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Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2008**

Attending: Roz Lockyer, Ethel Cote, David Lepage, Joe Valvasori, Norman Greenberg,
Norma Strachan, Shauna MacKinnon

Regrets: Ed McKenna, Stephen Ameyaw, Lynn Markell, April Bourgeois, Mike Lewis

Staff: Brendan Reimer, Lydia Giles

1. Welcome and Announcements

- Roz welcomed members to the call

2. Approval of Minutes

- The September 11 Minutes were accepted as presented

3. National Conference Report – Ethel Cote

- The National Conference Committee met for the first time; Roz is the PC rep with Ethel also receiving all the Minutes and attending when Roz is not able. Theme will be around Indigenous models of CED. The date is June 3-6.

4. Representation Grid

- Mike Lewis resigned, leaving 3 spots on the PC to be filled
- The co-chairs and the Executive Director recommend that Rupert stay involved in the Policy Council as CCEDNet staff due to his past experience as well as his current role with the Social Economy hub and its public policy research.
- The following recommendations for the 3 PC spots fill identified gaps:
 - o **Crescentia Dakubo** is a Community Economic Development Officer and sector analyst with the Sectoral Strategies Unit of FedNor in Thunder Bay where she is developing a new CED strategy. She has previously worked in international development with IDRC and is also a member of the Ontario Rural Health Working Group. She has a Ph.D. in Geography and

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Environmental Studies from Carleton which included CED theorizing and field research.

- **Nancy Hartling** is Executive Director of Support to Single Parents, a community organization that works to improve the quality of life for single parents and their children in Moncton, NB. They offer workshops, a peer support and social action program, housing for single parents and their children, and legal clinics.
- **Ron Ryan** is of Mi'kmaq descent and a specialist in training, human resources planning, and community economic and organizational development. He was a founding member of the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers (CANDO), and has overseen the development of community development loan funds in Ontario and Nova Scotia. Ron has worked through out Canada for a wide range of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community based organizations. He chaired the Management Studies Department of Arctic College, and served as Local Program Coordinator at the Coady International Institute.
- **MOTION** by David Lepage to accept the recommendations of these three for Policy Council membership, **SECONDED** by Norma Strachan.

Action

- **Roz** will invite the three new members to the next Policy Council committee meeting and remind them to ensure that their membership is in good standing. She will also contact the other applicants and find ways to engage them in other areas.

5. Updates to Policy Agenda

- Ethel is missing notes from the Francophone and International sessions from the National Conference, can't seem to locate them at head office
- Joe and Roz have done considerable work on the "Tackle Poverty & Homelessness" section, including reorganizing the chart categories including adding a section on goals in order to make them more workable in connecting the larger abstract objectives and specific action items.
- The notes from all Friday morning sessions are needed

Action

Brendan will find all Friday morning notes and circulate them to the PC
PC members will use the same template that Joe prepared, which **Roz** will circulate
Norma and **Shauna** will join the 'Tackle Poverty and Homelessness' group.

6. Survey

- CCEDNet board will meet in January for strategic planning. Every committee chair working with the same grid to document survey results. Those who have not completed their survey are encouraged to do so by Oct 15.

7. Next Meeting: Thursday, November 13 at 12:00 ET