

CFAR

Board of Director's Meeting

Minutes

Dec 4, 2014

- 1) Call to Order: 4:10pm
- 2) Motion to Accept the Minutes of BOD meeting Oct 1, 2014

Moved: Norm      Seconded Connie

Motion Carried: Unanimous

Executive Report

Todd B welcomed all present to our last meeting of the year prior to the AGM. Two new members have accepted nomination for the Board Andrea and Marcel.

Todd reviewed the circumstances surrounding the sudden departure of JT a few weeks ago. There was discussion surrounding if we had taken all necessary steps to retrieve any CFAR equipment and administrative information and that there are no known financial liabilities or commitments that only JT would have undertaken on our behalf for events planning and such. The Board was assured that the Executive feels that everything is in order.

Todd expressed his thoughts surrounding our past year and the many opportunities we tried to embrace to move our organization forward in its service to the membership. Two new Board members will join us. We have our Board members handbook on the plate to complete and this coming year will obviously present new challenges that will have their own impact on our operations that we will have to face.

Governance Report      Tabled

Finance Report:

Joe provided an overview of the Financial audit provided by Gary. We experienced an operating deficit which the Board was aware would happen as we experienced a number of initiatives that we knew were first time attempts at different activities and the work surrounding the Credential Recognition had caused us to spend monies from our accumulated surplus. The operating deficit was 63K Gary has 6 key recommendations for the Board in matters of practices and we will hear his report in full at the AGM.

Credential Recognition Report::

Pat expressed her disappointment and concerns about our learning that the U of A Bus/Native Studies departments had launched a new executive training PARE Course. She felt very strongly that she was unsure about what this signaled between the university and ourselves in terms of support and commitment.

Lorne, who has involvement with the other course as well expressed his feeling that the two courses are very different programs and are complimentary to one another as opposed to competition for one another in his opinion.

Dean expressed his gratitude for the critical addition of Pat and Fay coming online to steer our credential program forward. The course content and delivery style has the potential to take the course where it needs to be. Most people use the conference delivery style and content model for how they role out their relationship building/learning. He totally supports the work we have done and wants the Board to hold special session to discuss all elements. He will personally commit to assisting with fundraising.

Other Board members provided a variety of comments related to uncertainty about the future of our efforts, our commitment to a course that was Aboriginal World View driven and delivered, as well as about matters surrounding our efforts to ensure the aboriginal community had influence on the content, delivery and outcomes of our course.

Pat was particularly concerned that the colonization element of the learning is critical to participants understanding the framework of existing relationships and this is the only course that has been designed to specifically incorporate that element in a constructive manner.

Events Committee:

There was Board discussion around the 2015 Conference. Theme ideas put out for consideration were as follows:

Wise Practises in Community Development

Aboriginal Title & Treaty Rights/ Canada's future. Is the future accommodate or consent.

{Pat spoke about Bill Galagher and a conference in Winnipeg}

Education has positive potential as a theme. As an industry how can we support the Aboriginal community to position themselves with capacity to embrace their opportunities.

Tood reviewed what we probably have on our calendar for 2015.

There are some conflicts with other well known conferences in September 2015. For example CCAB's Conference Sept 23/24 2015 or Sept 16/17

Possibly separate our annual Golf away from the conference and run in May?

Our conference should most likely take place in Sept/Oct 2015?

Motion to Adjourn: Moved Norm. seconded Joe. Carried Unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned 5:12pm