

KINNA-AWEYA LEGAL CLINIC
Board of Directors' Meeting
October 28, 2023
Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay, Ontario
Minutes

Present: Alta Fenton, Cindy Whittington, Lawrence Wanakamik, Robyn Medicine, Theresa Ray, Candace Davies, Beth Ponka, Claire Littleton, Helen Young Brizard (Elder)

Absent: Andrea O’Nabigon

1. Welcome & Introductions

Alta Fenton welcomed everyone to the meeting at 12:55 pm.

2. Declarations of Conflict of interest

Lawrence Wanakamik declared that he is running for Chief at Whitesand. The election is next Saturday, November 4. It was agreed that Lawrence will participate in today’s meeting as an observer only, and will not vote on any motions.

3. Review/Acceptance of Agenda

Defer Statistical Report, Board Work Plan and Board Evaluation to the November Board meeting.

Motion #1: To accept the agenda as amended.
Moved by: Theresa Ray
Seconded by: Candace Davies
Carried.

4. Review/Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

4.1 July 22, 2023

Motion #2: To accept the minutes of the July 22, 2023 meeting, as presented.
Moved by: Cindy Whittington
Seconded by: Theresa Ray
Carried.

5. Election of Officers & Appointment of Signing Officers

The clinic's By-Law was changed in 2021 to reflect that officers would be in office for the duration of their term – up to 2 years. This year, two officers were up for re-election in their communities – Alta Fenton and Candace Davies. Both were re-elected to the Board.

Alta Fenton handed the Chair position over to Claire Littleton to oversee the election.

Secretary

Claire Littleton declared nominations open for Secretary.

Cindy Whittington nominated Candace Davies, seconded by Robyn Medicine.

There were no other nominations.

Motion #3: To close nominations for Secretary.

Moved by: Cindy Whittington

Seconded by: Robyn Medicine

Carried.

Candace Davies was acclaimed to the position.

President

Claire Littleton declared nominations open for President.

Cindy Whittington nominated Alta Fenton, seconded by Candace Davies.

There were no other nominations.

Motion #4: To close nominations for President.

Moved by: Theresa Ray

Seconded by: Cindy Whittington

Carried.

Alta Fenton was acclaimed to the position.

If officers wish to withdraw from their 2-year term of office (i.e. serve only one year), they should try to declare it in advance of the election of officer's meeting, so that we can plan accordingly.

It was noted that the signing officers will not need to be changed.

Alta resumed her role as Chair.

6. Business Arising

6.1 Update on ONCA

Claire Littleton had previously provided a memo summarizing the program to date (attached to the minutes). Changes to the bylaw will be planned for October 2024's AGM.

Claire's memo was reviewed. Jasmine Solomon is the lawyer who is assisting us with this project. She is recommending some changes and also suggesting some areas where we *may* want to make changes since we are reviewing the bylaw. There are 9 questions for the Board to reflect on, with a plan to have this project completed by March 31, 2024.

6.2 ACLCO AGM

Cindy Whittington and Claire Littleton are our representatives to the AGM, which will be next weekend in Toronto, November 3 and 4.

7. New Business

7.1 Quarterly Financial Report for September 30, 2023

The Financial Report for the quarter ended September 30 was reviewed in advance by the Finance Committee and Executive Committee. There is an existing surplus of \$58,215, however, we are projecting to have a zero surplus/deficit at March 31, 2024.

Motion #5: To approve the Financial Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2023.

Moved by: Cindy Whittington

Seconded by: Theresa Ray

Carried.

7.2 Statistical Report for September 30, 2023 – Defer to next meeting.

7.3 Christmas

A holiday get-together for Board and staff will be planned for Friday, November 24, 2023, to coincide with out of town Board members travelling to Thunder Bay for the Board meeting. Claire Littleton and Cindy Whittington will organize a committee.

7.4 Board Policies and Land Acknowledgement

2.17 Board Committees

Motion #6: To accept Board Policy 2.17 Board Committees, as presented.

Moved by: Cindy Whittington

Seconded by: Candace Davies

Carried.

2.18 Executive Committee

Motion #7: To accept Board Policy 2.18 Executive Committee, as presented.

Moved by: Robyn Medicine

Seconded by: Theresa Ray

Carried.

2.19 Finance Committee

Motion #8: To accept Board Policy 2.19 Finance Committee, as presented.

Moved by: Robyn Medicine

Seconded by: Cindy Whittington

Carried.

1.3 Land Acknowledgement - Defer to next meeting

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

8. Next Meeting:

Saturday, November 25, 2023, 9:30 am at Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic