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Welcome Kim Meyer



Welcome to Kim Meyer, ASPECT's new communications manager. Kim has extensive experience in strategic and communications planning, 10+ years in curriculum development & facilitation, stakeholder relationship-building experience, and 10+ years in contract management

experience. She can be reached at kmeyer@aspect.bc.ca.

CEO Report

We've been busy and there's so much to tell you about!

It's been a month since our last Aspectives newsletter and I have a very good excuse...I've been working hard on your behalf! My apologies in advance for a very long CEO report.

FutureSkills Lab

While attending the CANNEXUS Conference in Ottawa last month, I had the opportunity to meet with Rachel Wernick, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Skills and Employment Branch, Employment and Social Development Canada, and 6 of her senior staff. I introduced (and re-introduced for some) them to ASPECT, the work we are doing with our partners across Canada, the challenges with federally administered government grants, and how we can utilize our existing infrastructure of community-based organizations to support Canada's employment needs.

Much was discussed in the hour-long meeting with three topics were at the forefront: ASPECT's existing and developing relationships with indigenous-serving organizations, the business sector, and the provincial government, funding opportunities to develop post-employment supports, and a request for our feedback on a [discussion paper](#) about the formation of the FutureSkills Lab. This week and next, I'll be meeting with Canadian Coalition of Community-Based Employability Trainers (CCCBET) board members to discuss a coordinated pan-Canadian response.

RFP Workshops

ASPECT presented 2 workshops in Vancouver on February 1 & 2. Both sessions were sold out and the feedback on both was

stellar. Thanks to Liz Busch, Director, Outreach and User Experience at Ministry of Citizens Services, for presenting the content in an interesting and informative way.

Some people were not able to attend those dates, so we are looking at putting together a third session in Vancouver. If you are interested, [please let me know](#).

We also had encouraging feedback for presenting a Project Management Course to help manage the request for proposal (RFP) process. It will likely be pulled together over the next month or so.

The Federation's Social Policy Forum

Last week I attended the Fed's (Federation of Community Social Services of BC) Policy Forum and was pleased to see many ASPECT members there as well. The two-day conference was full of thoughtful and inspiring ideas. I was particularly interested in the work being done by the [Ontario Nonprofit Network](#) (similar to BC's 3rd Voice). They have been able to quantify the economic driving force of non-profit organizations on the provincial economy and undertake some interesting research.

Annual General Meeting

ASPECT will be holding our Annual General Meeting on **Thursday, March 15 at 4pm** at the Back In Motion office in Richmond at 290 - 3631 No. 3 Road. We have one board member retiring from the board, Megan Brown of Aware Society, and will be welcoming two new board members Kim Lauritsen of Community Futures North Okanagan and Lori Forgeron of Employment Action in Prince George. To take a look at the full slate of board members, [click here](#). AGM documents and invitations will go out to members shortly.

3rd Voice

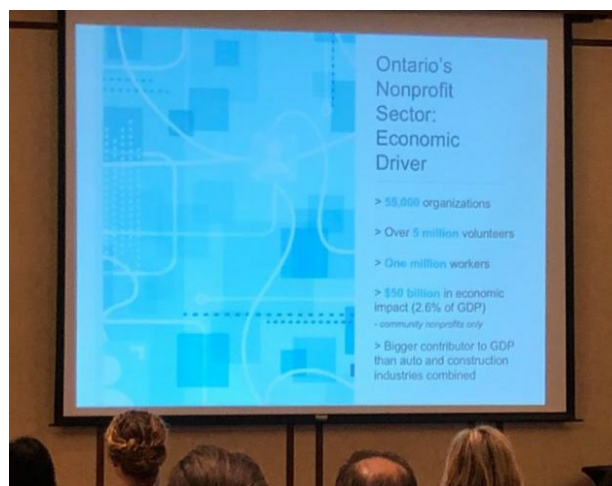
With government as the 1st voice and business as the 2nd voice, ASPECT is one of the founding members of the 3rd Voice, a platform to bring the community services sector together to inform policy and practice. Over the past few months we've been working on a communications strategy and now have a [one-pager](#) that we are using to introduce ourselves to government and other stakeholders. On February 1st, a small delegation met with Kevin Volk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Community & Legislative Service Division, and Joanna White, Executive Director Community Gaming Grants, both of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. It is the first of several meetings planned for the coming months.

BC Chamber of Commerce

If you are following the ASPECT [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) feeds, you'll know that I met with Val Litwin, President of the BC Chamber of Commerce to discuss the development of post-employment training for his members provided by our members. There is an appetite from



Taking a break at Friday's RFP Workshop with Aaron Burnell, Patricia Leung, Michelle Onderwater of PCRS and Raj Hundal of PICS.



Slide from the presentation by Cathy Taylor, Executive Director of the ONN.

government to fund such an endeavour. I will also be meeting with other employer groups to figure a model for ASPECT members to deliver this type of service to employers.

[Janet Morris-Read](#)

Sergei Bouslov

I am very sad to report the passing of Sergei Bouslov, Executive Program Director of the Employment Program of BC and more recently, Executive Director at the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training.

Sergei and I started working together through his position as Acting Assistant Deputy Minister in late 2016 and I had great respect for his opinions and guidance. We met in person and talked on the phone several times throughout the year; he was always knowledgeable and friendly. His passion for his work was evident in every meeting we had and he will be greatly missed.



Sector News

[Go west, young teacher: B.C. schools angling for recruits in Ottawa](#)

CBC News, Feb 15, 2018

[B.C. construction jobs offer entry wages up to \\$27.31/hour, and they're growing: survey](#)

Global News, Feb 14, 2018

[Due for a pullback - B.C. loses 5,100 jobs in January](#)

Business In Vancouver, Feb 9, 2018

[For these B.C. businesses, \\$15 is already the minimum wage](#)

CBC News, Feb9, 2018

[One-third of employees report suffering from 'extreme levels of stress': survey](#)

Business In Vancouver, Jan 31, 2018

[B.C. man says he was offered a job he never applied for. It was all a scam](#)

Global News, Jan 24, 2018

ASPECT Member Agency Job Postings

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Specialized Employment Services Case Manager-Youth & Multi-Barriered

PCRS, Richmond

Closes: Mar 2, 2018

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Senior Manager, EPBC Programs & Business Development

MOSAIC, Vancouver
Closes: Feb 28, 2018
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Senior Manager, Quality Assurance & Performance Improvement
MOSAIC, Vancouver
Closes: Feb 28, 2018
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Volunteer Resources Coordinator
MOSAIC, Vancouver
Closes: Feb 28, 2018
[Click here for details](#)

Admin Assistant
GT Hiring Solutions, Chilliwack
Closes: Feb 22, 2018
[Click here for details](#)

Case Manager - Arabic, Mandarin and Farsi speaking (Port Coquitlam)
MOSAIC, Vancouver
Closes: Feb 19, 2018
[Click here for details](#)

Professional Development Events

BC Career Development Conference
March 5-6, 2018
Pinacle Hotel Harbourfront, Vancouver
[Click here for details](#)

Canadian Association for Supported Employment Conference
June 19-21, 2018
Halifax, NS
[Click here for details](#)

ASPECT Conference
November 8-9, 2018
Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort, Victoria
Mark Your Calendars: Details coming soon!

ASPECT BC Health Benefits Plan and Health Tips!

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