

# Board Meeting

December 12, 2006

Attendees: Dick Wilson, Chair Bill Brunton Bonnie Johnston, CEO  
Cathy Thompson John Phillips Sandra Gafos, Recorder  
Cathy Sinclair-Smythe Amber Hewwing  
Gerrad Oishi Joan Jeary  
Jean Creagh Karin Simpson

Regrets: Hope Henderson Pat Johnston

## APPROVED Minutes

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Action/Decision
<b>Meeting called to Order at 5:20pm</b>	This Board meeting was scheduled at Heritage Park following the Board's Open House Recognition for the CFSA staff. Prior to the meeting the Provincial Aboriginal Advisory Committees DVD was presented.	
<b>1. Approve Agenda</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Chair made a <b>motion</b> to accept the agenda. The motion was <b>carried unanimously</b>.</li></ul>
<b>2. Open House Feedback</b>	The members had the opportunity to discuss the Open House event. It was commented that the new location was good and the smaller space made for a cozier more inclusive atmosphere. The members agreed that a change of location for next year may be a good idea. CEO to request feedback from the management team. The members thanked the Board Assistant, Sandra Gafos, for her contribution in planning the event.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Management to discuss location for next year's Open House.</li></ul>
<b>3. Approval of Minutes November 21, 2006</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Chair made a <b>motion</b> to approve the Minutes of the November 21, 2006 Board meeting. The motion was <b>carried unanimously</b>.</li></ul>
<b>4. CEO Dialogue</b> (Bonnie Johnston)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>In-camera session.</li><li>Following the in-camera session, members were asked to contact Dick Wilson if they were interested in sitting on the Selection Committee for the Community Incentive Grant fund.</li></ul>
<b>5. Sustainable Resources and Audit Committee</b> (Cathy Thompson, Vice-Chair) a) Financial Information	Members had the opportunity to discuss an email sent by the CEO on November 29, 2006 detailing Minster Forsyth approval for additional in-year grants to cover the additional costs being incurred by Regions due to the huge increases in caseloads in both the FSCD and Enhancement programs. The Region is forecasting a deficit of \$6.8 million for fiscal year 2006-07.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Chair made a <b>motion</b> to transfer Joan Jeary from the Communication Committee to the Sustainable Resources and Audit Committee, seconded by Karin Simpson and Cathy Thompson. The motion was <b>carried unanimously</b>.</li></ul>

<p><b>6. Communication Committee</b> (Bill Brunton, Chair)</p> <p>a) <b>Community Consultation Next Steps</b></p> <p>b) <b>Business Planning Cycle</b></p>	<p>The Committee Chair circulated the 'What Was Said' document and the 'Possibilities Wall' document prepared as a result of discussion from the Community Consultation event at Fort Calgary. Also circulated was a memo addressing invitees and attendees of the event. The Committee Chair made a <b>motion</b> to approve the memo. The motion was <b>carried unanimously</b>.</p> <p>The next steps will be to have each member review these documents and provide input at the January 16 Business Planning Session.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chris Brennan to attend the January 16 Planning Session to provide a regional update on the Business Plan and to collect feedback from the Board members.</li> <li>Chris Brennan to attend the January 3 Communication Committee meeting to plan the process.</li> </ul>
<p>b) <b>Areas of Interest</b></p>	<p>The Committee Chair thanked the CEO for the managers' input to the Board's Areas of Interest document.</p>	
<p>c) <b>MLA / Treasury Board Advocacy</b></p>	<p>The Chair informed the Board that an advocacy program will be established once the Minister, Deputy Minister and Treasury Board have been appointed.</p> <p>The Chair made a <b>motion</b> to have a Co-Chairs write a letter of thanks to the current Minister, whether re-appointed or not once announcements are made. The motion was <b>carried unanimously</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-chair to write a letter of thanks to current Minister.</li> </ul>
<p>d) <b>Dr. Brokenleg Event January 24 – Subcommittee, (Amber Hewwing)</b></p>	<p>The members were informed that the sub-committee continues to plan this event. A venue has yet to be determined. The 'Mark Your Calendar' notice is ready to be sent.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Mark Your Calendar' invites to be sent this week. Final invite to be sent early January.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. Governance Committee</b> Decision Making Workshop (Gerrad Oishi, Chair)</p>	<p>The Committee Chair circulated a summary of the November Decision Making Workshop. Members provided feedback.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee Chair to update the summary and prepare a briefing note for 'next steps'.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8. Aboriginal Committee</b> (John Phillips)</p>	<p>The Board Chair informed the members that the Minister has signed the official documents appointing John Phillips as Co-Chair for Region 3 Board.</p> <p>The Aboriginal Committee will present an update and Briefing Note at the January Board meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Briefing Note to be presented at the January 16 Board meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>9. Provincial Committee</b> a) <b>Nov 9 – PAAC Meeting</b> (John Phillips)</p>	<p>The Provincial Committee reviewed and discussed the new DVD that was presented at the beginning of this meeting.</p>	
<p>b) <b>October 23 – Strategic And Business Planning</b> (John Phillips)</p>	<p>The Ministry is setting priorities for their 3 year business plan 2008-10. Input from Region Boards will take place in March 2007. Each Board will have the opportunity to have representation.</p>	

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c) <b>December 7/8 – Assembly of Co-Chairs</b> (Dick Wilson/John Phillips)	The Assembly prepared and mailed a letter to the premier elect. Reviewed and discussed the Board Assessment process and the self-assessment process. It was agreed that the self assessment would contribute to the self development of each member.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly minutes and information to be mailed to all Board members upon receipt.</li> </ul>
d) <b>Nov 16 Board Development</b> (Gerrad Oishi)	Provincial Committee continues to identify best practices. Not all Boards have the same practices/process. Other Regions have advanced models for Community Engagement.	
e) <b>Nov 8 – Community Engagement</b> (Bill Brunton)	Bill circulated the 'Community Engagement Framework Implementation Committee Report'. Each Region is being asked to provide examples from 2006 of their utilization of this tool. Next meeting takes place February 1 and 2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication Manager to provide examples by mid-January for the Community Engagement Framework.</li> </ul>
<b>10. Updates</b> a) <b>Oct 21 – Annual Foster Parent Awards</b> (John Phillips)	The event was well attended with awards being presented to social worker of the year Jenny Whittington. Foster family of the year was honored with a special speech presented by high risk youth they fostered. Foster parents who have fostered for 5, 10, 15, 25 and 30 years were also recognized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A suggestion was made to have Board send letter to award recipients next year.</li> </ul>
b) <b>Oct 27 Adoption Celebration</b> (Gerrad Oishi)	The event was a reflection of families that have been created. Gerrad encouraged everyone to attend these celebrations in the future. There is lots of happiness in the room and everyone had a good time.	
c) <b>Dec 2 – CPEF / FCSS meeting at City Hall</b>	Members who attended the December 4 CPEF/FCSS meeting provided a summary of the meeting. This meeting was a continuation of the work from the Kananaskis Conference. Members found the meeting to be enjoyable and valuable. Attendees had the opportunity to share information and discuss the successes. The organizers collected information on areas where further collaboration would be useful.	
<b>Adjournment</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.</li> </ul>