



Speech and Hearing BC

**Provincial Council Meeting**

**Date:** September 13, 2022  
**Time:** 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
**Location:** Virtual

**Zoom Link:** [Click Link](#)

**PC Members**

Becca Yu, President P R Staci Cooper, Past-President P Megan MacKay, Treasurer P Pat Blundon, Secretary P Janet Campbell, Opns Mgr P Sarah Dhooge, Dir. Public Ed A Gina McCarty, Dir. Prof Ed P R	Amanda Locke, Director PP SLP P R Chelsey Chichak, Dir. Early Int'n P R Sarah Jane Garland, Dir. SLP Adult P R Sarah Dowling, Dir. Schools P R Vacant, Dir. Social Media Heather Ritchie, Dir., AUD Private P R Janine Sigurdson Dir., AUD Public P R	Elysia Saundry, GVRD Rep P R Sheena Kirkland, FValley Rep P R Kristal Bodaly, Kootenays Rep P R Kimberley Seabrook, North Rep P R Nadine Fort, Thompson/Ok P R Sharon Goodman, Islands Rep R Student Reps: Ellie Fedec, P; Mackenzie Lee
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**Preparation for Meeting**

**Please Read:** Speech and Hearing BC Minutes June 14, 2022  
PC Reports

**Project Action Items from Previous Meeting**

Topic	Action	Lead
Draft National Survey	Heather to send to PCA Members for review	Becca, Janet, Heather

**Open Meeting**

I	Open Meeting
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Becca Yu called meeting to order at: 7:04
<b>2. Welcome/Intro from the Chair &amp; Land Acknowledgement</b>	PC acknowledges the land and people on whose territories we are meeting from today.
<b>3. Approval of Agenda: Additions to Agenda?</b>	<b>Add:</b> Adult services petition; MLA lunch Nov 2; help with conference moderating; community outreach fund/budget discussion about excess funds

	Becca motioned; Chelsea seconded; Motion carried
<b>4. Approval of Minutes</b>	Minutes of June 14, 2022. Pat motioned; Megan seconded; Motion carried
<b>5. Approval of Consent Agenda?</b>	Becca motioned; Megan seconded; Motion carried
	<b>PC Reports Submitted:</b> Read reports on PC Member Section
	<b>2022 Financial Statements</b>

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<b>6. Project/Action Items Review</b>	Review outstanding project items	Heather	Info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft National Survey: Link sent out. Heather still waiting to hear from a few people. So far feedback has been positive. It should be ready by the next meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heather will remind folks she is waiting for their response at the next PCA meeting in less than a month.</li> </ul>
<b>7. Operational</b>	a) Update on Candidates for Board Positions	Becca		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Candidates are filled. Chelsey to take over VP</li> <li>There is a one-year vacancy for Director of Early Intervention. Because it is a one-year vacancy, PC can appoint someone.</li> <li>Staci will take over Pat's secretarial job for next year. Pat will assume Staci's role in Equity and Diversity and get more involved in the Indigenous working group</li> <li>Discussion about formalizing Pam Waterhouse's role</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chelsey will ask current EI committee members if they are interested.</li> <li>Staci will orient Pat to EDI</li> <li>Amanda will invite those interested in PP to join the committee</li> </ul>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There will not be elections. Members who expressed interest in positions where another candidate had already expressed interest decided that didn't want to participate in an election. Rather, they indicated that they might offer at another time. Janet will keep their name on file.</li> </ul>	
	b) Director, Social Media –	Becca		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Becca has a lead on a possible appointment for the one-year term as director of social media.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Becca will follow-up with potential leads.</li> </ul>
	c) Call for SHBC Awards –	Janet		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A call for nominations went out in June Vibrations. No nominations received. EC discussed and thought we should leave it until next year. Suggest that we don't confer awards at virtual conferences.</li> </ul>	
	d) Invitation to Focus Group at UBC on Inclusive Study in Professions – see invite below agenda.	Janet			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pat will get back to Janet once she's had a chance to read more thoroughly. Others are invited to respond as well</li> </ul>
	e) Office is moving into office across hall (#410) with Social Work Association as Physios taking over whole office space at #402 (the 3 associations have been sharing office space for ~18 years)	Janet		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PT will be taking all the current space. SHBC will be moving to PT's 410 space in December with Social Work.</li> </ul>	

