

## **AFCC Ontario Chapter Annual General Meeting**

**October 21, 2011 at AFCC Conference – Sala Caboto at Villa Colombo  
40 Playfair Avenue, Toronto ON**

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

*Members present: 210 members registered for the AFCCO conference.*

### **Annual General Meeting:**

Update by Justice Craig Perkins

### **Discussion points:**

- Justice Perkins called the AGM to order, and welcomed everyone to the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual AGM; clarifying that the first AGM was before AFCCO was incorporated and the second and third AGMs have been held since incorporation.
- Justice Perkins listed the numerous accomplishments achieved by AFCCO in 2011. These were:
  - Ideal Family Court discussion paper and initiative, aimed a promoting the expansion of full jurisdiction, full service Family Court locations everywhere in Ontario
  - Child protection training for younger lawyers, jointly with the Law Society of Upper Canada, in Windsor
  - Parenting Capacity Assessors' Forum - two events
  - AFCC Chapter Council - monthly telephone meetings and occasional in person meetings and leadership training sessions with representatives of all other AFCC chapters
  - Outreach Committee Program bringing educational and networking events to communities across Ontario, the first one held in Barrie
  - Nicholas Bala Award for Excellence in Children and the Law, a \$1000 annual prize
  - Committee on Judicial Meetings/Interviews with children in custody and access cases, jointly with The Advocates' Society.
  - Planning and preparation of this year's annual conference.
  - There are many initiatives being conducted by AFCCO and we would like the help and support of all members.

### **Agenda overview**

#### **Approval of 2010 minutes**

**Justice Perkins moved that all in attendance at the AGM approve the minutes of the October 15, 2010 AGM. Motion Seconded by Anthony Macri. All approved.**

## **Nominating Committee Report**

### **Discussion Points:**

- There was one vacancy on The Board of Directors, as Lynn Lavery of Renfrew County had retired and was not seeking reelection.
- The nominating committee - Justice Emile Kruzick, patti cross and Dr. Barbara Fidler, had a difficult job of selecting a new Board Member given the number of excellent resumes submitted.
- It was recommended that the new Board member be Dr. Dan Ashbourne.
- Justice Perkins opened the floor to other nominations. There were no nominees from the floor; so all Board members were approved for another term

**patti cross moved that the nominating committee's recommendation to appoint Dr. Dan Ashbourne to the AFCCO Board of Directors be approved. Motion Seconded by Justice Debra Paulseth. All approved.**

## **Treasurers Report**

### **Update by Maggie Hall**

#### **Discussion Points:**

- There was a significant positive balance of cash available as a result of the monies earned from the 2010 AFCCO conference/AGM, and outreach programs, thereby leaving AFCCO in very good cash position.

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

**Maggie Hall** moved that the current auditor Tinkham & Associates continue to be the auditor for AFCC Ontario. **Motion Seconded by Anthony Macri.** All approved.

### **Outgoing Remarks:**

Incoming President: Dr. Barbara Fidler

#### **Discussion Points:**

- Barbara Fidler recognized the past president, Justice Perkins, for his outstanding contribution and leadership to AFCC Ontario.
- Justice Perkins was presented with a plaque and a book to commemorate his service to the organization.

**Adjournment: 8:55 am**

**Moved by: Justice Perkins Seconded by: Maggie Hall**

All approved.

*Secretary Signature*\_\_\_\_\_

*Date*\_\_\_\_\_

*Board member Signature*\_\_\_\_\_

*Date*\_\_\_\_\_