

BCAH Board Meeting Wednesday November 6, 2024

Present: Marie, Nathalie, Jenny

Minute taker: Lynn Mackay

Absent: Monaliz, Paige, Nicole

1. Acceptance of meeting agenda

Marie motioned to accept the agenda with the date change in item #2 from October 9th to the 16th – all in favour

2. Acceptance of minutes from last meeting (October 16th 2024)

Lynn motioned to accept the minutes with corrections– all in favour

Action: Marie to finish edits and post to members' section

3. Welcome to new board members & getting set up with email and transfer of duties

Marie to coordinate getting new board members up to speed and will contact Heather to transfer email and will work with Harkirat and Paige to set up a meeting to complete the transfer of secretary duties

4. Conference & AGM follow up and discussion

Reviewed feedback doc changes and discussed if we should keep it on the website as a PDF or make it a google doc and create a link. Advantage of the statistics in google format is worth it.

Action: Marie to edit date and take out case conference

Action: Marie to email word doc to Nathalie to copy current doc onto google doc and we will make it so all board members can see results.

Action: Marie to ask presenters if ok to share slides to email to attendees – handouts will be sent as attachments and survey link in an email

Marie will ask Gabby, Nathalie, Mahsa, Shreya, Andrea if they need to modify their slides and are ok to have them sent out.

Action: Marie would like to bring a small clock next time to help presenters be aware of time.

Discussion on mics and usage. Make plan to tell presenters more about mike system and set up.

Plan for if we have a hybrid conference: We need a designated person to handle on line chat with a separate computer and person as cohost that is not connected to the screen – we need a separate computer for the online presentation. And a separate person to manage the in-room questions.

Discussed changing the date to May or to September – Need to keep it still within the 6 months past new membership date so people can collect CEU's.

Action: Marie to ask Shreya about sound on line.

5. Board updates from Treasurer; Membership; Secretary

Treasurer:

Nine participants paid at the conference with a total of nineteen attendees.

Registration for BCAH society done for next year!

Mailbox not checked yet. Nathalie will do this later.

Membership:

Two new member enquiries both Hita and Salja – Jenny sent emails with answers and assisted to get to website to apply. Questions were about whether they need to have a website in order to be a registered member. Both could fit as registered members.

Kavita Sharma has not responded to attempts to connect

Three members who still haven't paid CEU's have been sent an email by Jenny and she has been in contact with them and

Action: Jenny will reach out again to the three members.

Action: Jenny will try to connect with Kavita as well and get back to Lynn so we can set up an interview time.

Action: Nathalie will mail a receipt to student members

Action: Marie to upload application form for Chantal to directory tonight and complete the registry. Nathalie has the address now.

6. CHA & CCFH updates

CHA meeting this Saturday

Coalition meeting is next week.

Coalition decided media inquiry's and they would decide who is best to respond – CHA or Consumers group or Coalition.

CTV article about Alberta adding Homeopathy into Alberta registry. Alberta association needs to respond – not job of Coalition

One of Alberta members spoke up and now Marie is working with Kirsten of the Alberta association with help of Paul (Quebec Coalition) and Sylvie as media person for Boiron to review response in order to send to CTV from Alberta Assoc. Quebec Coalition is separate from Canadian coalition due to their

different provincial set up. Marie has suggested that they need to create a less confusing process. Ideally there could be a resource of content – social proof references – Harrison study on Canadians – Boiron survey etc. Items to counteract arguments to pull into an article easily and readily. There is a Q & A document – Marie did start a folder on resources and links – is this a coalition thing or an association thing – Marie to bring up to CHA meeting on Saturday. It needs to be maintained and updated and functional. Needs to have a process to follow.

Marie working on letter to send to the university of Alberta as a complaint about Timothy Caufield – this will take some time.

A couple of years ago a sceptic at McGill was quieted by a lawyer's letter.

7. Insurance Committee, Terms of Reference & Information as starting point

Nicole and other board members are absent

Deferred until next meeting.

8. Wellness Show Vancouver Feb 2025– booking table

No response back from Christy Z. about sharing a table.

Action: Marie to enquire and see what tables are left and go from there.

9. Adding Member Handbook to website section by section – Table of Contents attached

Handbook deconstructed into sections to make it easier to make changes to each area

A link will go on website after edits have been done

Start with easy sections Loss of Records and Withdrawing of care – likely not huge edits.

We've already added some sections that are on the website.

Health Canada policies and legal requirements will be bigger tasks.

Action: Marie to email sections so Nathalie can compare with Naturopathic Association and Marie can compare with College of Homeopaths of Ontario – other board members can review sent info. And send responses back to Marie before the next meeting.

10. Date for next meeting: December 4th 2024