



Annual General Meeting
Thursday, September 22, 2016
Conference Call
09:45 EDT

MINUTES

1. Welcome

Lisa McKeen, Chair of the Board, welcomed the attendees and mentioned that this is a pivotal time for NACY. She advised that she was pleased to see so many in person and thanked those who were able to participate by telephone.

2. Quorum

The Chair confirmed quorum. The following members were present:
Board –Alisa Simon, Lisa McKeen, Lisa Lachance, Kelly Stone, Sara MacNaull, Raine Liliefeldt and Tara Stang
Members – Myna Kota, Lisa Wolff, Rachel Gouin, Barb Willet and Beth Malcolm
Non-members – Leslie Wright

3. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: That the Agenda be adopted as presented.
Moved by Beth, Seconded by Barb W Carried

4. Approval of the November 6, 2015 AGM Minutes

MOTION: That the Minutes be approved as presented.
Moved by Kelly S, Seconded by Sara M Carried

5. Treasurer Report

The unaudited financial statements for the organization were circulated with the board package along with the G/L report for the first part of the year. The Treasurer advised that the financials were pretty straight forward – a little down from last year. She mentioned that there were still some difficulties with obtaining a credit card for the organization but will continue to work with the bank on that.

MOTION: That the unaudited financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2016 be accepted as presented.
Moved by Lisa M, Seconded by Sara M Carried

6. The President's Report

The Chair described the year as one of ups and downs. With a new government elected, there seemed to be an air of possibility. However, how its work unfolds is still unknown.

NACY has participated in collective impact discussions with Easter Seals, UNICEF and the NYSA which have presented some interesting possibilities. Easter Seal's Make the First Five Count initiative has now been funded to create an online national directory for children 0-5 and their parents. The website will link parents and children to supports and services at the community level and NACY members, such as FRP Canada and The Muttart Foundation will support the project by providing content and contacts to help populate the site. NACY continues to connect with other national initiatives such as Sandbox and Children First Canada (Sara Austin) in an attempt to understand their work and find ways to leverage the work of others.

NACY has been successful in thinking through its own organizational structure and obtaining charitable status. In June, Peter Broder from The Muttart Foundation had provided the Board with a session related to CRA compliance. The organization is still unable to hire a staff member due to limited funding, which remains a challenge for the Board. Lisa M. reported that she is committed to leading fundraising efforts and with success, NACY won't be in this state forever.

In November, the Lawson Foundation is leading and funding a Pan Canadian gathering of 60 organizations to reflect about Canada's children and youth. NACY will be formally represented by Lisa M. and Tara S. As well, a number of other NACY members will be in attendance.

Lisa Lachance asked about the work of the NYSA and Rachel G. and Alisa S. provided some comments on NYSA's understanding of NACY and its work and the difficulty in aligning the work of the two groups. It was agreed that more clarity would be required as a starting point. A further discussion will be taken up later in the meeting.

MOTION: That the President's report accepted as presented.

Moved by Barb W, Seconded by Alisa S, Carried

6. Election of Directors

The Chair advised that Tara Stang would be stepping down from the Board and would stay connected to the Board in a transition role until such time as the new Secretary, Lisa Lachance, was comfortable in carrying out that role.

The Chair further advised that the Board Members returning to complete their unexpired terms or start a new term are:

- Lisa Lachance
- Sara MacNaull
- Lisa McKeen
- Kelly Stone
- Alisa Simon
- Raine Liliefeldt

Alisa S. mentioned her intention to step down as she is unable to commit fully with her other obligations, however, she does not want to leave the board short. After some encouragement, she agreed to let her name stand for election.

The Chair advised that three new board members who have formally been nominated for a three year term are:

- Deborah Morrison
- Leslie Wright
- Myna Kota

MOTION: That nominations for the 2016-2017 Board of Directors be closed.

Moved by Barb W, Seconded by Beth M, Carried

MOTION: That the slate of board members returning to complete their term or start a new term be elected to the Board of Directors.

Moved by Barb W, Seconded by Beth M, Carried

The meeting agreed that Lisa Lachance would be appointed as the new Secretary to replace Tara Stang. Tara Stang has agreed to work with Lisa L. over the next few months to assist with the transition.

The Chair wanted to thank The Muttart Foundation for all its generous contributions over the years and a specific thank you to Peter Broder for his assistance with the charitable application and Tara Stang for her many years of work as NACY's secretary, co-lead on the Taking Stock project and her work on the Unified Voice initiative.

7. Future Planning Discussion

Members provided updates with regard to their current work and strategic direction in support of Canada's children, youth and their families. Charities must remain innovative and nimble while considering new models of interacting with young people while addressing complex challenges such as poverty, mental health, Truth & Reconciliation, gender equity and violence. Members are engaging student interns and providing them opportunities to undertake projects that help strengthen charities and provide the interns with valuable experience. Members continue to engage youth voices and find ways to create deeper, more authentic experiences for them to participate in. Funding

remains a priority for charities and many are seeking corporate donations, private donations and foundation support. Members will take part in national discussions related to child care, youth mentoring and the national framework for early learning and child care and information will be fed back to the Board following those discussions.

A lengthy discussion ensued as to the future direction of NACY and how it might approach its work with members, government and other aligned initiatives. It was agreed that the membership and other stakeholders must be engaged to gain clarity about NACY's role, the needs of the sector and NACY's approach to influencing change. It was agreed that NACY's members require additional resources to support their work with children, youth, families and communities in this changing landscape and that those resources be extended to include exposure to challenges affecting the broader charitable sector and how those challenges relate back to our members' work with children and families.

It was agreed that NACY should look at what other successful alliances do in other jurisdictions and learn from them. It was also agreed that NACY must gain a firmer understanding of how government's priorities are changing; therefore NACY must also rethink its approach with government and offer solutions to the complex challenges it continues to face.

Lisa Wolff – left the meeting 10:47.

As NACY enters into discussions with groups such as NYSA and Children First, the Board will need to provide greater clarity related to NACY, its priority areas, its role and what benefits it brings to a collaborative table (leveraging membership, access to research, charitable status, etc.). It was suggested that the better NACY is able to focus its work, the easier it will be for the Board to communicate its messages to other stakeholders. This will require clear direction from Board members to help with the new communication plan Lisa M is working on with her student. Many members agreed that NACY's work is important – find that narrow point to start on and then expand.

Barb Willett and Myna Kota left 11:00.

Another opportunity was presented with regard to two new articles published in The Philanthropist. It was suggested that the content materials could be used as a base for discussion and members might be engaged through the NACY website. NACY needs to start having conversations with its members - the space is changing and the players are changing, how do we invite them to the table? Other papers that might be used are the Unified Voice papers, Children's Commission paper, Imagine Canada's resources. How does NACY create a discussion specific to the child and youth sector?

It was suggested that if this is a member driven organization, NACY must first poll its members to understand their needs, how they'd like to be informed, what they'd like to be engaged in and how they'd like to be engaged. It was further suggested that this be conducted using a 5 to 10 question survey and information be fed back to the Board for discussion.

Rachel & Raine left meeting 11.30.

Lisa M advised that she will work with Tara S to compile a one page document outlining the Board's discussion. She will send it to the Board early next week for review.

To conclude, remaining participants asked what NACY's role is when it comes to Canada's 150th? It was suggested that the Board members might consider how we celebrate, inform and bring together our membership.

9. Adjournment (11:38 EDT)

MOTION: To adjourn

Moved by Debra M., Carried