

AGM MINUTES

Grand Okanagan Lakefront Resort and Conference Centre, Columbia Room.

1310 Water St., Kelowna BC

June 17, 2007

5:00 – 6:30pm

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Motion to Approve the Agenda with the following additions: Honorariums, 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games, IFEH 2010.

Moved and seconded. All in favor. Carried.

2. Appointment of Parliamentarian

Shendra Brisdon appointed as Parliamentarian.

3. Approval of previous minutes – May 10th, 2006

MOTION: Motion to approve May 10th, 2006 minutes. *Moved and seconded. All in favor. Carried.*

4. In Memoriam – Moment of Silence

4 BC Branch members passed away:

- John Webb
- Andrew Malloy
- William H. Branston
- John Henry

5. Reports (see attached reports for details)

a. President

MOTION: Motion to accept the President's Report

- A large number of executive members are stepping down
 - Brent Zaharia, Lis Vallaster, Roopy Khatkar, Tara Hluchy, Gord Stewart and Salima Kassam
- Thank you to the 2007 AEC conference organizing committee in Kelowna

Moved and seconded. All in favor. Carried.

b. Treasurer

MOTION: Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report

- Reinvested the GIC and it stands at \$27391.52
- Comment from D. Losito – maturation and reinvestment of GIC is an asset not revenue. Recommended following general accounting principles

Moved and seconded. All in favor. Carried.

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c. Registrar

MOTION: Motion to accept Registrar's report.

- 2006 – 265 members and 204 Regular members
- 2007 – 242 members 162 Regular

Moved and seconded. All in favor. Carried.

d. Board of Registration

MOTION: Motion to accept the BOR Report.

- Current board awaiting outcome of Core Competencies project
- Membership – 7 people
- No complaints of members this year so no investigation of members conducted
- Continuing education credits are still being submitted
- Financial Statement – see attached report
- Discussion on the Core Competencies to come through

Moved and seconded. All in favor. Carried.

d. Corresponding Member of BOC

MOTION: Motion to accept the Corresponding Member of the BOC report.

- BCIT has reduced its practicum length to 12 weeks to be in line with other institutions
- Request was made to regional directors to get other members to be examiners
- Exam results – see attached report, p. 20
- National Discussion Board - there have been questions around pass rates.
- Discussion on length of practicum
 - 12 week practicum is insufficient to prepare candidates for the exam
 - Students that have had 24 weeks have been more successful than those who have had 12 weeks
 - It was the BC Branch that raised this issue long ago and the field training was cut back due to pressures from employers as a result of cost implications (ie Ontario)
 - Nick states that employers in BC agreed to BCIT's proposal reluctantly, but it wasn't a case that employers couldn't pay. There isn't a capacity in BC workplaces to fill practicum positions and it may be too early to say that one practicum is insufficient. We need to ensure that the employers are not using the students as cheap labour and that it should be a full practicum experience

Moved and seconded. All in favor. Carried.

6. Awards

- 1 nomination for CIPHI BC Branch Member of the Year Award – Gord Stewart
- Steve Chong - Nominator
- Lis Vallaster - Seconder
- Award presented to Gord Stewart. Congratulations to Gord!

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7. Appointment of BOC Examiners

MOTION: Motion to accept the BOC Examiners Report.

Action Item - correction to be made in the list of examiners : change Dwayne Stoh to Dwayne Stroh

Moved and seconded. All in favor. Carried.

8. Election of Officers

MOTION: Motion to adopt the executive council nominees.

Call for any other nominations (3 times) – hearing none, nominations are closed

Moved and seconded. All in favor. Carried.

9. Honorariums

MOTION: Motion to provide a \$300 honorarium to the Branch Webmaster. *Moved and seconded. All in favor. Carried.*

MOTION: Motion to provide a \$300 honorarium to the BC Page Editor. *Moved and seconded. All in favor. Carried.*

10. Other Business

- 2010 Olympics & Paralympics Update (D. Losito)
 - Ciphi members will be given an opportunity to be involved in the 2010 Olympics/Paralympics
 - A call will be put out for expressions of interest on ciphi website (must be a member!)
 - 7 -10 day time slots
 - 1 day training
 - Will be required to become an official volunteer for VANOC
 - 1700 cap on health sector volunteers (VCH EHO's will be committed to venues)
 - Volunteers will get a uniform (worth \$800) and will fed during shifts
 - Work will consist of site visits but mostly backfilling
 - Arrangement with employers must be made
- IFEH conference - September 5-10, 2010 (D. Losito)
 - Not looking for volunteers just yet
 - Expecting approximately 600 delegates
 - Technical tour day is included
 - Website is under construction at this time
 - Will be working with Health Canada - cruise ships may be used to house media
- Public Health Act Renewal Project
 - BC Branch responded to Public Health Act Renewal Project and will continue to do so.
- Bow Valley Technicians Program
 - Article written by Keir Corder on PHI Technicians to promote discussion around this as to whether people agree or disagree.

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- Tim Roark provided the following update:
 - Bow Valley College (BVC) in Calgary
 - discussed with CEO of BVC about a EH technician position as there is a shortage of PHI's.
 - It has been tried in NYC (PHI Assistant/Technician). No difference between the two. They did this to reduce wages and benefits cost. One in six is a technician.
 - We should be concerned as we shouldn't place technician positions in PHI positions. It would be wiser to spend the money on expanding PHI positions. There are many positions available in BC. Is there a broad campaign to advertise these positions?
 - Tim would like to see more done to promote the profession. He would like to see a dialogue between the employers and colleges.
 - Technicians won't solve the shortage and they won't protect our profession.
 - D. Losito provided following feedback: It's not an either or situation as we can have technician positions that are controlled by guidelines which are formulated by employers. He is frustrated at BCIT's lack of effort in filling the seats at the school. BOC and BCIT could make it easier to extend courses to students abroad. Paying someone high wages to do 'menial' task (ie crow pickup etc) is not good business sense. Others can do this (ie TEO's are doing tobacco enforcement work and they are not PHI's). The demand is increasing as there aren't enough students and people are retiring. We need to look at this. By hiring technicians, we can 'show' that the job is more exciting and this would mean more people entering the profession
 - Claudia Kurzac:
 - The NEC is doing a needs assessment to define the scope of practice of the technicians.
 - CIPHI is taking this direction. There is a consultant that is working with BVC and is here at the Conference.
 - We should all take the time to visit her as it's a good opportunity to provide comments and have a voice.
 - There is a survey formulated by CIPHI regarding this matter and it will be on survey monkey - take the time to respond. Nationally,
 - CIPHI doesn't see it as a choice to be involved and is involved out of necessity
- Bob Hanley re: membership – membership criteria and the National Constitution states that you must belong to the Branch you are working at. One cannot be a member of more than one Branch.

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn.