

WAVLI BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Douglas College, New Westminster, Room S4650

7.00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Attendees: Brenda Carmichael, Tyler Churchman, Sara MacFayden, Tina Millar, Sarah Pineo, Shelley Williams, Silas Woodsmith, Vicki Yee, Sarah Zelitt

Members: Jessica Siegers

Student Members: Joey Baumgartel, Samara Ferguson, Vanessa Urbantke, Patty Viens

Regrets: Suzie Giroux, Julia Menzies, Melanie Valencia

1.CALL TO ORDER

Time 7:06pm

2.APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved: Sarah Zelitt

Motion: CARRIED

3.HOUSEKEEPING

Motion to limit discussions to 10 minutes

Moved: Shelley Williams

Motion: CARRIED

Silas will keep time.

4.APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2018 MINUTES

Moved: Sara MacFayden

Motion: CARRIED

5.DIRECTOR REPORTS

5.1.President – Report attached

5.2.Vice President – No report

5.3.Secretary – Report attached

5.4.Treasurer – Report attached

5.5.Member-at-Large – Report attached

6.COMMITTEE AND EX OFFICIO REPORTS

- 6.1.Past President – Report attached
- 6.2.Membership – No report
- 6.3.Professional Development – Report attached
- 6.4.Professional Standards – Report attached
- 6.5.Public Relations – Report attached
- 6.6.Technology Committee – Report attached

Motion to accept reports

Moved: Shelley

Motion: CARRIED

Motion to open Old Business

Moved: Sarah Zelitt

Motion: CARRIED

7.OLD BUSINESS

7.1 ACTION ITEM: Vice President will contact the Policies and Procedures Committee chair to discuss the development of a policy about booking interpreters for workshops. **IN PROGRESS**

7.2 ACTION ITEM: The Secretary will establish a list of bylaw edits needed, to be updated as required. **COMPLETE**

7.3 ACTION ITEM: The Treasurer will prepare a budget for a PR tour of BC for presentation at the 2018 Spring AGM. **COMPLETE**

7.4 ACTION ITEM: The Vice President will tell the Professional Standards chair to go ahead and post WAVLI Standards, Complaints and Disciplines: SUMMARY, to the WAVLI website. **COMPLETE**

7.5 ACTION ITEM: The Vice President will send the document, Hiring Qualified Interpreters to Provide Service to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Child in Your District, to the board for review and feedback and then send the resulting feedback to the Professional Standards chair. **COMPLETE**

7.6 ACTION ITEM: The President will email to approve of the fundraiser, with reminder to get the appropriate license required depending on the format of the draw. **COMPLETE**

7.7 ACTION ITEM: The Technology chair will research other provincial chapters' and AVLIC's Members Only pages and report back at the next Board meeting. **IN PROGRESS**

7.8 ACTION ITEM: The Technology chair will change the font on the WAVLI website.
COMPLETE

Motion to close Old Business

Moved: Sarah Zelitt

Motion: CARRIED

Motion to open New Business

Moved: Sarah Zelitt

Motion: CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Professional Development proposal

Jessica Siegers

Jessica Siegers gave a summary of the proposal previously sent to the Board for review. The goal is to have provide a training for interpreting mentors and then have those trained mentors follow a supervisory model to provide mentorship to other interpreters. The current proposal would provide training to 15 interpreters, who would then supervise 75 other interpreters. This could be provided through WAVLI's Professional Development committee, although there is a potential partnership option with Douglas College.

There is a lot of support for this proposal from the Board. The Treasurer has sent concerns asking Jessica to present a more in depth analysis on the financial aspect of the proposal and to provide multiple potential scenarios and the associated costs. The Board has concerns about whether the scope of the project is realistic. Also, the Board expressed concern about the multiple mentorship projects offered in the past that have dissolved and how this proposal will avoid the same result.

Motion to add 10 minutes to the discussion

Moved: Sara MacFayden

Motion: CARRIED

The Board is in support of the concept of this professional development opportunity, but has concerns about the scale and needs more financial data before it can proceed. Jessica Siegers will propose a smaller pilot, providing the corresponding financial information, and resubmit to the Board who looks forward to reviewing the new proposal.

8.2 GM time/day change suggestion

Tyler Churchman

A WAVLI member brought forward a suggestion that perhaps the WAVLI GMs could be moved to a weekday evening instead of taking place on Saturdays as some members are not available on weekends.

The Board discussed this and emphasized that members can be involved at any time which includes attending Board meetings which do take place on weekday evenings. As well, island members would not be able come for a weekday evening GM, and the majority of interpreters appear to be more available on weekends. The Board will continue to host GMs on Saturdays.

8.3 Equipment for Technology Committee

Tyler Churchman

The Technology committee member who livestreams meetings and workshops has been borrowing the equipment for this for many years. This is very inconvenient as the technology is often different each time it is borrowed and this takes time for the Technology committee member to learn and set up. When the items are borrowed from the Douglas College library this means that it cannot be borrowed until the library opens, which is often the same time as the meeting/workshop starts resulting in a late start for participants. WAVLI has the funds currently to purchase a camera and the associated equipment at this time and the funds can come from the Miscellaneous and Website budget line items. The Board supports this purchase.

ACTION ITEM: The Secretary will email the Technology Committee chair to request a budget for equipment to be sent to and reviewed by the Board.

8.4 Resolution for AVLIC 2018 sponsorship request

Tyler Churchman

Whereas WAVLI has received a request to make a donation to the AVLIC 2018 Conference in Niagara Falls.

Be it resolved that WAVLI donate \$500.00 to the AVLIC 2018 Conference

Moved: Tyler Churchman

Motion: CARRIED

ACTION ITEM: The President will follow up to arrange this donation.

8.5 CASLI 2020 Fundraising Committee

Tyler Churchman

Whereas the CASLI (AVLIC) 2020 Conference will be held in Vancouver. Whereas WAVLI Members are involved in the planning of the conference.

Be it resolved that:

- 1) WAVLI strike the CASLI 2020 Fundraising Committee as an Operational Committee to fundraise before the conference and donate all proceeds to the Conference Planning Committee.
- 2) Taylor Bouwmeester be appointed as Chair and Caroline Tetreault and Tinsel Uy be appointed as members of the CASLI 2020 Fundraising Committee.

- 3) The CASLI 2020 Fundraising Committee will disband at the end of the CASLI 2020 Conference in Vancouver.

Moved: Tyler Churchman

Motion: CARRIED

8.6 Resolution for new Public Relations chair

Sarah Pineo

Whereas Sarah Williams (now Pineo) is stepping down from her current role as Public Relations Committee Chair, be it resolved that Tina Millar be appointed to the position of Public Relations Committee Chair effective immediately and for a term of two years.

Rationale: Tina has great ideas for furthering WAVLI's public interaction. She has drive, commitment, and a fantastic attitude that will help her thrive in this position.

Moved: Tyler Churchman

Motion: CARRIED

8.7 Roles of the Affiliate Chapters

Tyler Churchman

The President brought forward a discussion item regarding the structure of AVLIC and its Affiliate Chapters (AC). The current structure is such that AVLIC is primary body and the AC's work under them. This structure made more sense when we were a significantly smaller number of interpreters. Members currently pay \$450 in fees, with \$350 going to AVLIC and \$100 going to WAVLI. There is some thought that this should be reversed, allowing WAVLI to use those funds to better serve our members. Other professions generally use this structure, for example nurses. AVLIC could continue to function as more of an advisory body. Provincial laws, local interpreting issues, etc, are different and as we get bigger we no longer need the power to come from AVLIC anymore, it can originate in the chapters themselves. The MAL is concerned that AVLIC is doing work on a federal level that we might not be able to take on at this time and we should perhaps wait until the issues they are currently working on are resolved. The VP points out that if there was to be a change that it would be very slow but supports this discussion regarding the roles of the national association vs provincial association. The President states that the provinces are best equipped to handle provincial issues and that complaints are best handled locally. The MAL mentions that AVLIC should be working on federal projects and the President explains that only some of ACLIV's responsibilities would be reassigned to the chapters.

With the Board's support, the President will bring forward this discussion to the Affiliate Chapter's Presidents meeting in Niagara Falls.

8.8 Resolution for new Public Standards Committee chairs

Tyler Churchman

Whereas Mary Butterfield has submitted her resignation to the WAVLI Board, be it resolved that Miriam West and Barb Mykle-Hotzon be appointed as co-chairs of the Professional Standards committee effective immediately and for a term of two years.

Moved: Tyler Churchman
Motion: CARRIED

Motion to close New Business

Moved: Sarah Zelitt
Motion: CARRIED

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn

Moved: Shelley Williams
Motion: CARRIED

Time: 8:06pm