

AFCC Ontario Chapter Annual General Meeting

**October 19, 2012 at AFCC Conference – Bram & Bluma Appel Salon
789 Yonge Street, Toronto ON**

List of Board members present: patti cross, Craig Perkins, Barbara Fidler, Maggie Hall, Dena Moyal, Debra Paulseth, Deborah Moskovitch, Anthony Macri, Rachel Birnbaum, Dan Ashbourne

Members present: 260 members registered for the AFCCO conference.

1. Approval of Agenda:

Barbara Fidler moved that all in attendance at the AGM approve the Agenda of the October 21, 2011 AGM. **Motion Seconded by Rachel Birnbaum.** All approved. Motion passed.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Barbara Fidler moved that all in attendance at the AGM approve the minutes of the October 21, 2011 AGM. **Motion Seconded by Justice Paulseth.** All approved.

3. Remarks from Outgoing President: Dr. Barbara Fidler

Discussion points:

- Dr. Fidler called the AGM to order, and welcomed everyone to the 4th annual AGM
- Dr. Fidler listed the numerous accomplishments achieved by AFCCO in 2012. These were:
 - **Membership** has grown in last year, 422 AFCC members and 350 of those chapter members; Ontario is the second largest AFCC chapter.
 - **35th Anniversary of the SCJ Family Court** sold out celebration held in Hamilton June 25th to honour the Unified Family Court; plaque presented by AFCC-O, Advocates Society, County and District Law Presidents Ass, Family Lawyer's Association, Hamilton Law Association, LSUC, OBA
 - **The Ideal Family Court** – communicated to the chief justices of both courts as well as the AG
 - The **first family law moot in Canada -- Walsh Family Law Moot** established by our chapter

- **Outreach Educational Program** has occurred in **6 locations**: Barrie, London, Kingston, Newmarket, Hamilton, Windsor
-With 2 more planned in next 2 months; Dec: Peterborough/Lindsay; Nov: Halton/Peel/Oakville
-5 in planning stages: likely in Sudbury, Timmins, Kitchener/Guelph, Milton Ottawa
- **Parenting Capacity Assessor's Group**
Two events this past year; next event January 2013
- **New Child Protection Lawyer's Group**--arising out of the two intensive child protection trainings for lawyers, joint with LSC held in Windsor and **Toronto**
Next Event Nov 8
- **Children's Art Project** involving chapter members, schools, students, Bench and Bar Committee at 393 University; children's art in halls of SCJ 393; donation from B&B given to AFCC-O that we have donated back so that another art project may be done in another court
- **Working Group co-sponsored with Advocates Society on Judicial interviews and meetings** --will be circulating a draft paper put together by their committee represented by professionals across Ontario, look forward to receiving input from our membership and others

4/5. Nominating Committee Report

Update by Justice Craig Perkins

Discussion Points:

- The nominating committee - Justice Perkins, Dena Moyal and Dan Ashbourne recommended a slate of names for the Board of Directors.
- Four terms have expired that of Justice Perkins, Maggie Hall, Rachel Birnbaum and Steven Benmor.
- Steven Benmor has decided to step down and was not seeking reelection. The other three Directors would like to be considered for re-election. The Board would like to officially thank Steven for his significant contributions and time to the chapter. His input and dedication have been of significant value, he will be missed.
- There was an expression of interest by Andrea Himel to be included on the Board.
- Justice Perkins identified that the Board would like the Presidency to rotate from one constituency to the next, being judge, lawyer, mental health professional/other (mediators, court administrators, educators, etc).
- The new slate of directors were put forward:
 - Dena Moyal – President
 - Justice Paulseth – President elect
 - Rachel Birnbaum – Vice President
 - Maggie Hall – Treasurer

- Deborah Moskovitch – Secretary
- Justice Perkins opened the floor to other nominations. There were no nominees from the floor; so all Board members were approved for another term

Justice Perkins moved that the nominating committee’s recommendation to appoint Andrea Himel to the AFCCO Board of Directors be approved. **Motion Seconded by patti cross.** All approved. Motion approved.

6/7. Treasurers Report

Update by Maggie Hall

Discussion Points:

- The Financial Statement marked Draft 2 was presented to all members in attendance.
- The main source of revenue is from the AFCC-O events.
- Revenues have exceeded expenses.

Maggie Hall moved that the Financial Statement of June 30, 2011 presented at the AGM be approved. **Motion Seconded by patti cross.** All approved.

Maggie Hall moved that the current accountant Tinkham & Associates continue to be the accountant for AFCC Ontario. **Motion Seconded by patti cross.** All approved.

8.Outgoing Remarks:

Incoming President: Dena Moyal

Discussion Points:

- Dena Moyal recognized the past president, Barbara Fidler, for her outstanding contribution and leadership to AFCC Ontario.

Adjournment: 8:55 am

Moved by: Dr. Fidler. Seconded by: patti cross. All approved.

*Secretary Signature*_____

*Date*_____

*Board member Signature*_____

*Date*_____