

EMERGENCY SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

## 2010 AGM Minutes

22nd Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, November 23, 2010 ~ 6:15 pm

Sheraton Wall Centre, Vancouver BC

The Annual Report is a separate document, which is available via the ESSA office at 604-435-1442 or 1-800-910-ESSA or [info@essa.ca](mailto:info@essa.ca).

### Attendance

<b>ESSA BOARD</b>	
President	Bernadette Woit
Vice President	Elaine Balul
Treasurer	Andrew Wilson
Secretary	Cheryl Lalonde
Director	Jackie Kloosterboer
Director	Ieva Cornford
Director	Elizabeth Thomson
Director	Brigitte Prochaska
<b>ESSA STAFF</b>	
Executive Director	Janine Aussem
Program Support	Kerry Campbell
<b>ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES</b>	
Keith Davies – Esquimalt	Catherine Williams – Central Okan -Kelowna
Luana Kaleikini – Revelstoke	Clyff Doherty – Columbia Shuswap E.P.
Laurie Bean – North Shore	Sybille Sanderson – Cowichan Valley R.D.
Laurel Exner – Mission	Tom Burchill – Langford
Mike Andrews – EMBC	Sandra Burchill – Langford
Rocio Andrews – NSEMO	Barbara Morgan – Maple Ridge
Sally Pollock – Lions Bay	Laurel Exner – District of Mission
Jan Schnieder – Lions Bay	Brad Nastiuk – District of Mission
John McEwen – Salvation Army	Laurie Bean – NSEMO
Rosanna von Sacken – Advanced Consulting EM	Nansi Benitson? – Oak Bay
Paulette Mossop – NSEMO	Cheryl Lalonde – Port Coquitlam
Clare Fletcher – EMBC	Brent Watson – Vernon
Heather Lyle	Bev Stenning – Victoria
	Ian Macpherson - Victoria

### Regrets

<b>ESSA BOARD</b>	
Director	Sven Braune
Individual Member	Bill Andrews

## **1. INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME**

### **Board of Directors & Office Staff**

Bernadette Voit, ESSA President addressed the room and welcomed everyone behalf of the ESSA Board of Directors. Bernadette introduced the current Board of Directors, office staff and special guests.

## **2. ADOPTION OF 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion:** That the minutes of the 2009 ESSA Annual General Meeting be adopted as presented.

**Moved:** Luana Kaleikini /Jackie Kloosterboer Seconded: ~ All in favour: CARRIED.

## **3. REPORTS**

### **Presidents Report – Bernadette Voit**

Bernadette Voit's official report is in the Annual Report. Highlights from the report include: Mention of the wonderful conference 2009 held in Williams Lake and the most recent conference in 2010 held in Kelowna; The Advisory Forum forges on strong and steady – the toolkit CD and organization chart continue to be distributed; The 5<sup>th</sup> annual ESSA conference will be held on April 2, 2011 in North Vancouver – please note the change of date and continue to view website for updates, including registrations and agenda; Financial struggles – ESSA has been dipping into resources to sustain and also took part in a fundraising campaign and sent out 100 requests for funding with all of the responses negative, with the opinion that government should be funding this. The good news: ESSA now a pre-approved contract with EMBC - details to be announced. The contract will run December 1, 2010 thru to March 31, 2012 – with a financial contribution of \$50K for the duration of the contract. At this time ESSA is still waiting response on funding from gaming.

### **Treasurer's Report – Andrew Wilson**

Andrew Wilson's official report is in the Annual Report. The report reflects the fiscal year of 09/10 up until March 31, 2010. Andrew notes that his report was written prior to the good news funding. On behalf of the BODs, staff, ESSA members and volunteers around BC, Andrew expressed deep gratitude to EMBC and gaming commission for their financial contributions which are beyond valuable. Note, all monies are gratefully accepted! There have been interesting financial times in the economy. This resulted in decline in revenues and memberships plus fewer grant monies received from gaming. When reviewing the financial reports in the annual report for a year to year comparison, it is a tad complicated due to the training funds received. A financial bonus to ESSA was the GST rebate of almost \$6500, good news! ESSA's reserves have been drawn down, currently at \$25K, down \$15K previous year.

There is also an operating loss last year \$26K. There is a concern from Directors and staff that costs cannot be cut much further to be able to successfully maintain operations. In the past gaming has not granted excessive funds due to our reserves, since the reserves are being depleted, this may actually result in an increase in gaming funds. The financial reports were completed by Murray Ovens, thank you. Please note that the financial report is unaudited. It is very expensive to audit the financial statements (a cost of approximately \$5000/6000), so the Board of Directors would like to ask members to waive audit of books.

**Motion:** That the financial statements for the fiscal year-ending March 31, 2010 be adopted as presented and that the books remain unaudited.

**Moved:** Clyff Doherty/ **Seconded:** Elizabeth Thomson ~ All in favour: CARRIED.

### **Executive Directors Report – Janine Aussem**

Janine Aussem's official report is in the Annual Report. Janine expressed a thank you to the board of directors, staff, advisory forum, and support organizations. The goals for upcoming year include: Concerns around communication; ESSA's role as an advocate - moving forward volunteers identified issues; providing tools that are useful - i.e. org charts; and Mentorship - networking & sharing for new ESSDs. People have been inquiring about the promotional items, specifically why are we selling Budweiser license plate holders? We aren't! That license plate is just an example; they will actually be ESS plates. 2011 membership invoices will be arriving in the next month. ESSA really appreciates the support of memberships as 15% of revenue comes from membership. ESSA continues to look at value of membership - please let Janine know if there is anything you are lacking so that we can continue to meet your needs. While ESSA is mostly comprised of memberships from communities and individuals, any associations or organizations are also able to join.

### **4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2010/2011**

Janine Aussem began by explaining the procedure and the commitment required as a board member. She further stated the following directors are up for election and seeking nomination: Jackie, Cheryl, Ieva, Bernadette.

Five directors have just completed their first of a two year term and will continue on: Andrew, Sven, Brigitte, Elizabeth, Elaine

The floor was opened up for further nominations and the following names were put forward: John McEwan (TSA), Brad Nastick (ESS Mission), and Barbara Morgan (ESSD Maple Ridge)

Everyone nominated agreed to stand. Janine Aussem 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. Terms and positions of each director will be sorted out at a future meeting.

### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

There is no new business at this time

## **6. PRESENTATIONS**

### **Laurie Bean – ESS Lifetime Achievement Award**

Bernadette Voit presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual ESSA Lifetime Achievement award to Laurie Bean.

It is with great pleasure that ESSA presents Laurie Bean the 2010, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual, ESSA Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of her past and present contributions to Emergency Social Services (ESS) in British Columbia.

Laurie has been instrumental in creating an environment for the ESS Community which encourages the sharing of resources and information. Her colleagues in the Southwest credit her for developing an extensive database of ESS leaders in the Southwest region which has significantly increased their ability to work together and share information. For the last few years Laurie has expanded that network on behalf of ESSA to include the entire province. As NSEMO's Administrative Supervisor/Teams Support & North Shore ESS Director, Laurie established a strong commitment to make ESS a priority as a goal of addressing the needs of local ESS volunteers, including their recognition and education. ESSA presented Laurie with a silver necklace bearing the symbol of an EAGLE. The eagle is closely associated with power, strength. It represents ability to go further. ESSA's hope is that when Laurie wears this necklace, people will ask her about it, opening the door for her to speak about ESS in BC and her contributions.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.