

EMERGENCY SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

2006 AGM Minutes

18th Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, October 24, 2006 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Sheraton Wall Centre, 1088 Burrard Street, Vancouver

Junior Ballroom D, North Tower

The Annual Report is a separate document, which is available via the ESSA office at 604-517-1442 or 1-800-910-ESSA or info@essa.ca.

Attendance

ESSA BOARD	
President	Bryan Larrabee
Treasurer	Laurie Pearce
Past President	Larry Pearce
Director	Rob Johns
Director	Debbie Schachter
Director	Janine Aussem
Director	Doreen Myers
Director	Colleen Vaughan
Director	Bill Andrews
ESSA STAFF	
Executive Director	Kerry Evans
Office assistant	Ginger Sherlock
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES	
Region 5 - Northeast	Jerrilyn Schembri, Tumbler Ridge
Region 6 - Northwest	Rachel Minger, Burns Lake
Region 1 – Vancouver Island South – Alternate	Brenda Young, Langford
OTHER ATTENDEES	
Tofino ESS Team	Crystal Ironside
Port Hardy ESS Team	Rosaline Flynn
Esquimalt ESS Team	Tammy Lata
Esquimalt ESS Team	Diana Johns
Langford ESS Team	Bradley Bryan
PEMO ESS Team	Jean Galvin
PEMO ESS Team	Glen Galvin
Victoria ESS Team	Kirsten Brown
Delta ESS Team	Frank Hemingsly
Lions Bay ESS Team	Darlene Reigh
Lions Bay ESS Team	Sally Pollack
Langley ESS Team	Sheena Vivian
Maple Ridge ESS Team	Barbara Morgan
Maple Ridge ESS Team	Mike Davies
Tumbler Ridge ESS Team	Colette Ernst
District of Kitimat ESS Team	Bob McLeod
ESS Office	Jeff Cornell
Canadian Red Cross	Karen Miller
Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC)	Sarah Wareing
PEP Office	Betty Aitchison

Provincial Emergency Program	Sue Saunders
British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT)	Teresa Sharp
The Goldie Group	Jim Watson
REGRETS	
Vice-President	Diana Krimmer
Director	Steven Buchanan
Director	Sheila MacLean

1. INTRODUCTIONS

ESSA President, Bryan Larrabee, opened the meeting with introductions of the Board of Directors and the Executive Director. Kerry Evans, Executive Director, introduced special guests Jeff Cornell from the ESS Office and Karen Miller of Canadian Red Cross.

Jeff Cornell spoke briefly, but was touched by the attendance of the Annual General Meeting, and stressed the importance and effectiveness of ESSA. Kudos went out to every volunteer as it is because of them that the B.C. program is so successful. The local Emergency Social Services Directors from every region are key leaders as we move forward. Jeff introduced the central Regional ESS Recovery Coordinator (RESSRC) that was present, Sue Saunders, and made mention of the other RESSRCs Clare Fletcher and Michael Higgins who were not present. In closing, Jeff stated how he enjoys receiving calls “from the field”, and finished by stressing his appreciation of the time and effort put forth by all ESSA volunteers.

2. ADOPTION OF 2005 AGM MINUTES

Motion: That the minutes of the 2005 ESSA Annual General Meeting be adopted as presented.

{Moved: Bill Andrews (Director)/Seconded: Jean Galvin (PEMO)} All in favour: CARRIED.

3. REPORTS

Treasurer’s Report – Laurie Pearce

Laurie Pearce’s official report is in the Annual Report. Attendees were invited to review the report. Laurie explained that due to funding reduced by the government contract careful conservation of funds allowed for a balance of \$16,000 to be carried forward to the following fiscal year. ESSA also received \$80,000 from the gaming commission and a \$20,000 grant from the Provincial Emergency Program, enabling ESSA to have the time to refocus goals and new initiatives. Laurie opened the floor to questions. There was a discussion around the change in funding for ESSA, and how this was reflected on the statements. Laurie then requested a motion to accept the Financial Statements.

Motion: That the financial statements for the fiscal year-ending March 31, 2006 be adopted as presented.

{Moved: Rob Johns /Seconded: Larry Pearce} CARRIED.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Bryan Larrabee began by explaining the procedure and stated the following directors are up for election and seeking nomination: Debbie Schacter, Larry Pearce, Laurie Pearce, Diana Krimmer and Steven Buchanan. All those seeking election received nominations from the floor.

He opened the floor to nominations. Karen Miller and Sally Pollock were put forward by Bill Andrews, but both declined at this time.

Bryan Larrabee called for nominations a second and a third time. No further nominations were put forward. Nominations were closed and all previous directors nominated were accepted by acclamation.

Rob Johns put forth the question to whether a person could seek nomination past the AGM and Bryan Larrabee responded that yes, ESSA will be looking for more directors and anyone interested can come forward at any time.

5. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

No Constitutional amendments were received at this time.

6. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Member Communities:

The list of current member communities can be found on page 28 of the Annual Report. Thank you for all your support to ESSA this year!

New Online Initiatives:

ESSA's website will be delivering some great 'virtual' tools - where members can access online resources, such as tabletops, training packages and exercise scenarios for volunteers to take and use for their own community. Will keep you posted as these are made available!

ESSA is hoping to create an on-line discussion board that would be membership based, enabling the sharing of information and resources. Rob Johns is leading this initiative, and the focus will be provincial with a divide of topics. ie: Reception Centre, Group Lodging, etc.

Mini-Conference:

ESSA is proud to announce the first Annual volunteer ESS focused, One Day Mini-Conference, to be held March 3rd, 2007 at the Justice Institute of B.C. The theme for the conference is Information Sharing and Networking. The Board of Directors and the Executive Director are very excited and committed to the success of this event. If you wish to partake or have some ideas to share, please contact the ESSA office or one of the directors, as ESSA is still looking at tentative topics and facilitators. The Board of Directors is also looking at funding opportunities for this project.

There was a survey done at the ESSA booth during the EP Conference, to assist in the collection of feedback for this conference, with a draw for ESSA golf shirts. Kerry Evans assisted Bryan Larrabee in the drawing of two people for the golf shirts. The two names drawn were not present at the meeting but their shirts will be mailed to them.

7. PRESENTATIONS

At this time, Kerry Evans called upon Doreen Myers to step up to be appreciated for her contributions to ESSA.

Bryan Larrabee shared how Doreen was Executive Director from long time past, when she was using her living room as the ESSA office space. When ESSA got to the position of needing her full-time, she declined and became a Board member, which she has held for the last eight years. “Doreen leaves us today to move onto other volunteer projects and we wish her all the best. On behalf of ESSA – thank you Doreen – for everything!”

Doreen Myers, upon accepting a gift from ESSA, commented how much she appreciates ESSA and how she learned so much while assisting this organization. The friendships and experience and mentorship – Doreen leaves feeling she owes ESSA more than ESSA does her!

At this time, Bryan Larrabee thanked all the supporting organizations for their continued support and dedication to ESSA.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Rob Johns spoke up to recognize Brenda Young, previous Alternate Regional Representative for ESSA from Vancouver Island South.

Bryan Larrabee gave thanks to all the support organizations, those who were present as well as those who were unable to attend, for all of their support to ESSA.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

{Moved: Debbie Schachter/Seconded: Bill Andrews}

CARRIED.

Bryan Larrabee, President

Diana Krimmer, Vice President