BCCPAC Representation Report

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Submitted by: **Ron Broda, President**

Name of Event: Meeting with BCCT Registrar

Date of Event: December, 1st, 2008

Location of Event: BCCT Office, Vancouver

As a result of a request for a meeting, I attended the BCCT office and met with Marie Crowther, Registrar. Richard Walker, Chair of the BCCT, sent his regrets as weather delayed his flight and he was unable to attend this meeting as planned.

This meeting was requested as a follow-up to a focus group meeting related to the Criminal Record Checks legislation which occurred in June of last year involving all of the partner groups. At the recent BCCT Standards conference I had the opportunity to meet two delegates from the U.K and Australia respectively. From these delegates I learned of initiatives in their countries that may address some of the concerns raised about the current BC legislation. Specifically these initiatives involve a higher level of multi-purpose check for all individuals who are either employed or volunteer for work with children. At the June meeting there was a common will to explore other alternatives to the current legislation. As a result of this meeting a follow-up focus group session has been tentatively scheduled for January 19th, 2009 to further explore these options.

The Registrar also brought to my attention that a letter was sent to BCCPAC in October advising of proposed bylaw changes and requesting BCCPAC's input. The Registrar expressed surprise that there had been no response to one bylaw in particular, related to a requirement for the majority of practicum experience for new teachers to be B.C. practicum experience. The registrar also informed me that the BCCT has heard very little from BCCPAC during the past two years which concerns them somewhat. I asked the registrar if she was aware of who the official representative of BCCPAC, responsible for attending public BCCT meetings and reporting to the BCCPAC Board is. She stated that she thought that it was a male member but could not recall his name nor having met or seen him.

The registrar advised me that the BCCT holds public meetings the first week of every second month in October, December, February, April and June. According to the minutes of BCCT public meetings, BCCPAC's representative has only attended the October 2007 meeting.

The Registrar asked if it would be advisable to forward a specific request relating to issues that the BCCT believed would be of concerns directly to BCCPAC's President. This will now be the practice for issues that the BCCT believes are of particular interest and importance to parents.

This meeting was very informative and productive. There is mutual agreement that these meetings should occur on a regular basis, if for n o other reason than just to stay current on the activities of our respective organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Broda, President