

## **BC Stars Executive Meeting**

In Person 634 Forsyth Avenue, Parksville BC,  
and Zoom Meeting hosted by Christine Rivers  
Tuesday, August 20, 2024

1.0 The meeting was called to order by Linda Porte, President and Chair at **11:15 am**

2.0 A quorum was noted with attending directors in Person Judy Harcus, Yolanda Olivotto, Linda Porte, Christine Rivers; and by Zoom Barbara Heller  
Not in attendance Anthea Mallinson

3.0 Approval of BC Stars Executive Meeting Agenda August 20, 2024, all in favour

4.0 Three New Business agenda items were added

- 1 BC Stars Publications sent from Anthea Mallinson
- 2 Mummerations Collaboration financial support/assistance
- 3 Future plans for BC Stars

5.0 Business Arising from the July 24, 2024 BC Stars AGM

**5.1 CCBC exhibit** discussion occurred, as per the July 24, 2024 BC Stars AGM motion to hold an Extraordinary Meeting so determine how BC Stars might further support this CCBC initiative. Barbara Heller read out the recent (August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024) letter from CCBC Executive Director Raine McKay (attached with these minutes), which clarified that the \$600 BC Stars donation was to support an Emerging Indigenous curator, with a call going out September 2024, and an exhibit intended for Aug/Sep 2025. Following a brief discussion, it was deemed that there seems to be no need for further action on the part of the BC Stars Board.

6.0 New Business

**6.1** The BC Stars Board extends a big thank you to Anthea Mallinson, who sent two **BC Stars publications** for sharing amongst the current Board: *Making a Place for Tapestry* and the Dr. Peters Tapestry publication.

**Outcomes:** Linda Porte took both publications to read, as it seemed a good idea to keep the two publications together.

**ACTION** Linda Porte to pass along the publications to whoever would like to read them and to let the Board know who has borrowed them next.

**6.2 Mummerations Collaboration financial support/assistance** Linda Porte noted that each of 12 Mummerations Collaboration weavers had paid 170 pound and that the UK contingent were crowd funding for funds to cover expenses (art transport, exhibit costs, insurance). Linda asked for ideas on how to navigate finding funding in Canada and where to find venues. A few specific funding options and venues were mentioned for Linda's follow-up. Linda was encouraged to seek additional support from the BC Stars Board and everyone expressed an interest to help with specific needs of projects. Within the general discussion of Textile Exhibition Funding and Textile Exhibition Venues, Linda Porte spoke about a retrospective exhibition in memory of Linda Wallace. Barbara Heller mentioned that she has two of Linda Wallace's tapestry weavings.

**Outcomes:** for any BC Stars projects, the project lead will be requested in advance to provide an update to the BC Stars Board President by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**ACTION** for BC Stars President to request in advance updates by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month from BC Stars project leads, and to share these updates with the Board, who may then be able to help with project specific needs.

### 6.3 Future plans for BC Stars

Judy Marcus and Linda Porte opened a discussion about the changing of the name of BC Stars from **BC Society of Textile Arts** to **BC Society of Tapestry Arts (or Artists)**, thus to shift the focus to Tapestry arts and artists. Yolanda Olivotto said the idea of fundraising for a BC Textile Arts Web Hub discussed at the July 24, 2024 AGM would need to be re-envisioned, as there would be a different approach (new logic and different funding sources) with the tapestry only focus.

**ACTION** Yolanda Olivotto to re-think a tapestry only Web idea and to not pursue funding for the BC Textile Web Hub.

**ACTION** Yolanda Olivotto to contact the BC Registrar of Societies to determine the timeline and process for a Society name change.

**ACTION** BC Stars to further discuss and vote on the Society name change.

7.0 The Tuesday, August 20, 2024 BC Stars Executive Meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm (**52 minutes** was the total time, due to a 88 minute lunch break).



August 1, 2024

RE: BC Stars Donation

Dear Barbara,

On behalf of the Craft Council of BC, I would like to thank you for the generous donation of \$600 towards our new Indigenous Curator Program.

This program is designed to give emerging curators from our Indigenous communities the opportunity to gain experience specifically around curating craft and material-based art exhibitions. We are currently applying to foundations and corporations to further fund this program and having your donation helps us in making these requests as it demonstrates the community support to create opportunities for emerging curators in the craft sector.

The initial call for curators will go out this fall with the intent to mount the first exhibition in this series in August - September 2025.

Again, thank you for your support and once the curator has been selected we will be in touch to see how best to represent your contribution throughout our promotion cycle.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 604.687.6511 or [rainejmckay@craftcouncilbc.ca](mailto:rainejmckay@craftcouncilbc.ca).

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Raine McKay  
Executive Director  
Craft Council of BC

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We gratefully acknowledge that we work on the unceded homelands of the x'məčwəyem (Musqueam), Sḱwəgwə7mesh (Squamish), and Sellwítsh (Tlel) -Wautuh Nations

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