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BCAH Board Meeting Wednesday August 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Present: Nathalie Allen, Nicole Duelli, Marie Lamey, Lynn Mackay (from 7:15), Jenny Jose (until 7:35)

Absent: Harkirat Kaur

- 1. Acceptance of meeting agenda the motion to accept the agenda was unanimously accepted.
- 2. Acceptance of minutes from last meeting (July 17, 2024) the minutes of the last meeting was unanimously accepted with a few minor edits.
- 3. Board updates from Treasurer, Membership and Secretary: Jenny followed up with a few pending applicants, and there are a couple more new homeopathic practitioner applications. There was some confusion with the emails relating to the application process, so Marie and Jenny will follow up with a Zoom meeting. The process is that the president, the treasurer and the membership secretary should all be getting emails regarding new membership applications but there appears to be a problem with the membership email. Nathalie has been finishing up the year end Treasurer's report which officially ends August 31 st for the upcoming AGM. Jenny will draft an email to follow up with members who are missing their CEU requirements and will forward it to Marie and Nathalie for review before mailing it out.
- 4. CHA & CCFH updates: CHA has taken a break for August so there is not news. For the CCFH, Marie was happy to share that Alan Cassels has agreed to be the official writer of homeopathy articles for the CCFH and the first article will be on the upcoming CCFH homeopathy research presenter Jennifer Jacobs. The article will be posted on the CCFH website and on social media. Victor will also reach out to potential alternative magazines in print. Marie's 3 year term is finished in October and she will not be continuing as the Chair except potentially as Treasurer. Regarding the Canadian Border Issues, Helios is being flagged still as it appears homeopathic remedies are labelled incorrectly as raw materials for compounding instead of as homeopathic raw materials for compounding. Boiron is taking the 7 journalists to Lyon again to promote homeopathy.

- 5. AGM and Board positions that are up for renewal / nomination Nathalie has agreed to run for another term as Treasurer. Marie is nominating her and Lynn will second the nomination. Harkirat is not going to continue as secretary as she is too busy but Marie will ask her if she would like to continue as Director at Large. Jenny will need to be officially voted in as Membership secretary, so she is nominated by Nathalie, and Nicole will second it. Nicole has agreed to continue to run for another term as Director at Large: Marie will nominate her and Lynn will second it. We will need to look for another Secretary.
- 6. Case Conference Venue & Schedule. We discussed a variety of venues and settled on potentially returning to SFU downtown, although there was a problem last time with noise from a neighbouring event, so we will need to ensure that doesn't happen again. Nicole will fill out the online form to find out more for both SFU Surrey and Downtown venues. It was decided after a discussion that while presenters can Zoom as a presenter, we will not be offering the conference as a hybrid event due to it complicating and adding potential problems although we will plan to do this in the future. It's no longer a case conference but a conference with a number of different presenters. Three potential spots are still available.
- 7. Wellness Show Vancouver Feb 1-2, 2025 runs 2 days, as an opportunity for members to obtain CEUs and have homeopathy exposure to the general public. There was a discussion about whether it would be worth our time and energy, but it was decided that since a number of other associations attend, it would be a good idea to give it some time. The idea is to potentially hand out lists of resources rather than handing out homeopathic advice, to give out information rather than recommendations. Maybe we could print up some of the CHA/CCFH brochures with different information, potentially duplicating a sheet on research and evidence which was handed out at the insurance conference last year. Lynn will contact Boiron and Homeocan about the possibility of sharing a booth with one of them. After the discussion, the vote was unanimously in favour of manning a booth at the Wellness show.
- 8. A survey was forwarded to us from Louise Fridman regarding the Practitioner Generated Research Network which was put together by Denise Straiges and Alastair Gray. They are looking for feedback and Marie will share this survey with members through the next BCAH newsletter, along with some other news.
- 9. Date for next meetings: Sept 11 th, Oct 9 th

Meeting ended at 8:57 pm