

BC COLLABORATIVE ROSTER SOCIETY

DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2013

The purpose of the BC Collaborative Roster Society as set out in the constitution is:

- To have a province wide umbrella of high quality, active practitioners for referral purposes for the Bench, the public and other collaborative professionals;
- A vehicle to provide on- going education for Roster members;
- A way to pursue projects such as expanding CP to meet the needs of more diverse populations (Law Foundation funding?)

In May we held a full day board retreat and developed our vision and mission statements as well as our first strategic plan for the years 2013, 2014, and 2015. We carried out a survey of members to help build our strategic plan.

Vision: Transform how conflict is resolved in British Columbia through Collaborative Practice.

Mission: To maintain and support a roster of qualified British Columbia Professionals dedicated to excellence and respect in the healthy resolution of disputes in our communities.

We have used the strategic plan to guide us for the remainder of the year. The strategic plan outlines three areas for the roster to concentrate on over the next three years: Supporting professional excellence, increasing public awareness and use of collaborative practice and strengthening organizational capacity. We have decided to focus on strengthening organizational capacity for the remainder of the year.

STRENGTHENING ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY

Finances:

We set the fiscal year end for Dec. 31 and prepared our first budget.

The first renewal of memberships took place. The renewal form was drafted, a process and procedure developed for renewals and for new applications, certificates updated for members who renewed. Our current membership stands at 48 members, with three pending renewal applications.

We continue to receive sponsorship monies. \$4,200 has been received this year to date (not including monies pledged in the prior fiscal year and received in 2013).

Our first Financial Statements were prepared by an outside source. Financial reports prepared for each meeting.

Board Health and Capacity:

We have acquired Director's Liability Insurance.

We created criteria to use for selecting new board members. Two board members resigned from the board, and we welcomed two new board members, Mary Mouat and Nikki Charlton.

We have created and populated the following committees and the committees are putting together their respective charges for 2014.

Public Education Materials – Nancy, Bev and Cathy Heinrichs

Website – Nancy, Deirdre and Bev

Membership committee – Lisa, Robert and Bev

Corporate Links, Sponsorships – Nikki, Danny and Mary

Public Education – Nikki, Deirdre and Danny

Training and Qualified Collaborative Trainings Committee – Nancy, Nikki and Robert

Cultural change (aka cultural attachee or change the world) – Mary

Practice Group Outreach - Bev

Two members of the roster board have been chosen to attend the IACP Leadership Academy.

We created a dropbox for ease of posting information for board members

We used webex to allow board members to attend meetings remotely.

INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS AND USE OF CP

In 2013 we completed the Roster Launch in Victoria, in conjunction with the coming into force of the Family Law Act. Bev Churchill, with help from a variety of people, worked tirelessly to present roster launches, designed as information sessions about Collaborative Practice, and these were held in Kamloops, and Penticton.

We have begun working on a roster brochure for public education.

Thank you gifts for sponsors were ordered and delivered.

SUPPORTING PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

We held the first training sponsored by the BC Collaborative Roster Society with Pauline Tesler.

A board member prepared a paper and addressed a judges conference to explain the Collaborative Process. A paper prepared by another board member about helping spouses choose process options, was included in a judicial education conference.

Whole group status was applied for and received for members for IACP membership

We have revised the Lawyers Participation Agreement to have it relevant to the new Family Law Act.