

GFSI Management Team, Feb. 14, 2022 @ Online, 3:30pm

Present: Sandi MacKinnon, John Coates, Bill MacKenzie, Susanne White, Mike Toole, Scott Henwood, Ricardo Nicolini, Shirley Cleave, Hayley AuCoin, Yu Ren, Sheehan Flatt, Anna Chandra, Ekaterina Pavlova, Cassandra Swift, Emilee Thibodeau, Kate Walsh, Ahmed Shaltout, Shanti Shanmugam, Mandy Arsenault

Regrets: Promise Mwenga, Ben Griffin

Minutes recorded by: Hayley AuCoin

Agenda:

- Projects Roundtable
- Past Meeting Minutes Approval
- RSC Transition
- Reports and Questions
- Bookkeeping
- Stewardship Meeting
- Next meeting date

Minutes:

Projects Roundtable

- Renaissance College students, STU Social Work students, and Yu Ren's Civic Tech team introduced themselves and their projects.

Past Meeting Minutes Approval

Mike Toole motioned to approve minutes from the January 10th meeting as distributed.

Moved: Bill MacKenzie Seconded: John Coates

RSC Transition

- Bill has participated in two, 3 hour meetings
- Last meeting talked about a checklist for transitions.
 - Discussions around transfer of funds from GFSI to RSC, contingent upon which projects GFSI may retain, i.e food security.
- Four priorities under the local governance transition. There will be a committee for each.
- Real progress will happen when meetings with facilitators begin, which will happen in the next couple weeks.
- Falls to us to work through our transition timeline with the mediator.
- What happens with our CIN advisory committee?
 - Many of the CINs have wanted to see committees for poverty reduction get more traction.

- The Charlotte region has committed to carrying forward their CIN committee.
- Maybe there are some things that are best left with GFSI.

Reports and Questions

GFSI Report

Basic Income Coalition

ACOA & RDC Project Approval

- Building a community framework for digital and social innovation.
- An indigenous, rural, and francophone community.
 - If anyone has any contacts with a progressive rural community, contact Sandi.
- Over \$600,000 in the past few months.

CIN Report

Getting grant applications prepared for ESIC.

- Includes volunteer drive network, mental health programs for youth, community play boxes for inclusion and equipment for school food programs.

ESIC approved Regional Plan which triggers payment of next installment to GFSI.

Basic Income Coalition

- Atlantic BI Coalition has developed a reference document to clarify definitions, policies and requests around which to advocate to the federal government. Still to be confirmed. Upcoming meeting to discuss this and possible plans for an Atlantic symposium.
- Example of the exploratory work that the Atlantic Basic Income Coalition is working on.
- Lots of collaboration happening on the Atlantic front.

Bookkeeping

- Promise and Sandi met with Pluggedin CPA
 - Our contact is Alana.
- Started transitioning and exporting from quickbooks last week
- Haven't gotten HST rebates from last fiscal year.

Stewardship Meeting - February 24th, 2022 @ 4:30

- Short immediate meeting to provide stakeholders with updates that will be discussed in more depth at the following meeting around May.
- **Zoom only meeting.**
- This will act as a preparatory meeting for a future discussion based meeting.
- Draft Agenda:
 - Student and staff projects
 - RSC transition
 - Sandi's new projects
 - Circulate Bylaws as an information item at this meeting in preparation for the next meeting.
 - New grant approvals
 - Title of project
 - Purpose of the project
 - Money
 - Funders

Next meeting date

- March 14th, in person and online @ 3:30

Approved On March 14, 2022 – Board President Bill MacKenzie

