

## **Practitioner & Sector Strengthening Committee (PSS) – February 13, 2008**

**Present:** Diana Jedig, Anne Docherty, Carol Madsen, Michele Cherot

**Regrets:** David Daughton, Barbara Rufo, Melanie Conn, Mohamed Maie, Flo Frank, Bob Annis

**CCEDNet Staff:** Kathy Jobin

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### **1. Introductions**

Members were welcomed to the meeting, which began at 12:40 EST.

### **2. Agenda and Minutes from January 9, 2008**

Members approved the agenda as presented and the minutes from the January 9, 2008 meeting.

Members were reminded of participating in the Voluntary Sector HR Council survey and the Chair agreed to follow up with obtaining the results of this research.

Questions were asked if David Daughton will stay as a staff support to take minutes in the future, in the meantime Kathy Jobin will assist.

The Chair explained that she had sent e-mails to potential committee members including:

Linda Godin-Sorin who works with the Aboriginal community in Manitoba

Rachelle Bergeron from RDEE in Atlantic Canada

Blanca Salvatierra who works with Women Working Together in BC, and

Anna Quanaq, Elizabeth Copland, Jimmie Qaapik from Nunavut.

She indicated that the invitation included participation in the March and April PSS tele-conference calls.

### **3. Conference 2008**

Members discussed the sessions for the 2008 conference and Michelle and Anne agreed to work on a Speaker's Kit for all workshop presenters. As background materials, Diana had provided an article on designing "Learning Events" for conferences to make the link between on-the-ground issues of practitioners and the policy discussions.

Members requested the feedback summaries from the previous conference as additional source material to the development of a Speaker's Kit and the enhancements to last year's Mentorship and Advocacy sessions.

### **4. Other Business**

#### **a) Succession planning for PSS Chair**

Diana agreed to let her name stand for another three year term as Chair of the PSS Committee.

The process for election at the next meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> (provided there is quorum) will be as outlined in the Terms of Reference:

Every three (3) years, the PSS Committee will elect a Committee Chair who will represent them on the CCEDNet Board of Directors. The election of the Committee Chair will be undertaken at a regular meeting of the Committee, which entails a formal call for nominations recorded in the minutes. The election, by acclamation or otherwise, will also be recorded in the minutes and presented to the CCEDNet Board of Directors. Upon resignation or expired term of the PSS

Committee Chair, the Committee shall elect a new Chair to complete or fulfill the three (3) year term of office.

**b) Annual General Meeting**

Diana will represent the PSS Committee on the Resolutions Committee for the Annual General Meeting.

**5. Next Meeting Date**

Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm EST, then April 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm EST.

**6. Action Items:**

- Diana will follow-up with HR Sector Council on survey results
- Diana will obtain minutes of Conference Committee meetings from Elizabeth Morrison
- Anne Docherty and Michele Cherot will prepare the Speaker's kit and will provide a draft to the PSS committee by March 12<sup>th</sup>
- Nicole Chaland will provide evaluations from the last conference

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