

Council of Canadian Child and Youth Care Associations

Teleconference Minutes

June 20, 2012

Attendance: David Connolly, Heather Power(PEI), Pat Foran (AB), Kelly Shaw (NS), Garth Goodwin(Webmaster),Rebecca Ataya (BC), Tina Gauvin(NB), Melanie Fournier (PQ), Debbie Sliwinski(ON), Lori Leonard(NL).

Regrets: Jessica Lusk (MB)

1. Review of minutes from April 18, 2012 teleconference:

Pat motioned to accept the minutes Heather seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Provincial Updates:

Newfoundland and Labrador- Small scale but successful provincial conference May 9 – 12. In the early stages of planning the World Conference for June of 2013.

New Brunswick – Presently rebuilding. ...there is keen interest from a small group of people. It is hoped that the conference will result in an increase in membership.

PEI – Not much happening. Currently has 6 members, 3 will be attending the conference in Canmore.

Nova Scotia – Very successful provincial conference. Kiaras Gharabaghi keynoted and there were 11 workshops offered over the 2 days with each workshop being offered twice. Elected new executive and regional directors. Added a membership category which recognizes certification from Alberta as well as CCYCB.

Manitoba - David reported on behalf of Jessica. Jessica will be stepping down as provincial rep and is being replaced by Ana Costa. Hosted a very successful a two day workshop with Charlie Applestein. CYC week was a success; all members received a Tim's card and a letter of appreciation. All of the Manitoba board will be attending Canmore.

The Association is looking for assistance from others in the field to produce letters of support confirming the value of education and experience for youth care practitioners. More information is available on the Manitoba website. Kelly suggested putting the request on CYC-Net. She also informed us of a research librarian that she came across at The Gathering in Scotland dedicated solely to CYC workers in Scotland. More info available at sircc.org.uk. Also COEFLAC – Center of Excellence for Looked After Children... Kelly will follow up with Jessica.

Alberta –Waiting on the \$400,000 grant from the Government for the online learning program although the ADM has indicated it is signed off on. Currently looking to hire a director of research for the program. The Administrative Assistant for the Association is recovering from head trauma sustained in a car accident. David requested that Pat pass on our well wishes from the Council.

British Columbia – Continues to struggle with numbers, there was a small turnout for the AGM. Focussing on Board Development, strategies and goals. The present Board is very committed and all will be attending Canmore. Positive outlook for 2013, the next AGM will be in conjunction with UVIC - celebrating 40 years. Presently building relationships with students through advocacy and being a voice on issues in the community.

Ontario – Presently working on a strategic plan. Concerns that the membership is cut in half at 80 full members and 30 student members. Recently reduced membership fees based on feedback from members to make it affordable. Reviewing levels of membership and what certification is.

3. **International Conference** -Conference preparation is going well. Registration is easily at about 250 – confident it will sell out. Eleven countries represented as presenters, delegates from Afghanistan registered, and anticipating 6-8 delegates from South Africa. There are only 120 rooms available at the host hotel so book rooms early. Sweet deal on the AV for the conference about one tenth of normal cost. Rob Nash is confirmed as entertainment.
4. **World Conference** –Discussion regarding the World Conference being held in NL in 2013 which led to questions regarding our support of future International Conferences as they currently exist. It was decided the discussion would be tabled at the AGM in Canmore.
5. **Finance:**
Reviewed bills associated with operation of the website. Telus –forwarding for the website. Rogers – we are responsible for the first 35 dollars a month plus tax for wireless service. Yahoo – is payable quarterly.

Camera Purchase: Garth purchased a Sony 32mg camera for the Gathering in Scotland and will be using it at all future conferences and association related events. Total amount for reimbursement is \$615.97. The Camera will be property of the Council and can be used by anyone endorsed by the Council for Council business. Pat motioned that we reimburse Garth for \$615.97. Kelly seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

6. **Other-**

Liability Plan – Debbie, on behalf of the OACYC is in consultation with an insurance provider looking at a national liability insurance plan that would cover any member who is certified. For further information contact Debbie.

AGM – The Council AGM will be held on Monday October 8, 2012. Should be well attended based on a poll of who is planning on going. Leading up to the AGM we will correspond via email re agenda etc....

Association Dues: Reminder that dues to the Council at a cost of \$5.00 per member to a maximum of \$1000.00 are due prior to the AGM. Provincial dues must be paid by then in order for the provincial rep to vote at the AGM. Kelly suggested that a discussion re formula for dues be added to the agenda for the AGM.

Update on CYCEAB – First AGM for founding members will be held during the conference in Canmore. Anyone wishing to participate has to be a paid member of the Board. During educator's day in will be delivering a plenary and round table discussions. Presently in the process of finalizing the logo. There is a sense that there is movement forward for professionalism in Canada. David will circulate the WIKI link where you can get further information.

LBGT Conference- David attended on behalf of the Council and reported a positive and productive experience. Some of the topics included human rights, youth suicide, and anti bullying.

7. **Next Meeting-** David will circulate a doodle link to schedule the next meeting prior to Canmore.