

2015 Housing Registry Annual Meeting of Members

The Annual Meeting of Members was held on February 24, 2015. Members from around the province attended either in person or by teleconference.

The first half of the meeting provided members with information regarding the election process, stats from The Housing Registry, and information on changes in 2015. After a short break, the meeting was opened up for a brainstorming session on topics of importance to the members. The council will use the information gathered through this brainstorming when setting priorities for the coming year.

The council is always looking at options for improving meetings. If you would like to host an in-person session for providers in your community for next year's annual meeting, please contact thehousingregistry@bchousing.org.



Save the Date: Next year's Annual Meeting of Members is February 23, 2016.

Meet your 2015 Housing Registry Council

The first council meeting was held at BC Housing's offices on March 24, 2015. Once a year, in March, the council has a face-to-face all-day meeting. During this meeting council sets priorities for the coming year and establishes subcommittees to work on each priority.

Dana Hill, Chair – *CMHA for the Kootenays*

Deanna Fowler – *Capital Region Housing Corp – Vice Chair*

Doug Creba – *Nanaimo Affordable Housing*

Darren Kitchen – *Co-operative Housing Federation of BC*

Jennifer Walsh – *New Chelsea*

Jag Clair – *Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation*

Tony Roy – *BC Non-Profit Housing Association*

Yvonne Blair – *Greater Victoria Housing Society*

Bev Wheten – *Pacifica Housing*

Steve Hooch – *Affordable Housing Society*

Erin Smandych – *BC Housing*

Rhonda Forster – *BC Housing – Administrative support to the council*

Changes to Council's Composition and Terms of Office

Following the Annual Meeting of Members, the newly elected council met at BC Housing's offices for their annual priorities and planning meeting on March 24, 2015. One of the items discussed was the council composition and election process which has been unchanged since the council's inception in 1999.

The council is composed of 11 seats, 3 appointed and 8 elected. The appointed seats are filled by the Co-op Federation of BC, the BC Non-Profit Housing Association, and BC Housing. In the past, elected seats were split between small providers, large providers and community groups with terms of 2 years.

To better represent membership, two changes are being made to the Council effective for January 2016.

- Elected seats will be distributed geographically based on membership with 4 seats for the Lower Mainland, 2 seats for Vancouver Island and 2 seats representing the Interior and North.
- Council terms will move from 2 year to 3 year terms. Terms will be staggered with annual elections for either 2 or 3 seats.

Next council meeting – September 15 2015

If you have a topic that you would like the council to discuss, please send by email at thehousingregistry@bchousing.org, or contact Council Chair Dana Hill at dhill@cmhakootenays.org.