



Speech and Hearing BC

Provincial Council Meeting	
Date: October 24, 2021	Zoom Link: Click Link
Time: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Meeting ID: 935 6568 2022
Location: Mt Currie North, Hilton Whistler & Virtual Zoom Meeting (Sarah Dowling, Sarah Jane Garland)	Passcode: 025656

PC Members		
Becca Yu, President P Staci Cooper, Past-President P Megan MacKay, Treasurer P Pat Blundon, Secretary P Janet Campbell, Opns Mgr P Sarah Dhooge, Dir. Public Ed P Gina McCarty, Dir. Prof Ed P	Amanda Locke, Director PP SLP P Chelsey Chichack, Dir. Early Int'n P Sara Jane Garland, Dir. SLP Adult P Sarah Dowling, Dir. Schools P Candice Boden, Dir. Social Media P Heather Ritchie, Dir, AUD Private P Janine Sigurdson, Dir, AUD Public P	Elysia Saundry, GVRD Rep P Sheena Kirkland, FValley Rep P Kristal Bodaly, Kootenays Rep P Kimberley Seabrook, North Rep P Nadine Fort, Thompson/Ok P Sharon Goodman, Islands Rep P Students:

Preparation for Meeting	
Please Read: Speech and Hearing BC Minutes	September 14, 2021

Project Action Items from Previous Meeting		
Topic	Action	Lead
Vibrations Readership Survey	Develop survey for members	Becca
Media/Communications Coordinator contract		Staci

I	Open Meeting
1. Call to Order	Becca Yu called meeting to order at: 8:50
2. Welcome/Intro from the Chair & Land Acknowledgement	PC acknowledges the land and people on whose territories we are meeting from today.
3. Approval of Agenda: Additions to Agenda?	Motion to approve: Megan/Elysia. Carried

4. Approval of Minutes	Minutes of September 14, 2021. Motion to approve: Staci. Seconded: Amanda. Carried
5. Approval of Consent Agenda?	None at this meeting.
	PC Reports Submitted: None required for this meeting.

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6. Orientation	a) Bylaws, Policies can be found on the website: https://speechandhearingbc.ca/professional/about/governance/bylaws/ b) PC Documents (agenda, minutes etc.) on Provincial Council Member Section Tab under "About Us" section on the website: https://speechandhearingbc.ca/professional/about/provincial-council-member-page/ Password: lamPC2021 c) Janet has a PC Manual and Rules of Order for new PC members	Becca	a) Members should look at link. b) Janet will provide an agenda a week prior to every meeting; minutes will be provided afterward. c) Janet passed out manuals	a & b). All members of PC
7. Project/Action Items Review	Review outstanding items	Becca/ Staci	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vibrations Readership survey. SHBC was going to create a survey to find out how members consume information to determine whether Vibrations should evolve or stay the same. • Media communications. Currently SHBC uses "Impact". Discussion about coordinating with SAC regarding public education and advocacy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becca and Janet to create survey • Becca will contact Dawn Wilson of SAC to find how SAC handles Media Communication.

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8. PC Meeting Dates	a) Teleconference Dates for next PC Meetings	Becca	PC Meeting Dates are: December 7, 2021, April 12, 2022 June 14, 2022 September 13, 2022 PC Meeting during conference October 21 – 23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAC 2022 Conference in Vancouver motivated decision to have SHBC’s meeting virtually next year. Committee will discuss if virtual will be an ongoing thing. • Members discussed the need to have improved technology for the purposes of communicating with PC members who are joining PC meetings virtually, e.g., microphone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Megan and Janet will look to see if SHBC can afford to have PC Council meeting in-person next October. • Janet to check into microphone purchase for our in-person meetings for those on PC who join virtually.
	b) Strategic Planning (Date)	Becca	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC members decided to meet in person in Vancouver at the Granville Island venue Friday, Feb 4 (evening)& Saturday, Feb 5 (all day). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janet will send out more information closer to the date
9. Operational	a) Set-up online payments from bank with signor to approve transaction	Megan / Janet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHBC now has online banking. Cheques are sent virtually, and Megan now approves virtually. E-transfer is operational. • Discussion about how to manage area funds for PD • Motion to add Becca as a signer: Staci/Amanda. Carried. • Motion to remove Sherri as a signer. Staci. Seconded: Chelsea. Carried. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Megan, Janet will discuss how to manage area PD funds potentially as online payments also.
10. Public Education	a) Advocacy initiatives update: Budget consultation presentations	Becca/ Staci	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHBC submitted a request to present to the BC Government Budget Consultation committee. Staci spoke in person in Kelowna re. 4 initiatives: School Aged 660-1 ratio; Early Intervention request for 250 more SLPs; review of hearing aid funding structure; Increase FTE in 	

