

**BURNABY ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY INCLUSION
GENERAL MEETING**

Sept 21 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

This regular meeting was held at Still Creek Centre pursuant to due notice.

Troy Nikolai, President of the Board of Directors, chaired the meeting.

Quorum was achieved and present (49 voting members present).

Adoption of the agenda. M/S/C

Adoption of the September 24 2008 AGM minutes. M/S/C

Lois Godfrey : Correction – “Welcome from the President”, not “Introductions”.

At the May 14th General Meeting, quorum was not present. As per BACI Constitution & By-laws, a smaller business meeting was held on May 24th with quorum present. Minutes of the May 14 and May 24 meetings were put together to form the last General Meeting minutes.

Adoption of the General Meeting minutes from May 14th & 24th, 2009. M/S/C

Movie presentation: “My Tomorrow” – Digital movie project with youth paired up with movie maker. A lot of positive feedback

- Netty Wild, Lisa Neilson (Professional filmmakers).
- Jake Anthony described the project. Script no more than 200 words and the story had to be a unique ideas from 1st person perspective. All the directors used only original art work. 10 days to create a 2 minute film.
- Partnership with SFU - \$70,000 worth of equipment donated.
- Films were shown to the membership.
- Congratulations to the entire “My Tomorrow” team.

Presentation of the Financial Report: Nalin Esmail, the Treasurer, was not able to attend the 2009 AGM. Report was presented by Troy, the President.

- BACI is continues to grow
- Spent \$16.1 million last year
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- Gaming – three year grant.
- \$48, 324 from gifts
- United Way donations: \$45,000
- Fund Raising : Articipation, ICE Gala Fundraiser at Electronic Arts.
- Costs: transportation, housing, maintenance, etc.

- Statement #3 – March 31 2009 - Statement of Financial Position, Assets and Liabilities – Report from auditors.
- Auditor is present, Tom from Deloitte and Touche. Tom appreciated the invitation to the meeting. The records are very good and the audit is a very positive experience for his team.
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Motion to approve the Financial Statements for March 31 2009 year end. M/S/C

Open floor to discussion

Dr Nikolai: Question regarding renewal date on mortgage for Orchard Heights.

Motion to appoint auditors – Deloitte and Touche for 2010. M/S/C

President's Report:

- Thrilled with BACI.
- BACI is a leader.
- Lois Godfrey started this 53 years ago.
- Thank you to all for making BACI a place where we can do it.

Executive Director's Report:

- 20 years working at BACI.
- Amazed at new people and the relationships with people.
- Celebrated the dedication and the will to improve and be dynamic.
- Thank you for letting me work here so long.
- Commitment to have people with disabilities working at BACI.
- We wanted to explore family involvement so we secured a CLBC grant for the familyWORKS project.

Kevin Lusignan:

- Project started through CLBC, named familyWORKS.
- Members include: Nellie Wong, Lois Godfrey, John Tsang, Richard Faucher, and Maggie Vilvang.
- Developing a mission and plan to guide us.
- Researching best practices.
- Consult with businesses to get advice.
- November 14, 2009 - a meeting to engage families. Focusing on 3-5 economic inclusion projects.

Richard Faucher:

- BACI has a strong commitment to families.
- New Family Support person – John Tsang – brings diversity and knowledge to family support team. Well respected in the Asian community.
- Thank you to the Woolley family for hosting their annual plant sale. This year they brought in \$3,000.

- BACI has partnered with MAPCL to host the Sprout Film Festival. October 9th reception for Al Etmanski and viewing of sponsored film called 'Horse Boy'.
- Hope to set up first international disabilities film festival in 2010.

Open to Questions – none.

Merrilyn Cook - Presented BACI Awards to:

- Deb Yaschuk awarded Lifetime Membership
- Ernie Bodie awarded Honorary Lifetime Membership
- Maureen Seesahai awarded Marvin Germaine Award
- Fairhaven Children's Centre Volunteer of the Year

Merrilyn Cook – Nominating Committee Report. The following are running for the BACI Board:

- Troy Nikolai – President for 3rd term
- Merrilyn Cook – Vice President
- Susan Anthony – Vice President
- Nalin Esmail- Treasurer
- Barbara Der – Director 2 year term
- Andrew Lusignan- Director 2 year term
- Margie Manifold – Director 2 year term

Lorraine Chomechko, Zaheda Jiwa, Aurore Gian, Dean Lastoria, Paul Miller – 1 more year to complete as Directors.

Matthew Gotro -- self advocate representative

2009 Board of Directors nomination from floor -- None

Question - Why is Troy Nikolai running for 3rd term as President? By-law was changed in 2008.

