
PIBC BOARD MEETING – SUMMARY NOTES

March 1st, 2024

The following is a summary of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC), held on the date noted above, and is provided for the information of members. A copy of this summary was also published and circulated in PIBC's quarterly magazine Planning West.

On March 1st, 2024, the PIBC Board of Directors met in Prince George, BC.

Delegations

Dr. Tara Clapp RPP, MCIP of the School of Planning and Sustainability welcomed the Board to UNBC provided an overview of the program's activities and recent developments. It was noted that the program's goals include recruitment, enhancing the student community, a curriculum refresh, and enhancing relationships with program partners.

Ashley Murphey RPP, MCIP provided an update in relation to the BCLI Renovate the Public Hearing process, noting some impacts and challenges within the process. It was highlighted that project is expected to conclude in June 2024.

Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the January 26th, 2024, meeting and also confirmed a previous electronic resolution approving the allocation of funds to support actions relating to the Peer Learning Network (PLN).

President

Emilie K. Adin RPP, MCIP provided an update on various activities, including recent media interviews and an update on the 'President's Minute' webinar segment. It was also highlighted that a review of committee roles and responsibilities is underway. There was some additional discussion on potential research and work related to shortages of planners, and also exploration of further work on advocacy for planning best practices.

Board & Governance

The Board discussed topics of strategic value including an overview of the intention for upcoming strategic discussions and potential training for the Board members as well as potential advocacy topics. It was agreed that these matters would be further revisited.

The Board discussed and approved the location and date for the 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM), to take place on Wednesday May 8, 2024, in Nanaimo, BC.

Administration & Finance

Executive Director Dave Crossley reported on the ongoing and key projects, initiatives, and activities at the PIBC office.

The Board reviewed the 2023 unaudited financial statements to December 31, 2023, for information.

Member Programs & Services

The Board discussed and approved the allocation of funds to extend the current access to QuickScribe online legal services for members and other practitioners as part of the PLN. It was noted that following this extension, the service could be provided at a discounted rate.

National Affairs

Emilie K. Adin provided an update regarding the transition of the role of the national Standards Committee (SC) to the Professional Standards Board (PSB), including current work and next steps. It was noted that there will be a need to identify volunteer nominees for the new Committee.

Committee Reports & Business

Policy & Public Affairs Committee: The Board discussed a brief update on work regarding the Professional Governance Act (PGA) noting timelines for next steps, including member engagement and potential outreach to the Office of the Superintendent of Professional Governance.

The Board discussed an update on the work of the Peer Learning Network (PLN). It was agreed that the Institute's Housing Task Force will work to develop support for self-organized local 'peer learning pods' to augment the current regional PLN sessions being held.

The Board also further discussed BC Law Institute (BCLI) – Renovate the Public Hearing work and agreed on further follow up.

Professional Standards & Certification: The Board approved the admission of a number of new members including 7 Certified, 14 Candidate, 3 Pre-Candidate and 3 Students. The Board also noted 11 resignations and a number of membership transfers and other changes.

The Board discussed and approved the allocation funds to support work relating to research and reporting to assist the PIBC in achieving net zero emissions in operations as part of the Institute's current climate action policies and objectives.

The Board discussed an update regarding the Institute's new Justice, Equity, Diversity, Decolonization and Inclusion (JEDDI) task force, noting that several volunteer expressions of interest had been received from interested individuals. There was also discussion of the potential for possibly funding honoraria to support volunteer participation in the group.

Institute Representative Reports & Business

The Student member representative from UBC provided a brief update to the Board on the recent activities within the planning program including internal engagement regarding potential challenges and changes within the program, possible adjustment to the academic schedule to perhaps facilitate more professional development. It was also noted that the SCARP Symposium would be held on April 26, 2024.

Next Meeting(S)

It was noted that the next Board meeting would take place on May 8, 2024, in Nanaimo and that a short virtual meeting would be required in April to review and approve the 2023 audited financial statements.

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