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			<p>adult Long-Term Care; MLAs had a few Questions such as “if we budgeted that money, would there be enough SLPs?” Answer. “not currently”. Becca submitted as a private citizen in Richmond. She addressed 1) issues in Early Intervention, 2) Autism diagnosis, treatment, and waitlists, 3) At Home funding inequities when no diagnosis. MLA’s paid attention to Becca and referenced Staci. Janet Rutledge, head of Finance, said that they recognize the need, but there is no simple solution; solutions will take a lot of work, recruitment, and retention. MLAs asked for current waitlist for public services. Becca couldn’t give numbers, but since some families don’t even try, numbers aren’t accurate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah from PG reported that Speech will be next to be considered for UNBC. UBC Okanagan could be another site where programs could be expanded. Discussion about barriers to admission to UBC and other postsecondary programs, e.g., prerequisite courses and practicum placements available. Discussion about need to advocate for SHBC to meet with Minister of Advanced Education. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Dowling and Kimberley will check into the PT program at UNBC.
	b) Meeting with MoH, Indigenous Health Re letter from SHBC	Staci	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHBC wrote to M of Health and met with Nicole Cross re. SHBC’s stance regarding services to Indigenous people in BC. Ms. Cross agreed with the content of the letter and said SHBC can reach out to her in 2022 to get an update on where things are at. • There will be an announcement Oct 27, 2021, about changes to forthcoming funding for children in MCFD. 	<p>Becca: We will send out a broadcast email. Talk to your MLA. Janet, Becca suggests making a contact list. Janet will make it up with input from PC members. Shirley Meaning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becca and Amanda are drafting a press release and will send out a broadcast email articulating

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about creating a list of contacts at the Ministry 	SHBC's response to the announcement; Private Practitioners can contact Amanda with questions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janet will begin to create that list. Members who know contacts to send the names to Janet.
	c) Vernon Event – possible exhibiting opportunity		Heather mentioned an event we could participate in in Vernon with Jessica Niemela from the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association.	We could potentially find a member volunteer in Vernon and send up some advocacy materials.
9. PCA (adult)	Update	Sarah Jane	Reported that there have been no recent meetings of the Pan Canadian Alliance and so there are no new updates, except information on SAC's convention and initiatives regarding Long Term Care. The Pan Canadian Alliance is made up of members of SAC (e.g., Linda Ramage and Dawn Wilson) and representatives from each province. SAC and provinces share what they are doing and struggling with. Sarah Jane mentioned that members could ask her to gather information they would like from the other provinces. Discussion about coordinating SHBC's work with SAC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Jane was requested to inquire about the benefit package SAC was proposing and suggest that they reword the email they mailed out regarding this.
10. Professional Ed	a) 2021 Conference Debriefing	All	Members expressed that they thought the conference was great, with uplifting themes. Last minute speaker cancellations handled seamlessly. Discussion about the extra expense of this year's keynote was worth it. Some tips that were related to the decisions the hotel made, but we were the first conference they have had since COVID. McMedia (SHBC tech person) was great. Suggested that there need to be more reminders about the AGM and to check in and evaluate the sessions. Question	Janet will create a cheat sheet for moderators.

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			about feasibility of adding more information to the name tags, such as work area. Suggestion that moderators be given a little more guidance.	
	b) 2022 Conference Update – Virtual	Gina/ Janet	Many 2021 conference committee members will return for next year. Discussion about potential theme being something like “Beyond Borders” and more international speakers be invited. Several suggestions put forward to committee. Discussion about recruiting audiologists for the committee. Discussion about repeating the availability of videos to watch afterward.	Heather will attempt to recruit audiologists for conference committee.
11. Area Funding	Area Reps to select a Director before our next meeting. Only the Director, Area Reps votes at PC as per the Bylaws.	Becca	Becca suggests that Area Reps get together to choose a Director that can vote.	Area reps met after the meeting to make that decision.
12. Adjourn	Time: 10:55			

Submitted by Pat Blundon, RSLP
Secretary to Speech and Hearing BC