



Minutes of the April 8th 2009 PSS Committee Meeting

Present: Michele Cherot (chair), Matthew Thompson, Linda Godin-Sorin, Carol Madsen,
Regrets: Bob Annis, Barbara Rufo, Anne Docherty, Raïmi Osseni, Flo Frank, Mohamed Maie, Diana Jedig

Follow up actions are in **BOLD**

1. Welcome and Member Update

Members were welcomed and the agenda was approved .

2. Minutes from March 11th, 2009

Minutes of March 11th, 2009 were approved.

- **Linda will bring forward to the local conference committee the idea for a formal invitation through Ka Ni Kanichihk to Aboriginal groups.** There will be a meeting tomorrow to follow through with this.

3. PSS Planning Goals for the Future

It was agreed that while this section was discussed and changes suggested, this section should be tabled again at our next meeting.

CCEDNet's Strategic Plan:

- Committee work is not easily seen within the context of the strategic plan (i.e. what are the expectations, how is the work of committees communicated to members, what is the commitment of committees within the movement building and communications sections of the strategic plan, etc.).
- What's different from what we've done before?
- Revenue from members – we have a lot of 'delinquent' members and that is who this is directed towards. The wording should reflect this. There are many people who pay for membership as individuals but we need to have a more proactive approach to have societies as members.
- Sustainability – priorities need to talk more about unrestricted funds and making the organization current and relevant. We cannot only have one statement on membership dues – it's misleading as to what our priorities are. The actions are clearer than the stated priority itself.
- We need to also make difficult decisions around what projects to take on.
- More inclusivity in committees is needed, particularly as it pertains to sustainability. How can committees work better together? Communication between committees and to members is essential.

Survey:

The survey, for distribution at the conference, will be designed to develop a better understanding of the membership (i.e. why do they attend the conference, what do they want out of the conference, what do they want out of CCEDNet in general, etc.). It will start with a description of the role and goals of the PSS committee and other logistics (i.e. we meet once a month, etc.). If CCEDNet is to be a learning organization, what does the membership want to learn from the PSS committee?

Possible questions:

- Why am I a member of CCEDNet?
- What would you like to see the PSS committee do?
- Would you like to be involved more in CCEDNet?
 - What prevents you from being involved?
- Are we doing what the committee is supposed to set out to do?
- Is CCEDNet doing a good job to sustain the sector?
 - What can we do to better sustain the sector (this could be in our introductory paragraph)?
- What do we need to change?
- What contribution can I make?
- What professional development activities for practitioners are you aware of that the PSS committee has organized?
- What other professional development activities would you like to see the PSS committee providing?

Linda will take a first stab at designing this survey and will then circulate it to the rest of the group. She will be using the first two paragraphs from the PSS Committee Summary of Goals document as the basis for the questions as well as the recently created CCEDNet mission, vision and values statements from the Strategic Plan.

Summary of Goals – chart edits:

The following are the changes made to the chart.

OUTCOMES/GOALS	INPUTS	ACTIVITIES		INDICATORS
3. Determine Organizational effectiveness (talking about CCEDNet as a learning organization)		3.1 Identify opportunities to participate and influence participation in research (SHRCC)	3.1.1 Participate in action research around learning environments and the role of learning affecting social change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement in research • Greater awareness of policy impacts • Know the connection between what is happening in our communities and what is happening in the larger context • Ongoing learning
		3.2 Conduct an evaluation of social and economic impact on creating a just society for ALL Canadians.	3.2.1 Training is one component of panacea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating 'aha' moments • Understanding individual impacts
		3.3 Bring supporting allies together (build new partnerships)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased membership (in the organization and the committee)
4. Recognition of CED opportunities as a		4.1 In the context of today's world –		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased opportunities

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field of practice		identify what the jobs are called and where are they located where the opportunities to participate are - describe ourselves in a broader and more inviting way		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know what the jobs are called and where they are located

The changes made to the section “How Do We See Ourselves Fitting into the Larger Context of CCEDNet as an Organization?” were approved.

4. 2009 CCEDNet National Conference

Update from Presenters

CED 101 - Michele: I haven't done this presentation before and so am looking to Flo for guidance

CED 201 - Raïmi (gave an update at the beginning of the meeting): I've communicated with Eric Shragge and have developed an idea for outline with him. We will continue to exchange emails. Eric is clear about the questions to ask but the layout is not done yet. Eric had been looking to have someone younger to work with on this.

Art of Mentorship - Carol: I had a great meeting with Diana and Anne. Anne has a contract with the Gitksan Nation to do mentorship. The youth from that community are going to collaborate in this workshop and we are going to have a meeting with the youth from the community to get them involved in developing the workshop. Diana and I are going to back off from this session, but will be there for support. We are feeling very comfortable and happy with this approach.

Canadian Rural Partnership presentation - Update tabled for next meeting

Make sure you're registered for the conference to take advantage of subsidies (deadline to register before losing out on this opportunity is April 24).

5. Next Meeting

May 13th – 12:30 pm EST

June 2nd – 5:00 pm, over dinner

- think about staying the Friday night after the conference for the steam engine trip to Grove Isle for a steak dinner (I'm sure there's a veggie option too) and dance.