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Canadian CED Network – National Policy Council
Meeting Minutes – Sept 11, 2008

Attending: Roz Lockyer, Ethel Cote, David Lepage, Joe Valvasori, Norman Greenberg, Ed McKenna, Stephen Ameyaw, Lynn Markell

Regrets: April Bourgeois, Mike Lewis, Norma Strachan, Shauna MacKinnon

Staff: Mike Toye

1. Welcome and Announcements

- Roz welcomed members to the call

2. Approval of Minutes

- The July 3 Minutes were accepted as presented

3. Terms of Reference of the Policy Council: Review

- Food Policy Council is a subcommittee of Policy Council,
- There used to be a finance subcommittee as well, but has not been functioning recently. All subcommittees' terms of reference should be included, with the reporting relationships indicated in the Policy Council terms of reference
- What is the status of other committees such as ICANN? A chart situating the various committees would be useful.

4. Update of Policy Agenda

A) Common Election Platform

- Work began with national partners (CCA, CCC, Chantier, CQCM, CCEDNet) to prepare for an expected federal election almost a year ago. It was completed this week and sent out to members yesterday.
- It could also be sent to Deputy Ministers. Mike Toye will use CCEDNet's letterhead to prepare a formal letter to party leaders from either himself or the Board President. We should be using both formal and informal channels to get

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this out. Make the letter bilingual and personalized. Attach the Communities Agenda

- Ask members to publicize the letter and common platform. The letter can be adapted for local candidates. Speak to people who we really want to target.

B) Prioritization of Policy Areas for Next Steps

- Lynne presented her grid for prioritizing what to focus on in the next steps to advance the policy agenda. In addition to the ones listed in her document, are there additional programs we should assess? Are there any more criteria we need to add in? We should check new common platform to see if there are any other points to add.
- A diversity lens (gender, francophones, aboriginal, youth, IR, disability) should be added as the second column.
- The question was raised as to whether or not this is federally focused, or do we include provincial and municipal issues / policies / programs? The inclination was that as a national council we should put our priority at the federal level. Issues will naturally impact other levels, but we should start at the federal level. Lynne will include other levels of government as potential partners.
- A few members will complete each section:
 - Fairer and stronger local economies – David, Ed
 - Tackle Poverty and Homelessness – Joe, Norman, Roz
 - Invest in Sustainable Communities – Lynne, Mike, Stephen
 - Policy Francophone, International – Ethel,Mike will do all of them. Lynne will circulate an updated grid.

5. Proposed Meeting in Person

- There will not be an in-person meeting in 2008, but Committees are asked to begin thinking to prepare the Board's strategic planning.
- Committees should be looking for funding sources to cover their in-person meeting costs.
- A short survey is being completed by members of all CCEDNet committees. It will be circulated to all PC members by Ethel. She will compile all data and send it to Committee members before it goes to the Board.
- It should go out to new Committee members as well.

6. Representation Grid

- We currently have 13 members, and 5 candidates.
- Mike, Roz and Ethel will recommend candidates based on gaps.
- Nominations are now officially closed.

7. National Scene

- Covered above

a. Food Policy Group

- There is a conference call at 3pm to talk about federal issues. An intern has been hired at CCA to work on local food issues will be doing some work for this

- Committee. The Agriculture Policy Framework has been settled, the FPT agreement is on the internet, though it says nothing about food, which needs to be raised in consultations. The current question is how to involve local groups.
- Chairs of Policy council should get minutes of meetings of Food Policy and Human Capital subcommittees. Currently the type of meetings held do not have minutes but when they do they will be circulated.

b. Human Capital Committee

- Norman will follow up with Joe and Cathy.

c. CCA-CCC's CDI Renewal Campaign - November

- Lynne had left so this was deferred until the next meeting.

d. Update on Public Policy Group of the SE Hub

- Mike talked about 'showcase' meeting with federal officials coming up in November that will present some of the results of the social economy research that has been identified as of interest to them.

8. Calendar of Meetings

- Previously meetings were on the first Thursday of every month but this has been challenging.
- There was a discussion about whether meetings should be every second month or monthly. Committee members felt there was too much information to wait 2 months between meetings, but could agendas could be alternated between full meetings and a more abbreviated agenda.
- Meetings will be moved to the second Thursday of the month.
- Meetings will remain at noon eastern.
- Next meeting on October 9, a shorter meeting, with a focus on the grid for priority setting, the Council survey and new members.