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	f) June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022 Financial Statements	Megan Janet	Ideas by email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We've been accumulating a profit. As a nonprofit organization, we shouldn't be accumulating a surplus. We average about \$20,000 each year of positive cash flow.</li> <li>• We've been trying to spend our surplus</li> <li>• EC wondered if we could create a fund for members, such as bursaries, granting money for research, the creation of resources, community outreach, pro bono community activities such as communication camps, etc. This would be a pilot to see if this grant is sustainable for the long term.</li> <li>• A request would be submitted, and a committee would decide who would receive the grant.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members are asked to think about this pilot project and other ways to spend the money to support members and the community. They should submit their ideas via email</li> <li>• This potential project will be reviewed at the next meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>c) Public Education</b>	a) Advocacy Initiatives Update	Becca S.Dhooge	Info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quiet over summer.</li> </ul>	
	b) February 11, 2023, 2 Day Wellness Fair – do we want to participate? Table is \$640	S.Dhooge		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We've participated twice in the past. There are usually 2 – 3 volunteers at a time. Janet usually doesn't have trouble getting volunteers who get a free ticket to the fair. We give away things like speech and language milestones; coffee cups; etc. Sarah expressed interest in attending.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SHBC will participate</li> <li>• Becca suggested that we offer a brief orientation (by Zoom) for volunteers.</li> <li>• Sarah Dhooge expressed interest via email in participating</li> </ul>

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Janet to send out a request for volunteers</li> </ul>
<b>d) Professional Advocacy</b>	a) MLA meet and greet lunch in Victoria, November 2, 2022 b) MCFD Family Connections Centres Update	Becca Amanda		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chelsey and Becca will attend.</li> <li>Quiet because of summer. Becca met with a group of OTs and PTs. This group was under the impression that SLPs, OTs, and PTs were not being represented in discussion with government. Becca clarified. In the interior, there is a rumour of a soft opening of a FCC in November, with grand opening in February. But there has been no official announcement yet and no one knows the location.</li> </ul>	
	c) Pediatric Dysphagia Advocacy (email from member re advocating for SLPs within Children’s Hospital – have 30 OTs but no SLPs.)	Becca		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter from SLP in Victoria (previously from Alberta) wondering why pediatric dysphasia appears to be dominated by OT in BC. Pat shared that this has been the case in Vancouver for many years. This was not the case in Victoria when Pat worked on this clinic. SLPs and OTs worked on a team with Dietician and the senior was a SLP. Sarah Jane shared that pediatric swallowing assessments are carried out by SLP at Kelowna General Hospital.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sarah Jane/Becca will connect Victoria SLP with KGH SLP and suggest that they form a committee to address this issue.</li> </ul>
	Adult Services Petition	Sarah Jane G		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adult committee created a petition to be potentially circulated on change.org</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Janet and Becca will check with</li> </ul>

