

2015 AGM of the Indigenous Circle Chapter of the CCPA

May 20, 2015 Niagara Falls, ON

Call to Order-Andrea Currie at 4:45 pm

Agenda Item 1: Opening Prayer-Bill Thomas

Members and Guests Present: Phil Davis (Elder)

Natasha Caverley (CCPA President Elect/ President as of May 21/15); Andrea Currie (ICC President)*; Millie Goulet; Naseeb Marcil (ICC Ex. Website Manager)*; Glen McCabe; Joyce Milligan; Deva Little Mustache Gordon; Mary Lukes; Louise Ostiguy; Laurie Paul; Lloyd Robertson; Bill Thomas (CCPA Indigenous Director and Board-ICC Co-Liaison /Past President ICC)*; Jamie Warren; Margaret Cain (Board-ICC Co-Liaison)*

Regrets: (One member tried to attend remotely but was unable to due to technical problems)

*ICC Executive Members not present at the meeting: Jonas Breuhan (Member at Large); Jackie Le Blanc (Treasurer); Kary-L Littlechild (Member at Large) John Manning (Secretary)

Agenda Items 2-3-4:

ICC President Andrea warmly welcomed all and verified that all were agreeable to a change in the order of agenda items to allow Natasha Caverley to exit the meeting early for CCPA Board obligations. Andrea introduced the four ICC Executive members present and named the four ICC Executive members who were unable to attend. (See * by names above)

Agenda item 5: FNESS Pilot Initiative

Natasha Caverley responded to questions the ICC Executive raised regarding First Nations' Emergency Services Society (FNESS) critical stress management (CISM) pilot initiative). (Members in attendance were provided with a copy of a May 5/15 email which Andrea received from Natasha summarizing the FNESS CISM pilot initiative). Natasha noted that FNESS has been involved in emergency services in Canada since 1969 with over two hundred First Nations communities. Their lead crisis responder, Dave McAulay, of the Okanagan Indian Band, has decades of experience providing critical incident stress management through a contractual relationship with the BC Health Authority. The idea has arisen that CCPA could collaborate with FNESS by training CCPA members to respond to critical incidents in BC and Yukon. If there is support for this concept, a survey would be distributed to CCPA BC –Yukon members to gauge their interest in pursuing this initiative. Natasha welcomed comments and questions: Laurie Paul expressed support for the wonderful concept and noted that SK is looking at community response to traumatic events. Naseeb Marcil asked if training would be provided to practitioners beyond Nicola Valley, a BC institute which intends to include the training in its curriculum. She noted that there is a gap in this service in northern areas. Natasha affirmed that there is much support for FNESS in several BC sectors and that the hope would be to share the

pilot experience beyond BC/Yukon. She added that the BC Health Authority has released a guidebook recognizing the services of CCPA members.

Motion: It was moved by Nasseb Marcil and seconded by Mary Lukes that the ICC work with the CCPA Board of Directors and National Office staff on the FNESS Pilot Initiative moving to the next step. Passed Unanimously.

Agenda Item 6: Approval of the 2014 AGM Minutes

Copies of the Minutes of the May 7, 2014 Indigenous Circle Chapter AGM held in Victoria, BC were provided to all and have been available on the Circle website. Motion: It was moved by Bill Thomas that the 2014 AGM minutes be accepted as presented. Seconded by Margie Cain.

Agenda Item 7: President's Report

The Indigenous Circle Chapter of CCPA Annual Report was presented by President Andrea Currie. Hard copies were provided to all members present. All members will be able to read the report on the website. Andrea reviewed the highlights of the work of the ICC over the past year providing information on: the growth of the Circle Chapter to 148 members; the attendance of 29 delegates at the Sharing Circle session earlier in the day; the awarding of one of the two possible student scholarships to Mariah St Germain (Masters of Arts in Creative Therapies-Concordia University); the logo contest and selection of an ICC logo now printed on our brochure (Bill commented further); the process that has led to the creation of a new ICC brochure, a copy of which members were invited to take with them; the ICC webpage (Naseeb commented further); the CCPA Research Task Group which Executive members Jonas and Andrea are participating in on behalf of ICC (Andrea noted that she was addressing Agenda Item 11 as she spoke of the work of the Research Task Force); FNESS and MFHA (Mental Health First Aid) Projects; the plans that were undertaken to ensure a welcoming and warm presence for Indigenous delegates at the Niagara 2015 Conference (Indigenous Gathering Space/Sharing Circle/ All Nations Drum Circle/ AGM and arrangements for members to join via teleconference/ and outreach to local Six Nations and Metis communities); approval of an early May 2015 motion which allowed ICC Executive members to request financial assistance to enable their presence at the ICC AGM ; the offering of a handcrafted dream catcher as a gift to the National office Staff on Administrative Professionals Day; and the hope to provide two opportunities in the coming year for all members to join in an open ICC teleconference meeting.