Call for nominations from the floor – Question posed 3 times – no responses

Chair declared nominations closed.

No elections necessary.

The following have been elected to the BACI Board:

- Troy Nikolai – President for 3rd term
- Marilyn Cook – Vice President
- Susan Anthony – Vice President
- Nalin Esmail- Treasurer
- Barbara Der – Director 2 year term
- Andrew Lusignan- Director 2 year term
- Margie Manifold – Director 2 year term

Presentation of Special Resolutions – Troy Nikolai:

1. Special Resolution – ***“Be it resolved by special resolution that it is in the best interest of the Society to consolidate the existing Bylaws of the Society and therefore rescind the current Bylaws and replace them with Bylaws attached hereto as Schedule "A".”***

- Recommended by lawyers and agreed upon by board.

Voted by show of hands. *Motion as present M/S/C.*

2. Special Resolution – ***“Be it resolved that Section 3c(3) of BACI’s Constitution and Bylaws be amended from “The Directors shall convene at least two general meetings each year”, to read “The Directors shall convene at least one general meeting each year.”***

- Lois Godfrey – need to touch base with the membership and encourage them to come out. Have a special speaker to encourage people to want to come. Not in favour of this.
- Carol Stinson spoke against resolution. We need to pass business of association. I agree with Lois on need to encourage people to come out. We need to work on communication, networking and want to stick with the two general meetings. Commented that there used to be three general meetings.
- Kevin Lusignan: opposed to motion. Important for people to get together to see faces.

Voted by show of hands. *Motion as presented not carried.*

3. Special Resolution – ***“Be it resolved that the word “consecutive” be deleted from Bylaw 4e.”***

- Board does not support this motion.
- Merrilyn Cook -Board members are deeply committed and responsible - do not take missing a meeting lightly.
- Members of the board need to do right thing and step down if they are not able to commit.
- Susan Anthony – Board members are volunteers; finds the motion offensive; motion is unfair and not what BACI is about.
- Paul Miller – participating on the Board promotes goodwill and good benefits for community. This year misfortune struck my family and I could have easily missed 3 meetings. We are committed and sit on other boards.
- Dean Lastoria – motion put forward by Jennifer Baumbusch. I am committed to the Board and am a volunteer and don’t think it is unreasonable to show up 70% of the time.
- Precipitated resolution - General Meeting didn’t reach quorum because not enough board members were not in attendance. Many other organizations have this in their by-laws.
- Kevin Lusignan: I am opposed because I know the level of commitment. Rules don’t make an organization strong a strong vision does. Sometimes things happen in life, I don’t think this is a good idea.
- Clint Morrison: Works through dedication that’s what I stand for.

Voted by show of hands. *Motion as presented not carried.*

4. Special Resolution – ***“Be it resolved that in keeping with BACI’s Accessibility Policy (2.1), the Association will develop and implement a policy to provide childminding during board meetings for parents of children with disabilities in order to foster an inclusive community and facilitate parent representation on the Board.”***

- Board does not support this motion.
- Kevin Lusigan - I am in favour. I thought it was a practiced.
- Volunteer issued Board received payment for attending BACI business. Any benefit would be contrary to true volunteerism. Accordance with constitution because cover expenses.
- Susan Anthony: For parents with disabilities therefore not inclusive.

Voted by show of hands. *Motion as presented not carried.*

Friendly amendment. ***“For parents of all children.”***

- Troy Nikolai - don’t agree with it due to spirit of volunteering.
- Dean Lastoria - Lack of engagement with younger family; this would help engage and foster younger families to get involved.
- Kevin Lusigan: I in favour of the resolution; It is about inclusion and goes to the heart of the organization.

Voted by show of hands. *Motion as present M/S/C.*

5. Special Resolution – ***“Be it resolved that each year the membership will be polled (either by telephone or written survey) to find out the time of day and day of week that is most appealing for General Meetings to take place.”***

- Board not in favor of this resolution.
- Susan Anthony: Board tries to talk with membership but membership is so large.
- Would take staff time to survey.
- Carol Stinson - support resolution. 25% of people don’t use e-mail. We need to do everything in our power to encourage people to come.
- Lois Godfrey: I agree with Carol; let’s be excited about it and be proactive so we have something to sell. It’s the membership and success of BACI that we are talking about.
- Paul Miller - Not in favour due to the way it’s worded.
- Clint Morrison - Plan the event so it’s a party and fun.

Voted by show of hands. *Motion as presented not carried.*

Lois Godfrey leads new installation of Board of Directors.

Door Prizes Given

Motion to Adjourn. M/S/C

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.