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Membership Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 28th, 2008
10:30 am (PST) 1:30 pm (EST)

Dial-in: 1-866-210-4643, Conference code: 338761

Present: Christine Spinder, Ryan Gibson, Matthew Daw, Brad Franck, Louise Donaldson and Jody Bauche

Regrets: George Parsons, Natasha Jackson, Darryl Exelby, Elspeth McKay, Peter Frampton, Omer Chouinard and Lori Heath

Staff: Kathy Bonneville-Jobin, Bianca Mathieu

1. Welcome/Introductions

Marilyn is considered resigned. Brad has not heard back from George and Daryl. Kathy is finishing with CCEDNet on August 29th, 2008.

2. Review/Adopt Agenda (motion)

Jody moved, Ryan seconded and the committee unanimously adopted the agenda.

3. Review/Adopt Minutes (motion w/amendments)

Matthew moved, Brad seconded and the committee unanimously adopted the motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, June 19th, 2008 meeting.

4. In person meeting update

CCEDNet has no budget until December 31st for the in-person meeting. A suggestion would be to incorporate the in-person meeting 2 days prior to the 2009 National Conference in Winnipeg, MB.

5. 2009 Conference

SEED Winnipeg Inc. and Ka Ni Kanichihk Inc. will be co-hosting the 2009 conference. Bianca and Brad will be updating the committee on workshops themes, key topic areas and subsidies for those going to the 2009 national Conference.

Christine (Yukon) mentioned that the North was very dispersed and not well represented. There are only 4 members in the Yukon and we don't have any CED forum. It was suggested to Christine to contact Brendan Reimer (Prairies Northern Territories Regional Coordinator) and Nicole Chaland (BC/Yukon Coordinator) to discuss topics and ideas about the North and how to introduce them at the 2009 National Conference. Christine could also be a keynote speaker at the next Conference. Brad mentioned that CCEDNet has been good at getting project funding, co-proposals, and CED interns in rural areas.

One member of each committee is entitled to join and represent during the National Conference committee session. It is a good to be involved with Brendan and to bring information back to the membership committee.

Jody and Christine are both working on Aboriginal themes. It was suggested that it would be beneficial for Christine to be connected to the two following Northern Communities in Quebec: Crees and Inuits.

6. National Membership update – staff rep: Bianca or Kathy

There are 648 members and only 351 have paid their 2008 membership. There are 95 new members since January 2008. This month, Kathy called most members (200) to remind them to pay their 2008 membership and this, following a phone script. She was able to speak to 40 percent of them, leaving messages to the other 60 percent.

7. Discussion: Tasks over the next year

We want an in-person meeting to work on the membership renewal process and members engagement. The Board asked the committee to project their budget and objectives.

Louise, Ryan and Christine will be working on implementation involvement from the North representation. This attitude has an impact on the Environment and the