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				<p>to other health professionals to advocate for SLPs in Long Term Care. There will also be a survey participants can fill out; the survey to inform us who is supporting this issue. Discussion about our role as a non-profit related to petition. There are rules around lobbying. If we aren't permitted to send out the petition, the content could be shared with other associations. Also, any individual could send out a petition.</p>	<p>IMPACT and lawyer regarding whether we can do this since we are a charity &amp; nonprofit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestion to include lawyer at the retreat in February.</li> </ul>
	Key Initiative - reviewed	Becca		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The finalized Key Initiatives were reviewed. Elysia asked why three points regarding Early Intervention are covered in separate sections instead of consolidated into one. Also, the Key Initiatives should include stats for adults.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After points have been rearranged, PC will be asked to vote electronically regarding their favorite format/design.</li> <li>• Sarah Jane will send along stats for adults</li> </ul>
<b>10. Professional Ed</b>	a) 2022 Conference Update – Virtual	Gina Nadine	Info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting took place last night. Speakers are set. Using Hopin for platform. 96 people registered.</li> <li>• Discussion about people who need a moderator and people to moderate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staci thinks she can help moderate on Friday</li> <li>• Amanda tentatively offered to moderate Sheila MacDonald</li> <li>• Janet to ask Pam Waterhouse to</li> </ul>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee has shareables; they went out to the membership in the broadcast email.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>post them on social media</li> </ul>
	b) 2023 Conference Update –	Janet		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contracted with the Delta Burnaby, as approved by the conference committee and EC. They were the only hotel offering room nights below \$200 in the Vancouver area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider booking for Victoria in 2025</li> </ul>
<b>11. Area Reps Update</b>	Update	Elysia		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved 75% of funding. Nadine and Kimberlee suggested that Area Reps should have representation on the conference committee to coordinate speakers. Discussion about the way the policy was written (see Elysia’s report). Policies are reviewed every 2 years by the board, but members can introduce policy changes at any time.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Janet will look at Elysia’s Area Reps report and let her know if PC needs anything different to change the policy</li> </ul>
<b>12. PCA</b>	Update	Heather	Info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee did not meet over summer. Next meeting in October, 2022</li> </ul>	
<b>14. Adjourn 8:22</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting: PC Orientation, Sunday, October 23 via Zoom Time: TBD</b></p> <p><b>Thank you, Sheena and Sharon and Pat, for your contribution to SHBC. Much appreciated!</b></p>				

Submitted by Pat Blundon, Secretary

**PC Candidates to the 2022 AGM**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Confirmed Y/N</b>	<b>Others Interested if Candidate Backs Out</b>
Vice-President	Chelsey Chichak	Y	
Treasurer	Megan	Y	
Director SLP Private Practice	Amanda Locke	Y	Arlene Sturn, Natasha Richards
Director AUD Private Practice	Heather Ritchie	Y	
Director Schools SLP	Sarah Dowling	Y	
Fraser Valley Area Rep	Jennifer Decock-Hewitt	Y	
Thompson/Okanagan Rep	Nadine Fort	Y	Bailey Sinclair
Vancouver Island/Gulf Islands Rep	Carla Willock	Y	





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**National Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) Project  
Strategies for increasing accessibility and equity in health and human service educational  
programs: national perspectives**

*\* Sent on behalf of Dr. Tal Jarus – for more information or to volunteer for the study, please  
email the team directly at [inclusive.campus@ubc.ca](mailto:inclusive.campus@ubc.ca) \**

Dear Member of Professional Body,

We would like to invite you to participate in a study that investigates the barriers and facilitators to the inclusion of students with disabilities in health and human service professional programs. In particular, we are interested in the accommodations of fieldwork settings in ten health and human service programs (**Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology, Dental Hygiene, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing** (including Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Nurses and Psychiatric Nurses), **Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Psychology** (including counselling, psychotherapy and psychoeducation), and **Social Work**). Our research project is titled, “Strategies for increasing accessibility and equity in health and human service educational programs: national perspectives”

As a member of a professional body for one of our targeted ten professions we would like to invite you to participate in our study. We invite you to take participate in a semi-structured interview or focus group. We have provided a consent form with details regarding your participation. If you agree to participate, please send a signed consent form to: [inclusive.campus@ubc.ca](mailto:inclusive.campus@ubc.ca)

Confidentiality will be strictly kept. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email us directly at: [inclusive.campus@ubc.ca](mailto:inclusive.campus@ubc.ca)

Thank you for your time and we look forward to hearing from you.

On behalf of the NFRF team,

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