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MINUTES - GVAT Board of Directors Meeting

May 26, 2025

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m .
Date: **May 26, 2025**

Zoom Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82646026782

Minutes Recorder: Stephen
Vibes Watcher:

Attendees:

Christine Conkin (Acting Chair), Stephen Tyler (Treasurer and Acting Secretary), Flossie Baker (Acting Vice-Chair), Lane O'Hara Cooke (Board Member), Brigitte Mackenzie (Board member), Izzy Adachi (Organizer), Joyce Harris (Strategy Team Liaison),

Regrets: Jane Welton

ACTION ITEMS from this meeting:

- Izzy to prepare a brief and reflective report on David's visit and some key learnings
- Stephen to notify Hannah of her appointment as Interim Director, check on her availability for Calgary training, and support her onboarding
- Board to plan general meeting in September (likely in conjunction with Strat Hub) to introduce special resolution to amend bylaws
- Stephen and Christine to visit bank to add her as signing authority

	Item	Lead
6:30	**Welcome**	Christine
	Territory Acknowledgement COEDI:2023:IRLC:Land Acknowledgement Instructions Handout COEDI:2022.Pronunciation of Local Words in Indigenous Languages	Flossie
6:40	Motion: **Approve Consent Agenda** • Meeting Agenda • May 1 Board Meeting Minutes for Approval • Status Report: Treasurer (Stephen)	Christine

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	● Status Report: Organizer (Izzy) ● Status Report: COEDI (Jane) **Moved:** Stephen Seconded: Brigitte. Approved.	
6:45	**Follow-up: Action Items from previous meeting** - IRLC has been informed - email transitions underway - Annual Report filed with Societies BC	Stephen Izzy
7:00	**Organizer's Insights and report on David's visit** - lots of meetings involving Izzy: very productive - DIscernment Assembly went pretty well - Looks forward to working with GVAT folks going to regional training - Standout: organizing tactics David suggested	Izzy
7:10	**Update re Discerning Assembly (May 22) and follow-up** - Methodology came together late, but it was quite effective - Questions came up from all the discussions and interventions - managed to quickly go from 6 questions to 2 through a preferential voting / commitment scheme - next Action / Research meetings June 18/19	Izzy
7:15	**Nomination of Interim Directors** **See Resumes and Statements of Interest:** - **Hannah De Guzman** - **Jen Kostuchuk 1 and 2** Motion: Nominate Hannah De Guzman to the position of Interim Director on the Board of GVAT until the next AGM. Moved Stephen. Seconded Brigitte. Approved. Bylaws currently limit our ability to appoint new directors. We propose to amend these at a general meeting in September. In the meantime we would invite Jen K to join the Board in a non-voting capacity. Unanimous agreement on this approach.	Stephen Izzy
7:30	**Onboarding new Board members - process and roles** There is a folder for Board Onboarding which contains some draft materials prepared by Sonia and Tracey with Izzy's help. These are mostly self-directed, but Brigitte has made herself available to Christine to address questions.. Stephen and Christine will visit the bank to add her as a signing authority and obtain a bank card in her name. Brigitte will remain as signing authority for a few more weeks but will soon be removed. Stephen agreed to support Hannah's onboarding.	
7:40	**Report from IAFC Board - supervision arrangements for coming year** Stephen and Joyce reported on status of IAFP proposal for interim organization in the next year. Discussion focused on the importance of	Stephen Joyce

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	building a relationship with Lisa Davey as she assumes some supervisory roles with Izzy, and on the longer term strategies for networking and supervision after this interim year, because it will take time for us to scout and develop potential supervisory relationships. We should work with MVA to get started on this, and explore future options and intentions with CACG Board members. There was no enthusiasm for linking with WSW, and participants confirmed their personal and organizational reluctance to travel to the US for training.	
	Date and Roles for next meeting: Monday Jul 7, 2025 @ 6:30 pm Territory Acknowledgement: Christine Vibes Watcher: Minutes Taker: Stephen	
	Motion to Adjourn Meeting : Moved by Flossie Seconded by Joyce	
	Future Agenda Items ● **Update 2024 Annual Plan to 2025 Annual Plan and** ● **2024-2025 Annual Calendar to 2025-2026 Annual Calendar** ●	Izzy +

Consent Agenda:

- May 1 Board Meeting Minutes
- Status Report: Treasurer May 2025 (Stephen)

Active Agenda:

- Hannah De Guzman Resume and Statement of Interest
- Jen Kostuchuk Resume
- Jen Kostuchuk Statement of Interest
- **2024 Annual Plan**
- **2024-2025 Annual Calendar**

For Reference:

- 2025 Annual Board Calendar
- Board Contact Information [update after AGM]
- GVAT Board Manual
- Board Skills Inventory Dec. 2023
- Code of Conduct Policy; Policy for Addressing Code of Conduct Policy Breaches
- Decisionmaking Toolkit
- Guidelines for GVAT Making Donations to Other Organizations
- Honoraria Policy
- **Nominations Policy**; Nominations Committee request
- Risk Management Resources; Recommendations from Risk Management Working Group
- Summary of Results of GVAT's First Annual Culture Survey
- Ten Key Decisions at GVAT and who is involved in making them