



Ontario Herbalists Association

Professional Member Committee Minutes

March 19th, 2018 – 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Tincture & Tonic Apothecary

Present: Marianne Beacon Lianna Vargas Chris Lamont
 Elena Pintilie Susan Elliotson Shanthi Bala
 Aku Richter Penny Beaudrow Avtar Pannu

Regrets: Barbara Anderson

Minutes: Elena Pintilie

AGENDA

1. Welcome members

Attendees were welcomed to the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

Marianne motioned to approve the February 26, 2018 meeting minutes, Lianna seconded the motion.

⇒ Minutes approved.

Action: Elena will add the approved minutes to the website.

3. Professional member applications

1 pending application, no new ones.

LH will be joining us at the next meeting for the interview.

- AH – additional information received;
 - suggestion was made to have AH write the exam;
 - Chris will inform the candidate and Shanti will proctor the exam;

Note: steps to take if there is a gap between education and practice:

1. ask for evidence showing on-going activity during the said gap; if evidence unsatisfactory,
2. ask to write exam; if results are unsatisfactory
3. ask to come for an interview.

Action: Chris will remind LH of the Sunday PMC meeting.
Chris will inform AH of the committee decision.

4. Events

a. Back to Your Roots – September 8th 2018

- great opportunity to hear David Winston speak in person; he will be doing 4 talks, and his wife 2;
- decision was reached to sponsor the event;
- Penny will email Lianna the topics to be added to the newsletter;

Action: Lianna will add the information to the newsletter.

b. Great Lakes Herb Faire

- different sponsorships levels;

- motion was made by Marianne for the \$250 membership level, seconded by Chris and the rest of the group;

Action: Marianne will inform them and Barbara.

c. Ayurvedic Conference – June 16 & 17, 2018

- Shanthi will send members more information.

d. Round Table Discussion – April 22nd - 2:00 – 4:00, Tincture & Tonic Apothecary

- geared towards students and professionals;

e. AGM speakers

- Stephanie Morningstar is one of the speakers;
- looking for additional suggestions;
- tentative dates: Sept 30, Oct 14 or Oct 21;
- Penny's suggestions: Tierra Low Dog, Dr. Jillian Stansbury (Portland) – Penny has offered to contact them on behalf of the OHA;

Note:

- all educational events added to the newsletter should mention the amount of CEU credits the participants receive for attending;
- a certificate of attendance can be given out after the event;
- 1 hr per speaker presentation;
- could ask the event coordinators to add the CEU credit for the presentations;

5. Corporate membership

- to be added to next agenda for discussion;

6. Automated acceptance of graduates from pre-approved schools

- there has ben some issues with complaints about certain schools that are on OHA's automatic approval list;
- OHA does not have the ability or resources to monitor school programs;
 - they have a much more comprehensive application process;
- we looked at different associations and nobody else endorses schools the way that OHA does;
- to be discussed further;

7. Social media

- ideas: member profiles (in alphabetical order), events, plant profiles, membership benefits;
- 122 followers in Instagram;

8. Meeting adjourned

Next Professional Member Committee Meetings (PMC):

- Sunday, April 22nd - 4:00 – PMC - Tincture & Tonic Apothecary.
- Monday, May 14th - 6:00 – PMC - Tincture & Tonic Apothecary.