



THE FEDERATION
of COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES of BC

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Spirit Ridge Resort, 1200 Rancher Creek Road, Osoyoos, BC

June 16, 2023, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

- 1. Call the Meeting to Order at 9:00 am**
- 2. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories and Welcome & Opening Remarks: Tim Veresh, Vice President**
- 3. Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities – Penny Gagnon (Breakfast Sponsor)**

- Penny Gagnon provided an overview of the services provided by CARF.

4. First call for Nominations: Tanya Behardien

President (By-election 1 yrs.) Tim Veresh, PLEA Community Services Society

Vice President Julia Staub-French, Family Services of the North Shore

Secretary Treasurer Maria Howard, Family Services of Greater Vancouver

Director at Large Christine Mohr, Options Community Services Society

Director at Large Karen Dickenson Smith, Fraser Valley Child Development Centre

Director at Large Judy Valsonis, Touchstone Community Services

Director at Large Shairose Jinnah, Archway Community Services Director

- 5. Adoption of the June 17, 2022, Annual General Meeting Minutes**
Motion to adopt the June 17, 2022, Annual General Meeting Minutes.
Moved/Seconded Carried

6. Ratification of New Federation Members

- a. Starbright Children’s Development Centre Association (Full Membership)**
- b. Lake Country Health (Associate Member)**

Motion: to ratify Starbright Children’s Development Centre Association as a full member and Lake Country Health as an Associate Member.

Moved/Seconded Carried

7. Secretary-Treasurer Report: Julia Staub-French

Julia presented the audited financial statements to the membership. Julia acknowledged the difficult work of the Federation Staff Team and Bookkeeper to wrap up the financial statements and the audit this year through the transition.

Motion: To approve the audited financial statements for fiscal 2022-23.

Moved/Seconded Carried

8. Appointment of KPMG as the Auditor for the 2023-24 fiscal year: Julia Staub French

Motion to appoint KPMG as the Auditor for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

Moved/Seconded Carried

9. Second call for Nominations: Tanya Behardien

Secretary-Treasurer Nanette Taylor, Hollyburn Community Services

10. Annual Report Presentation, Update and Question and Answer: Tim Veresh, Tanya Behardien, Julia Staub-French

This was a challenging year for the Federation of Community Social Services of British Columbia. The difficult decision to end the employment of our Executive Director in January resulted in several other staff departures from the team. We are grateful for Liz Barnett’s willingness to act as the Executive Director starting in January 2023, while the Board of Directors commenced a search for a new Executive Director. We were pleased to announce at this Annual General Meeting the hiring of Kishone Roy as the new Executive Director. The Board of Directors had to become extremely operational in supporting the operations of the Federation. We are extremely grateful to Kathy Boreman and Grace Cattle for their support of the Federation and assisting the board through this challenging time. We would also like to thank Kendra Gage who resigned from the Federation for her dedication to the Federation and in her role as President in guiding this difficult transition. Kendra’s contributions to the Federation cannot be understated. We would also like to acknowledge Sherry Beal’s contribution to the Federation and her role as Northern Regional Director. We thank the membership for their patience over the last few months and look forward to revitalizing the operations of the Federation over the next year.

11. Third and Final call for Nominations and Elections: Tanya Behardien

The following positions were acclaimed:

President (By-election 1 yrs.) Tim Veresh, PLEA Community Services Society

Vice President Julia Staub-French, Family Services of the North Shore

Secretary Treasurer Maria Howard, Family Services of Greater Vancouver

An election was held for the Director at Large positions the following members were elected.

Director at Large Christine Mohr, Options Community Services Society

Director at Large Karen Dickenson Smith, Fraser Valley Child Development Centre

Director at Large Judy Valsonis, Touchstone Community Services

Director at Large Shairose Jinnah, Archway Community Services Director

With the successful appointment of Maria Howard as Secretary Treasurer the Vancouver Regional Director will become vacant and will be appointed by the Board of Directors for a one-year term. The Northern Regional Director is also vacant due to a retirement and the Board of Directors will explore appointing a member to represent this region. Both regional positions will be up for a two-year election at the 2023-24 Annual General Meeting.

12. Recognition of Retiring Board of Directors and Members

Recognized the contributions of Sherry Beal who represented the Northern Region and Kendra Gage who served as President of the Federation until April of 2023.

13. Closing Remarks

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 11:45 am.

Moved,

Carried

Minutes completed by Tim Veresh.