

The Indigenous Circle Chapter

This report covers the period of: November 2013 to April 2014

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Business:

1. Bill was pleased to announce that The Constitution and By-laws have been approved by the CCPA Board. He expressed appreciation to all who contributed to this important document. (As noted in the September 2013 minutes, the Constitution and Bylaws will need to be officially ratified at the Indigenous Circle Chapter AGM in May 2014).
2. The motion to approve the name change is recorded in the Sept. 23/13 Executive Meeting minutes. The CCPA Board approved the name change request from The Aboriginal Circle Chapter to The Indigenous Circle Chapter. The new name, The Indigenous Circle is acceptable for internal documents and workings of the Chapter. However, external workings and documents that involved the Chapter name, such as bank and other legal interactions must display the full name of The Indigenous Circle Chapter of the CCPA.

Naseeb was asked to post the announcement of new name on the website. Naseeb was commended for the work she has done to develop the website. She credited and thanked Natasha for forwarding a number of excellent articles which are posted on the website.

3. Financial Report- The Indigenous Circle Chapter account is now established with 3 Executive as signatories. The current balance is \$6421.92 at RBC.
4. Indigenous Director position- Barbara Mac Callum provided Bill and Margie with the following information regarding this Chapter's request of the CCPA Board for a national director position to represent the multi-cultural interests of the Indigenous Circle membership, including the needs of the local people with whom the membership works. Barb provided this response: Regarding the Aboriginal representative on the Board, we will have to wait until the current by-laws are approved by the membership. The final date to vote is October 14. Assuming that the by-laws pass then the process is as follows:
5. Student Bursary- now on website 2 awards for \$500.00

CCPA Indigenous Counselling and Psychotherapy Award- The Indigenous Circle provided input to the CCPA Awards Committee who has worked on the description and guidelines for this annual award. The Committee has submitted a proposal to be reviewed by the CCPA Executive before being presented for approval by the CCPA Board.

6. Preliminary discussion on the development of an Indigenous Circle logo- The following ideas came forward as considerations in creating a logo contest for Circle members to enter:

The logo should focus on national Indigenous practice.

The Mission Statement and Objectives of the Indigenous Circle Chapter as outlined in the Bylaws and Constitution would be provided to the members to assist in creating a representative logo.

Criteria would need to be chosen regarding the size of the logo entry.

Members would submit both a design and explanation as to what their represents.

Members may draw on others' artistic talents to design a logo entry which reflects the member's idea or concept. The Indigenous Circle Chapter would hold the copyright for the selected logo.

An officially framed logo could be presented to the member whose logo is chosen.

7. Outreach to members- ongoing

Aboriginal Circle/Chapter now known as the Indigenous Circle/Chapter

Constitution PASSED by CAPA Board. A great big Meegwetch to our dedicated, brilliant, committed Executive Council.

Website updates and new format

Held 11 teleconferences with the executive council
held 1 general t/c meeting for all members

Planned Activities: Webinar, supported National Aboriginal Day, National Suicide Prevention Day

Attended AGM Conference hosted circle AGM

Set up for 2014 Annual Conference and AGM

Attended 6 presidential Teleconferences

Discussing ways to promote, connect and enhance Aboriginal Counsellors Students, and Psychotherapists and culturally appropriate healing methods

Other

Enhancing traditional, natural community healers and para-professional community Counsellors.