Marie will send applications and Lynn will contact Dr Tomar and Ingrid to interview – connect with Heather also Jenny Jose has been sent an email to clarify not able to use Physician term in Canada – Lynn requested Jenny get back by email and then we can proceed.

Sooner Zahn: Lynn to call to clarify why resident as opposed to registered – looks like she meets the requirements.

Harkirat is away so no secretary updates this time – secretary updates moved to next meeting
Treasurer – Received notice of \$39 increase in mailbox fee next time we renew. Political campaign letter sent to our mail box. Paid Sonya \$165 for Lucy's ceremony of life. Paid some invoices from Marie. Found out that some invoices were missed last year because they were paid by a person and that person was paid back. Compared them this year so last year's report off by about \$325 for expenses for last year. Inventory count is only for pamphlets. We just need numbers for AGM – can be adjusted after renewal and then pre AGM. Nathalie recommends we send out more pamphlets with membership renewal so we can order more new ones with the correct name.

4. Membership renewal: Marie not able to be in touch with Michelle yet re website updates for renewal – Marie to do that after the meeting. Updating the form to include if someone can take a case in sign language or other languages. There's a whole Bio section on the directory that is not being used. Could we put training on other services such as offering other languages on the renewal form - It could be pulled from a search in the excel file directory. Only a board member could access this info. Marie could ask Michelle how this works – perhaps do a trial run.

Question do we have any site statistics on how many people consult the directory? Marie will update the excel files to include info re work permit/with expiry dates or other items.

Membership renewal date is March 31 st . Early bird first notice will be by Feb 10 th Early bird to

end by March 15 th 2024. Second notice can be sent 3 weeks later March 2 nd then last notice on March 23- Marie will send a mail chimp and include reminder of membership renewal, reminder of new #12 CEU's this year. Include link to membership page on website. Renewal form prices will be changed by Marie

5. Committee updates: not much interest in participating in Committees at this time. May be good to just lay low for a while and give some of the new members a chance to become familiar with BCAH. Then make a request later on perhaps at the Conference in Spring.

6. CHA meets on Saturday. Kim Elia will be a guest – discussion will be around how he wants to approach getting the movie out across Canada. Heather working on power point presentation to work with other health professionals – eg chiro/massage/dentistry and how to collaborate and use remedies to help their patients. Sent old presentation to CHA board –Marie is copying and pasting text into the presentation from the Coalition brochure and will see if Heather can update her presentation with that.

Coalition membership renewal happening – drifting away from getting a public press release forum and focusing more on social media and articles in alternative media to bring awareness.

Sylvie said the last one they had in Quebec was hardly attended at all – it has changed now.

Quebec Coalition did an announcement when they first formed and did a press release and a big venue with media there and did it live on facebook. Now this format isn't used as much.

Movie launch will be at JAHC conference in April 19-21 2024. Could end up in October at the Canadian Homeopathic Conference then. Will be discussed at meeting on Saturday.

7. Email from Louise re removing Alternative category and only focusing on Complementary category- Homeopathy is referring to Homeopathy as Traditional. TCIH were supporting the

WHO – concerns were expressed by Louise about the proposal by WHO. Discussion around other words such as integrative in the true sense of the word – not an absorption into medical approach. Use of traditional medicine term may not apply to Homeopathy either. Determined we could not do anything about this now.

8. BC health and occupations act – no updates – the new board for 'alternative' care College will be formed in June.

9. Movie night in May/June could work conference around that. We could have a big event. So we will hold off on that until next meeting. Kim Elia could be a guest speaker. We should talk about some guest speaker for the conference. HANS had a movie night – will check on how they did it – could use Eventbrite and create a document for different cities on how to present the movie.

Marie had an excel file with all the health professionals in provinces and could use this to invite other health professionals. This was shared with the Coalition and they will complete it to use to send notices for events and webinars and the movie night.

10. Next date to meet is February 7th to get caught up and perhaps invite Michelle. Will plan other meetings for **Feb 28 th and March 20th**