



Board Meeting Highlights April 22nd, 2021

Finance

The 2021/22 fiscal year budget has been approved. The organization is still set to end the year with a surplus.

Operations

The major grant applications have been submitted for the 2021/22 year. Staff are currently recruiting summer students to fill two funded positions: The Programming Assistant and the Cataloguing Assistant. Both positions will start early May. Program staff can now offer honorariums to diverse speakers for the Nautical Nights Speaker Series 2021/22 season as needed. Programming staff are also undergoing a social media audit.

An updated governance document is being prepared that will be made available on the Museum's website once ready.

Museum Board and staff members will be featured on the Best Coast podcast next week.

Fundraising events will be planned for later this year and will be COVID dependent. This will include a special fall Massive Marine Garage Sale. There will also be a membership drive at some point.

Human Resources

The HR Committee is updating HR policies and related manuals.

Collections

Work has continued on *SV Dorothy* but will likely take longer than the anticipated June completion date. There will soon be a planning session to discuss her future.

Three large fine art ship's models have been offered to the Museum, but are out of the collection mandate. The donor has agreed for these models to be sold to raise revenue for the Museum.

Classic Boat Festival

Work is underway for virtual activities to take place this year. A new VCBF Boat Database on the Museum's website is to be built with boater provided content and is to be shared on our social media.

Future Facility

The Future Facility Committee continues to explore options for a permanent downtown location. The committee has been meeting with numerous downtown stakeholder groups and local First Nations.

DEAI Committee

This new Committee is working on establishing a framework and mandate from which to operate. The Board approved a minor change to the Museum's mission statement to now be "Our mission is to promote and preserve our diverse maritime experience and heritage and to engage people with this ongoing story".

All Things Marine

COVID depending, the Store might be able to open more days a week soon. Board members are collecting donated goods to sell in the Store.

New Committee

There was discussion about the need for a new committee related to exhibits, programming, and the visitor experience. This will be established at the next Board meeting.