

Member Forum Minutes

Meeting Date: May 13, 2016

Location: Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel – Van Horne A

Time: 5:40 – 6:15 pm

CALL TO ORDER

President and Chair, Patti Swanson, called the 2016 Member Forum to order at 5:40 pm and thanked all members for staying after the AGM to take part.

Patti stated that the annual Member Forum is an opportunity to discuss various issues that we are facing as a profession. There were no formal presentations or set topics this year. Members were invited to raise questions or bring forward comments.

COMMENTS / QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

ACTION

Terry Hartwig

Terry Hartwig spoke to the matter of Derek Haight not being accepted as a life member. Terry asked what the criteria is for life membership. He questioned the decision of Council not to recognize someone as deserving as Derek Haight.

Patti responded that she was not part of the decision and could not speak to why Mr. Haight was not accepted as a Life Member. Patti indicated that Barbara Bruce, Executive Director, could provide Terry with a copy of the criteria for life membership.

AAA Administration to send a copy of the criteria for Life Membership to Terry Hartwig.

Scott Pickles

He noted that he had nominated someone for life membership but had not heard back.

His main question, however, was about Legislation Committee. He has concerns that it may be a never-ending project.

Patti replied that although we cannot say when the legislation will go to the Legislative Assembly, we will continue to work as if we have an end date so that we are ready when the window opens up. We will take it to the stage that it is essentially done, not slow down since we have no dates from government.

Scott also noted that he felt there wasn't an opportunity within the AGM for questions.

Karel Pokorny

Karel Pokorny's concern was around reciprocity. He wrote a white paper several years ago and submitted it to AAA. He expressed concern that an AAA member resident in another province may get away with non-compliance (or worse) by simply resigning their membership. There isn't a satisfactory solution to this for him. He feels that reciprocity is therefore a sham.

Registrar, Robert Bennett, stood up to reply that AAA only has authority within Alberta.

President Patti Swanson suggested that Karel write a letter addressed to CALA to express his concern. We could give him the address for CALA, if he is interested.

COMMENTS / QUESTIONS	ACTION
<p>Ken Johnson Ken Johnson had a question regarding continuing education. He asked if we could reduce the requirement of continuing education hours for years of experience (fewer hours required as you get older).</p>	<p>Matter to be raised at the next meeting of the Professional Development Committee.</p>
<p>Mark Chambers Mark Chambers' concern was about deferring our advocacy responsibilities to another organization, especially one that does not represent the entire membership. He asked that Council consider our role carefully. Would we take this to the membership for a decision? He noted that OAA went to their membership for a vote to ask them to support the OAA's role as an advocacy body.</p>	
<p>Tom Cerkvenac Tom Cerkvenac is an LID. He was concerned about qualifications for LIDs. There is one case in particular where the individual has been denied membership in the AAA as an LID because he has attended a school that is not accredited. The individual has passed the NCIDQ, but because he went to a French-speaking school, he was denied entry to AAA. Tom Cerkvenac asked the AAA to look into this.</p>	<p>AAA Admin to review this case to determine why the individual was denied entry to the AAA.</p>
<p>Heather Cameron Heather Cameron noted that we had missed one name in our memoriam list. Carmel Gatt had passed away from brain cancer earlier this year. She wanted us to be aware.</p>	

CLOSING REMARKS
<p>Patti Swanson thanked everyone for their comments and questions and for attending the Member Forum. The Member Forum ended at 6:15 pm.</p>