

Attendees:

Susan Morrissey, Executive Director
Chloe Heiland-Booth, Recording Secretary
Vanessa Zembal, Board Director, Chair
Chari Bennie, Board Director, VP Finance & Audit, Treasurer

Bill Howe, Board Director, VP Membership & Engagement
Paula Kirman, Board Director
Denise Kirke, Board Director
Money Mehta, Board Director

Regrets:

Archana Chandry, Board Director
Sadia Sameeullah, Board Director
Katherine Weaver, Board Director, VP Policy & Governance

Guests:

Mohammed Alghamdy, Board Intern
Jingyi He, Practicum Student

1.0 Welcome

Vanessa Zembal is chairing the meeting

The committee of the whole is called to order at 6:11 pm

2.0 Consent Agenda & Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Paula Kirman, seconded by Bill Howe, to accept the agenda for October 11, 2022, with the following changes

CHANGES: Add the EDI committee to the agenda, board recruitment, and student introductions

MOTION: CARRIED.

MOTION: Moved by Denise Kirk, seconded by Bill Howe, to accept the minutes for September 13, 2022, as is

MOTION: CARRIED.

3.0 Student Introductions

Both Mohammed Alghamdy and Jingyi He introduced themselves

4.0 Executive Director's Monthly Operations Report

ED reported on September 2022 operations, explaining the operations report, and sharing updates on projects

QUESTION: About the age-friendly report – are there analogous toolkits for other populations?

ANSWER: This toolkit is broad-based, covering various groups. It covers seniors but various groups of seniors.

QUESTION: What kind of connections and opportunities come from the RECOVER project?

ANSWER: They came to us based on the social well-being tracker, we are in a learning partnership with RECOVER, working towards a better set of descriptors and social proxies based on what Edmonton looks like in the area of social engagement.

ED brought forward information on a potential fundraising opportunity from the Oilers Foundation, and a discussion followed regarding the opinion of the board and the opportunities this could provide

QUESTION: What were the thoughts previously against the idea?

ANSWER: Board member agreed that it could be seen in that way, but it was also recognized that we currently do a casino every two years.

A discussion followed on office updates, looking at the options with our broker and the importance of accessibility of the office

QUESTION: In addition to elevator accessibility, what other accessibility what taken into consideration?

ANSWER: We looked at transit accessibility, increased security, and being in the downtown area

One board member indicated that having greater accessibility via an elevator may mean that our hiring and volunteer base option could increase.

ED discussed the United Way campaign and our fundraising events inviting board members to also contribute to our campaign by either donating funds, baking and or purchasing baked goods and contributing to our bottle drive. More information to follow.

5.0 Committee Reports

5.1 EDI Committee

Bill Howe discussed his role with EDI and the board committees – providing insight to specific concerns and seeing where EDI can fit into the committees

QUESTION: How long do we have the consultants for?

ANSWER: Till the end of the calendar year

6.0 General Discussion

Solidify Board Position Confirmations:

- Money Mehta will be on the Finance Committee
- Denise Kirk will be on the Governance and Membership Committees

A discussion was held on what the membership committee will be working on this term and their role

Board Recruitment:

- Vanessa discussed Sadia Sameeullah’s resignation from the Board
- Discussion on board recruitment, what could be done, and the need for more board members
- Vanessa will be the point person for board recruitment
- **ACTION:** Susan and Chloe will start advertising for board members

Finances:

- New bookkeeper started last week and will be taking over after the 18th of October
- By the November meeting, ED will have some quarterly reports and a draft budget

Meeting Adjourned:

MOTION: Moved by Denise Kirk, seconded by Bill Howe for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:40 pm.

MOTION: CARRIED

Next Meetings

November 8, 2022

December 13, 2022

January 10, 2023

February 14, 2023

March 14, 2023

April 11, 2023

May 9, 2023

AGM (TBD)

June 13, 2023