

 <p>Acupuncture Foundation of Canada Institute Institut de la Fondation d'Acupuncture du Canada</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">MEETING MINUTES</p> <p style="text-align: right;">BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING May 13, 2014 Via Teleconference</p>
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Present: Mac Mierzejewski, MScPT, CAFCI (Chair)
Catherine Fuller, PT, CACFI
Marjorie Hammond, RN, MScN
JoAnn Thompson-Franklin, BScPT, CAFCI
Nimet Meghji, DC, CAFCI
Jacek Brachaniec, PT, CAFCI

Staff Present: Ronda Kellington, Executive Director (Recorder)

Regrets: Cathy Donald, BHScPT, CAFCI
Kara Gray Breeze, DC, CAFCI
Debbie Byrne, PT, CAFCI
Doreen Sharpe, PT, CAFCI

The meeting was called for the purpose of reviewing the draft bylaws for the organization. A quorum being present, the meeting started at 7:05 p.m. eastern time.

Yeti Agnew, AFCI's lawyer, provided an alternative draft bylaw just prior to the meeting. Ronda Kellington noted that Yeti prefers these bylaws as they act as more of a framework, leaving many of the specifics of governance issues to be drafted into policies that are easier for the organization to change as required.

Key issues were discussed.

1. Clarity is needed, based on Yeti Agnew's draft bylaw, about the mechanism for elections so that not all board members are resigning at the same time.
2. The issue of term limits for board members was discussed. There is concern that as presented, the draft bylaws will force useful, experienced board members to leave. The board would prefer the inclusion of a phrase that, at the invitation of the board, a member could be asked to stay on longer than the set term.
3. The Board should have a mixture of faculty and non-faculty but two or three faculty members only is too limiting.

4. The phrase allowing the board to remove a director from office by special resolution should stay.
5. The board doesn't feel a nomination committee is necessary and that the work can be done by the board. It would be best for the President-Elect to serve on the board first to see how they work with the group.

Jacek Brachaniec left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

6. There should also be the option of extending the President's term as two years is not a long time to get to know the issues and represent the organization.

Board members will review Yeti Agnew's draft bylaw. Ronda Kellington will talk to Yeti about the issues, as outlined above, and the board will continue the discussion via email or teleconference.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.