



Social Planning Network of Ontario
Teleconference Board Meeting
December 13, 2007

Minutes

Present: Joey Edwardh, John Campey, Mehroon Kassam, Tracey Vaughan, Linda Terry, Trudy Beaulne, Peter Clutterbuck

Regrets: Janet Gasparini

1. Review of Minutes from November 23, 2007

No changes to minutes – Approved - Motion: Joey and 2nd John PASSED

2. Business Arising

2a. Review of Associate membership status

Who is an associate member now? – What criteria for assoc. membership status? Referring to terms of reference – includes types of social planning work that SPC may be involved in – needs to be considered re standards of practice.

Current associates: Perth, Guelph, Amherstburg Community Services, Kingsville-Leamington, Lakeshore Community Services – need to contact them re Associate status and asking for \$100 fee.

Action: Janet send to associate members a description of assoc. membership status and request for fee

2b. Liability Insurance

John reported that we should get independent board liability insurance and for under \$100,000 -- ING reported to have lowest cost – likely in \$1,000 area.

Action:

Motion: Tracey 2nd Trudy that John follow-up on applying for liability insurance for SPNO board.

2c. Template letter following speech from the throne

No draft template – media release sent out not a template letter. Next time we should have communications person at CSPC-T help draft for better media bite.

2d. Letter re national research on the voluntary sector

Not done yet. Peter C. to follow-up still. Joey Edwardh sent one for CDH and will send out to Board for their info and replication.

2e. Membership motions

Some Board motions still to be done and sent to Janet; some have been sent in. Some discussion about how to engage Board members more directly in SPNO meetings, etc. so that they know what SPNO does. Also need to do regular reporting on SPNO to Boards.

Action: Janet should send a reminder notice to EDs re Board motions.

3. Trillium Proposal for SPNO

Tracey's meeting with local Trillium rep has been postponed and will get a meeting before February. John has talked to Winston briefly and learned that Trillium is funding that kind of capacity-building – should be linked to one SPC to show admin capacity to deliver. Dianne U expressed interest in leading this proposal development. Peter C. will meet with Dianne in January to outline proposal.

4. Poverty Reduction Strategy/SPNO Footprint/Provincial strategy

John and Peter reported on progress of mapping exercise on work on PR across the province. Atkinson group pulled together morphing with 25 in 5 group. 25 in 5 planning Jan. 28 meeting to look at poverty measures. 30 Key informants and SPCs being interviewed. Trying to get first draft nailed down before holidays.

John has talked to Pedro at Atkinson – very interested in supporting cross-provincial PR work – SPNO well-positioned.

PR link to Provincial Strategy – John suggest that we connect with Deb Matthews again re her interest in consultations – Trudy meeting with her in January – trying to figure out how to do consultations.

John Osborne has meeting with John Gerretsen on Jan. 25, which will address our provincial strategy – wants SPNO advice – should set up a conference call with some SPNO board members (Peter C., Linda, Trudy, Janet).

5. Homelessness Research

(Note decision was changed following the last board meeting once we had input from CDH)

Joey reported that CDH has sent the proposal in and got SPNO letters of support. Looking at changing housing policies and relationship to poverty

6. Spring Conference

Dates set for May 7-8-9 in Ottawa (must check with Dianne), but we were hoping for a Nfld speaker and dates could change depending on that

Action: Trudy will ask Dianne to confirm Ottawa locale and dates for spring conference.

Trudy will also ask what Dianne needs from SPNO to pull this off.

Action: Small group needs to think through Spring program re PR – made up of Trudy, Tracey, Dianne, Linda, Peter C. – Trudy will set up a teleconference call.

7. Other Business

How are UW campaigns doing? – Cornwall and Durham going slow because of job losses. Going well in Cambridge. Slightly down in K-W. Hamilton and Burlington not going well because of mfg situation re Cdn dollar rise. Should monitor this across province and figure out potential implications on social infrastructure.

CDH – CDH sending out Community Dispatch on PR strategies in Quebec, Nfld & Lab.

Uploading paper – draft out – needs more work – and then presented to the Board – Action: Joey will take the lead on this.

Motion to adjourn: Joey – PASSED

Next Board teleconference call:
9:00 AM, Thursday, Jan. 24

Will plan fourth Thursday every month for Board calls at 9:00 AM.