



GVAT Board Meeting January 20, 2022

In Attendance: Brigitte McKenzie, Amber McMillan, Susan Layng (minutes), Stephen Tyler,

Regrets: Matthew Cook, Mike Glover, Ruthie Wicks

Action Items:

Brigitte: send doodle poll to schedule extended board meeting

Stephen/ Amber: discuss summer student grant program

Time	Agenda Item	People
12:00-12:05	Welcome, and Land Acknowledgement	Brigitte
12:05-12:06	Approval of Agenda and minutes of January 6 th , 2022 Correction to minutes: omit Courtney's name in the agenda of January 6 th . She is no longer a Board member. Amber moved to approve the minutes of January 6 th as amended by Stephen. Carried. -Agenda approval: Stephen moves; Amber seconds. Carried	Brigitte
	Previous Business	
12:07-12:19	Internal Organizational Audit is scheduled for January 28/29. Working with Ryan Andersen to set priorities for 2022. Invite Ryan to attend the Strat Hub Planning Meeting on February 17th. Work with Jane and Ruby. Agenda will go out next week for the Audit	Brigitte/Matthew/ Mike/Amber
12:20-12:28	GVAT AGM/Strat Hub meeting scheduled for February 17th Nominations Committee: Matthew Notice and AGM agenda has been sent out.	
12:28-12:53	Potential members in GVAT: Most of our member organizations have substantial budgets and pay dues to support GVAT staff and IAF dues. The question of admitting other kinds of organizations who are unable to afford such dues could be discussed at the Audit. Membership in GVAT shouldn't be the only way to engage. Establish "Friends" of GVAT without vote? The Strat Hub will be asked for input with this question. Ryan could give some advice from an IAF perspective.	Stephen

	New Business	
12:57-12:59	4. Update: Discussion with Ryan Andersen/Chet. Discussion whether Chet is on a medical leave or extended leave. Either way, he should not be using a corporate email while he is on leave. The key question is liability. This was an administrative oversight. Amber will rectify the situation as of Monday, January 31st.	Brigitte/Matthew
	5. Update: Support and supervision of Beatrice re: admin overhaul. Amber has done a lot of work and feels a work computer is required. Amber and Stephen suggested that GVAT purchase a ChromeBook for this admin staff role.	Amber/Stephen
	6. Work BC Subsidy ends on March 4 th , requiring consideration of staff position. Once Chet is back, finances will be stretched. Serious consideration needs to be given about our sources of revenue. The Summer student program grant is a possibility and Stephen will prepare a grant application. We would not get 100% coverage but only minimum wage: 16 weeks maximum up to 40 hours per week. This doesn't necessarily mean a new person, but a new hire. Stephen will consult with Amber. Question as to whether there is a job description for Beatrice and what is the scope of her work. Beatrice eventually wants to be an associate organizer, but our main requirements for the time being will be administrative.	Stephen
	7. Brigitte will send a Google Poll to get various opinions from Board Members to hold an extended Board Meeting.	Brigitte
	Stephen asked for Board endorsement of GVAT participation in a collaborative IAFC grant proposal with CACG and GEA to the National Anti-Racism Fund (Canada Race Relations Foundation). Ryan Andersen will prepare the proposal for submission next week. The concept is to support ALL the affiliates to engage their members in the Wrestling with the Truth of Colonization workshop series led by national indigenous facilitators and engaging local indigenous resource persons. While GVAT has limited capacity at the moment, and other priorities for the municipal elections this fall, this type of commitment would be consistent with our priorities for strengthening engagement with local First Nations. The Board approved GVAT participation in the proposal.	Stephen
	Mike Glover is presently on medical leave.	

Next Board Meeting: February 3rd, 2022