

# BCASLPA Minutes of Provincial Council Meeting

May 5, 2015  
19:00 - 20:30  
teleconference

P – Present    A – Absent    R – Regrets    G – Guest    V – Vacant Position

<b>P</b>	Julia Hodder, President	<b>P</b>	Sherri Zelazny, Advocacy Councillor	<b>A</b>	James Burden, GVRD Area Representative
<b>P</b>	Nathan Hoffart, Vice-President	<b>P</b>	Liz Zischka, SLP Public Councillor	<b>P</b>	Meara Brown, Fraser Valley Area Representative
<b>P</b>	Brent Clayson, Past President	<b>P</b>	Camille Traverse, SLP Private Councillor	<b>P</b>	Adele Minto, Kootenay Area Representative
<b>P</b>	Kate Wishart, Treasurer		VACANT, AUD Public Councillor		
<b>P</b>	Kevin Frew, Secretary	<b>A</b>	Ryan Kalef AUD Private Councillor	<b>R</b>	Suzanne Harwood, Vancouver/Gulf Islands Area Representative
<b>P</b>	Janet Campbell, Executive Assistant	<b>P</b>	Kate Chase, Member Services Councillor	<b>R</b>	Janine Lebeter, Northern Area Representative, Area Reprs Councillor
<b>A</b>	Graham Raynor, UBC Student Representative (Aud)	<b>P</b>	Gillian Grevstad, SLP School Affairs	<b>R</b>	Michelle Bunney, Thompson/Okanagan Area Representative
<b>A</b>	Michael Witten, UBC Student Representative (SLP)				

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>1. CALL TO ORDER</b>	Quorum reached	<b>Meeting called to order at 19:07.</b>
<b>2. OPENING REMARKS</b>	Nathan called meeting to order.	
<b>3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	Additions: 1. Operational - SAC Focus Group (Kevin) 2. Operational - Request from Preschool Council re: fluid surveys (Liz) 3. Member Services - SAC Focus Group (Kevin) 4. Scope of Practice Meeting (Kate) 5. Advocacy – UBC Awards (Janet)	<b>Liz motioned to approve. Kate W seconded. Carried.</b>

<b>4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING</b>		<b>Kate W motioned to approve. Camille seconded. Carried.</b>
<b>5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA</b>	a) President's Report b) Advocacy Chair Report c) Fraser Valley Area Rep Report d) Northern Area Rep Report e) Treasurer's Report	<b>Sherri motioned to approve. Kate W seconded. Carried.</b>

<p><b>6. OPERATIONAL</b></p>	<p><b>a) Strategic Plan Update</b></p> <p>Julia discussed updated action items / timelines in document posted to Google Docs and reminded Council members of areas to complete and update.</p> <p><b>b) Update to Policy 3.2</b></p> <p>Council reviewed changes to policy as discussed in last meeting.</p> <p><b>c) Updated May Month Funds Policy</b></p> <p>Council members who wish further revisions to policy to contact Janine directly. May require email vote to adopt.</p> <p><b>d) SAC Focus Group</b></p> <p>Kevin relayed concern from BCASLPA member re: being unable to ask either SAC or BCASLPA a question via telephone due to SAC's Eastern service hours and BCASLPA office being unavailable after 14:30. Council members discussed poor awareness amongst membership of limited BCASLPA staffing and activities. Council noted hours of office staffing are listed on website but not on voicemail.</p> <p>Kevin also relayed concerns from Audiologists in attendance re: perceived lack of action on issues related to members and College regulation of audiologists and hearing instrument practitioners. Council members suggested filling both Public and Private Audiologist Councillor positions with private audiologists as needed to ensure ongoing representation.</p> <p><b>e) Request from Preschool Council</b></p> <p>Liz noted Preschool Council has been struggling with goals and mission. Council is looking to survey membership and requested to access BCASLPA's Fluid Surveys account to do so. PC members noted this may be a good way to engage this section of membership and develop better connection with the Preschool Council's activities. PC in agreement to assist group with administration of survey.</p>	<p><b>Kevin</b></p> <p><b>Liz motioned to accept changes pending legal review. Kate W seconds. Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Janet to add office hours to voicemail message.</b></p> <p><b>Kevin to discuss member concerns and recruitment ideas with Brent and Ryan.</b></p> <p><b>Liz to liaise with Janet and Preschool Council re: survey logistics.</b></p>
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**7. MEMBER SERVICES**

**a) Awards e-blast**

Julia discussed need to solicit nominations. Julia will liaise with Janet re: sending out e-blast.

**b) Clinical Research Grant**

Possibility of beginning to offer research grant discussed. Council members raised concerns re: amount of administration required. Kate C noted better use may be to give funds to UBC to provide directly to students (tied to research projects) in order to lessen burden on BCASLPA.

## 8. ADVOCACY

### a) May Month Update

Sherri gave Council an overview of activities, including:

- 17 library exhibit booths staffed by volunteers from membership
- 6 organizations participating in postcard campaign
- Hearing posters paid advertising on facebook
- Blog from Lois Turner re: Communication Access Now initiative

She encouraged Council to tweet and retweet using #maymonth #speechearing.

### b) Consultation process with members re: MoH and MoE policy documents

### c) Meeting with Assistant Deputy Health Minister

Julia discussed opportunity to influence planning and decision making. She solicited ideas from Council on how we can engage members in the process.

### d) Ministry of Education Policy Review Special Education

Nathan noted involvement through his role in school district, but also stated desire to participate more broadly as BCASLPA representative.

### e) HSA

Julia reported brief discussion with President (Val Avery) re: topics of import to SLP. She noted she will pass suggestions on to VP re: best types of sessions to attend next year as ongoing engagement important.

Sherri noted engagement limited at booth but able to provide info re: SLP services to non-SLP union members and received feedback re: May Month resources from some SLPs.

### f) UBC Awards

Janet noted UBC requested clarification of whether increased funding for student awards was for the current academic year or next. Council agreed budget available to initiate this academic year.

**PC to contact Julia directly with suggestions.**

**Nathan will provide ongoing updates to PC as necessary.**

**Janet to liaise with UBC Development office re: changes.**

<b>9. PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES</b>	<b>a) Conference Update</b>  Janet and Liz noted speakers are all confirmed and a sneak peek at the presenters email was sent to members and exhibitors.  <b>b) Conference Webpage Development Update</b>  Council provided positive feedback re: clean, integrated look of new conference webpage.	
<b>10. OTHER BUSINESS</b>	<b>Next Meeting June 2, 2015 at 7:00pm</b>	
<b>11. ADJOURNMENT</b>	<b>Kevin motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:35pm. Nathan seconded. Carried.</b>	