

AFCC Ontario Chapter Annual General Meeting
October 18, 2013 at AFCC Conference – Bram & Bluma Appel Salon
789 Yonge Street, Toronto ON

List of Board members present: Dena Moyal, Debra Paulseth, Anthony Macri, Rachel Birnbaum, Dan Ashbourne, Maggie Hall, Andrea Himel, Steven Benmor, Linda Feldman, Karla McGrath, Shely Polak, Alan Rowsell, Gerri Wong

Members present: 300 members registered for the AFCCO conference.

1. Approval of Agenda:

Dena Moyal moved that all in attendance at the AGM approve the Agenda of the October 18, 2013 AGM. **Motion Seconded by Rachel Birnbaum.** All approved. Motion passed.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Dena Moyal moved that all in attendance at the AGM approve the minutes of the October 19, 2012 AGM. **Motion Seconded by Maggie Hall.** All approved.

3. Remarks from Outgoing President: Dena Moyal

Discussion points:

- Dena called the AGM to order, and welcomed everyone to the 5th annual AGM
- Dena listed the numerous accomplishments achieved by AFCCO in 2013. These were:
 - **Membership** has grown in last year, 453 AFCC members and 384 of those chapter members; Ontario is the second largest AFCC chapter. Our membership has grown by 14% since last year.
 - **The AFCC Annual Conference** will be held in Toronto from May 28 – 31, 2014 at the Westin Harbour Castle.
 - **The Intensive Child Protection Training** for lawyers chaired by Justice Stanley Sherr, patti cross and Lorne Glass will be held October 16-19, 2013.
 - **Advanced Mediation Training** – Loraine Martin collaborated with other organizations on our behalf to sponsor a program with Nina Meierding to be held November 1-2, 2013.

- **Provincial Programming continues across the province** including:
 - **Kingston** held their 4th event
 - More than 70 participants attended a multidisciplinary event in **Timmins**
 - On November 13, 2013 a jointly sponsored program by AFCC Ontario and ADR Link on “Substance Abuse and Addictions, Unique Cultural, Legal and Clinical Considerations for **First Nations Families**” will be held at the Maawn Boosh Gurnig Aamijiwnanng First Nation Community Centre in **Sarnia**
- **A National Family Court Justice Policy Colloquium: “Moving Forward when the Well has Run Dry”** will take place on November 15, 2013.
- The First Family Law Moot was so successful that **The Second Annual Family Law Moot** is scheduled on March 15, 2014.

4. Proposed By-Law Change to Increase the Number of Board Members

Discussion Points:

- AFCC Ontario is very active and would benefit from additional board members
- Proposal is to increase the maximum number of board members from 11 to 15.

A board member moved that the Board increase the maximum number of board members to 15. Motion Seconded. Motion Approved.

5. Nominating Committee Report

Update by Barbara Fidler

Discussion Points:

- The nominating committee recommended a slate of names for the Board of Directors.
- Two terms have expired that of Barbara Fidler, Deborah Moskovitch. Both have served their full two terms on the board and will step down. Their significant contributions to the board were acknowledged.
- The new slate of directors were put forward:
 - Debra Paulseth – President
 - Rachel Birnbaum – President Elect
 - Andrea Himel – Vice President
 - Steven Benmor – Treasurer
 - Maggie Hall – Secretary
- Barbara opened the floor to other nominations. There were no nominees from the floor; so all Board members were approved.

Barbara moved that the nominating committee's recommendation to appoint Steven Benmor, Lina Feldman, Karla McGrath, Shely Polack, The Honourable Mr. Justice Alan Rowse and Gerri Wong to the AFCC Ontario Board of Directors be approved. **Motion Seconded by patti cross.** All approved. Motion approved.

5. Treasurers Report

Update by Maggie Hall

Discussion Points:

- The Financial Statement was presented to all members in attendance.
- The main source of revenue is from the AFCC-O events.
- Revenues have exceeded expenses.
- AFCC Ontario is financially sound

Maggie Hall moved that the Financial Statement of June 30, 2013 presented at the AGM be approved. **Motion Seconded by Brian Parsons.** All approved.

Maggie Hall moved that the current accountant Tinkham & Associates continue to be the accountant for AFCC Ontario. **Motion Seconded by Rachel Birnbaum.** All approved.

6. Outgoing Remarks:

Incoming President: Debra Paulseth

Discussion Points:

- Debra recognized the past president, Dena Moyal, for her outstanding contribution and leadership to AFCC Ontario.

Adjournment: 9,00 am

Moved by: Debra Paulseth. Seconded by: Maggie Hall. All approved.

Secretary Signature _____

Date _____

Board member Signature _____

Date _____