Andrea welcomed questions or comments on her report. Deva raised the challenge of attending the Sharing Circle as it was held at the same time as an autism session which pertained to her daily work. Mary asked if the Sharing Circle could possibly be held during a conference lunch block. Elder Phil noted that a debriefing is helpful following a Justice Diversion Circle and wondered if that process could follow the conference Sharing Circle. Andrea acknowledged that all comments were appreciated and would be noted. Motion: Mary Lukes moved that the President's Report be accepted as presented and Bill Thomas seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Agenda Item 8: Financial Report

Andrea presented the financial statement dated April 20, 2015 as prepared by Treasurer Jackie LeBlanc. The statement included with these minutes shows the various expenses /debts and credits that have been recorded over the year leaving a balance of \$6,819.31. Clarification was requested as to what was meant by Conference Expenses (August and January letters) \$250. Some possible explanations were offered but Andrea offered to obtain details. Incoming CCPA President Natasha Caverley stated that CCPA would be happy to write a congratulatory letter to the logo design contest winner. Appreciation was expressed to Jackie for her dedicated and competent work as Treasurer for the past year. She has stepped down due to relocation to NWT for work purposes. Motion: Moved by Deva Little Mustache and seconded by Mary Lukes that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 9: Website Co-ordinator's Report

ICC Executive member Naseeb Marcil spoke about the range of information that members will find on the website including: our Mission Statement and Constitution and Bylaws; resources such as listings of universities and colleges, job postings, news items and opportunities for all members including students maps of communities, and Executive members names, bios and AGM minutes. Andrea as President welcomed members' ideas for information items which she will review and then pass on to Naseeb for posting. Naseeb welcomed members' feedback. Deva asked if members could post an article related to their work. Andrea and Naseeb both expressed support for expanding the website to include Deva's suggestion. Motion: Margie Cain moved that Naseeb's report be accepted and Glenn McCabe seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Agenda Item 10: Indigenous Director's Report:

Bill Thomas reported that he had sent a letter to the full CCPA membership to request participation in a survey related to Indigenous counselling and psychotherapy. He attended many teleconferences and face to face meetings including one with MP Shelley Glover. He was a spokesperson for Suicide Prevention Day which is a growing event. He nominated Naseeb Marcil as Indigenous Ambassador with the CCPA Ambassador program; assumed many duties as Board Co-Liaison on the ICC executive; and is working with Karina from National Office on a poster campaign to recruit ICC members. Bill mentioned that there are regional and chapter support funds that can be accessed to build the Circle Chapter. He hopes to develop a newsletter and is seeking people who like to blog. Andrea mentioned that CCPA has a Forum that may be accessed by members for discussion.

Agenda Item 11: Research Task Report

During her President's Report, Andrea spoke about the CCPA Research Task Group which two members of the Indigenous Circle Chapter were invited to join. Their task is to draft a position paper to guide the association in situations where human rights and ethical practices seem to conflict. Her name and Jonas Breuhan's were randomly selected from four ICC Executive names interested in the Task Group work. Four sub-committees of the task group have been working towards a draft report to submit to the CCPA Board for the fall 2015.

Agenda Item 12: Elections of ICC Executive members

Andrea presented the nomination slate. The members remaining on the Executive for 2015-16 are: Andrea Currie-President; John Manning –Secretary; Naseeb Marcil-Website Coordinator; Kary L Littlechild and Jonas Breuhan- Members at Large; and Bill Thomas Board Liaison and National Indigenous Director. Andrea stated that the Treasurer position and two Member at Large positions were open and she explained the related duties. Andrea called three times for nominations for Treasurer. Upon the third call for nominations, Margaret (Margie) Cain offered to serve as Treasurer to complete the second year of Jackie’s term. She was acclaimed as Treasurer. Andrea called three times for nominations for the Member at Large positions. Jamie Warren and Deva Little Mustache Gordon were acclaimed as Members at large.

Agenda Item 13: New Business

Andrea expressed hopes for improved communication and engagement with ICC members. She expressed regret that the phone connection put in place and kept open throughout the meeting had not allowed the one member to join the AGM today. Phil Davis asked if virtual healing for counsellors might be posted on the website. This was acknowledged as an idea to consider. Glen Mc Cabe suggested that a process be put in place to a review articles to be posted. Andrea noted that this could be a project itself and asked Glen if he would have an interest in doing this. He agreed that he would use both his academic and community perspectives to review submissions.

Andrea encouraged members to respond to the call for proposals for the combined 2016 CCPA and ACA March 30-31 Pre-Conference and April 1-3 Conference in Montreal. As this is a larger conference, there is an earlier deadline for submissions, May 30/15.

Andrea mentioned two amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws that she will propose for the 2016 AGM: Firstly, that a President Elect position be added to the Executive roster, as well as additional clarifying details to help members know the duties/responsibilities that go with each Executive position. Secondly, that a Friends of the Circle be created to allow community practitioners to participate in our Circle network.

Motion for Adjournment: (6:10 pm) Moved by Jamie Warren.

Recorded and Respectfully Submitted by Margaret (Margie) Cain