CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. Until quorum was established, it was noted the agenda items would not be tabled in sequential order.

Governor Somppi joined the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

CHAIR’S REMARKS

The Chair welcomed new Governors, Matt Belanger – student representative, and Bill Trochimchuk – Administrative representative.

He advised that members of the Health Council of Canada visited Confederation College on September 24th. They requested a visit to view our facilities and to observe first hand delivery of our videoconference class for the Practical Nursing Program and the Community Based Nursing Program. Governor McLeod was thanked for her role in setting this up.

The joint meeting with Lakehead University’s Board Executive will be set up in the new year, once compatible dates can be established.
The Grand Opening of the Paterson Library Commons took place yesterday. The event was a huge success.

The Community Partners’ Dinner took place last night and once again, the College put on an extraordinary evening. Comments were invited from the Governors.

The Board was advised that the Chair, Hartley Multamaki, will represent the Board of Governors on the Selection Committee for the position of Vice President of Academic and Student Services.

A list of the Governor orientation workshops conducted by Colleges Ontario have been distributed to the new Governors.

The NOACC Conference (Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce) will take place in Fort Frances this year from September 29-29/07. John Kantola will attend this conference on the Board’s behalf.

On Thursday, October 11th Lakehead University will be holding a celebration dinner to honour the friends of Lakehead in support of scholarships and bursaries. Tickets are $90 per person. Please let Mary know if you’re interested in attending.

There will be a Northern Ontario Leaders’ Summit being held in Timmins on October 17-19th. This is being organized by the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM). The intent of the Summit is to bring together a select group of people, from a variety of sectors, to build strategies that will fuel prosperity across our region. Should Board members be interested in attending this Summit, please contact the President or Board Chair.

B. Small joined the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

5.1 **Monthly Evaluation Summary** – Information item.

7. **OWNERSHIP LINKAGE**

7.1 **Advisory Committee Minutes** – Information only.

The President reiterated that students will be encouraged to sit on the advisory committees and representation will be monitored accordingly.

A brief discussion took place on the importance of the College aligning itself with the Ministry regarding the establishment of a College of Early Childhood Educators.
7.2 **Negahneewin Council Minutes** – None.

7.3 **Advisory Committee Appointments** – Information only.

Governor Hardy joined the meeting at 8:55 a.m. This gave the meeting quorum.

9.2 **Appointment of Student Governor**

**MOTION:**

“That Matt Belanger be appointed as Student Representative to the Board of Governors for the period September 2007 to August 2008.”

Moved by S. Wintle
Seconded G. DuBois-Wing Carried.

3. **Conflict of Interest**

No conflicts were declared at this time.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:**

“That the agenda of Board meeting No. 419 be approved as distributed.”

Moved by D. O’Donnell
Seconded J. St. Amand Carried.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:**

“That the Board approve the Minutes of Meeting No. 418 as distributed.”

Moved by L. McLeod
Seconded R. Somppi. Carried.
6. **IN-CAMERA**

The meeting moved In-Camera at 9:00 a.m.

**MOTION:**

“That the Board move In-Camera.”

Moved by D. O'Donnell  
Seconded M. Belanger  
Carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:05 a.m.

8. **ENDS DISCUSSION**

8.1 **CAMP and Library Tours** – A tour of CAMP and the new Library Commons was conducted at 10:30 a.m.

8.2 **Board Ends/Governance Priorities 2007/08 and Agenda Cycle**

R. Jones reviewed the Board Ends and Governance discussion priorities for 2007-08. Updates will be provided throughout the year. He also reviewed the Agenda Cycle for the upcoming year and due to time constraints two modifications were suggested – move the EL2 Working Conditions Monitoring Report from January to September, and table the EL2 Working Conditions Monitoring Report along with the Employee survey results and Health & Safety Report in March instead of April. No objections were raised to these recommendations.

The President advised one of the suggestions received, while conducting follow-up calls on the College’s annual report, was a joint meeting with our Board and local MPs/MPPs. This joint meeting would provide the College an opportunity to present our strategic commitments, from the Board’s viewpoint, and allow a two-way dialogue regarding post secondary education and training and the Federal/Provincial perspective. Consideration will be given to holding a dinner in Rumours along with conducting tours of the College facilities. Details will be confirmed once this has been organized.

8.3 **Retreat Agenda**

A brief discussion took place on the agenda format. The President advised the Natural Resources Forum will include leaders from the forestry, water and mining sectors. The presidents of the College’s stakeholder groups will be invited to attend the morning session on the Friday regarding the Ends Monitoring Report.

To start the Retreat, it was suggested a tour of ACE be conducted on the afternoon of October 25th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Past Governors will be invited to attend the dinner and social on the Friday evening. It was suggested the College’s Annual Report be included in the letters of invitations for information purposes.

9. ITEMS FOR DECISION

9.1 Governance Process Policy Review

9.1.1 BSR4 – Monitoring Executive Performance and Draft BSR5 – Determining President’s Compensation – Referred to Governance Committee

9.2 Executive Limitations Policy Review

9.2.1 EL4 – Budget Development – No change.

9.3 Board of Governors’ Committee Structure

The current Board of Governors’ Committee structure was reviewed and Governors were encouraged to sit on the various committees. L. McLeod agreed to act as Chair of the Nominating Committee. A question was raised as to the purpose of the Board Executive and if this Committee was required. The President suggested its purpose be tabled for discussion at the Board Retreat under Governance on the Saturday morning.

10. Monitoring

10.1 EL 5 – Fiscal Condition – Budget Update – item #6 only

The President advised enrolment was down in the ‘returning years’ category and K. Fedderson noted College enrolment was down 2% across the province. They were unsure, at this point, of the budget implications. To assist in planning, P. Lang noted the College will move forward to implement the Strategic Enrolment Management system.

MOTION:

“That the Monitoring Report from the President re: Policy EL-5 Fiscal Condition (Sub-Section 6 - Budget Update) be accepted.”

Moved by J. St. Amand
Seconded by L. McLeod
Carried.
10.2 **EL 7 – Communications & Counsel**

**MOTION:**

“That the Monitoring Report from the President re: Policy EL-7 Communications & Counsel be accepted.”

Moved by G. DuBois-Wing  
Seconded by S. Wintle  
Carried.

11. **CONSENT AGENDA**

11.1 **Approval of Native Child and Family Services Program**

B. Small advised this program, previously known as the Native Child and Family Worker Program, underwent the renewal process. The purpose of this two-year diploma program is to educate individuals whose primary job interest is to work with Aboriginal children, youth, families and communities, particularly in the field of Aboriginal child welfare.

**MOTION:**

“That the Board approve the two-year Diploma Program – Native Child and Family Services Program.”

Moved by S. Wintle  
Seconded by M. Hardy  
Carried.

11.2 **Program Modification – Aboriginal Transition Program**

**MOTION:**

“That the Board approve the proposed name change from Aboriginal Transition Program to College Access Program.”

Moved by G. DuBois-Wing  
Seconded by L. McLeod  
Carried.
12. INFORMATION Items

12.1 President’s Update

FEDERAL PERSPECTIVE

ACCC – New CEO

James Knight has been appointed the new President of the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC). He was the previous CEO of the Federation of the Canadian Municipalities (FCM). His employment history includes serving as Associate Director of Heritage Canada, and Program Manager with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and Environment Canada.

PROVINCIAL PERSPECTIVE

Minister Bentley’s Visit – July 2007

Minister Chris Bentley visited the College this past July.

Election Activity

The President advised she has attempted to meet with all the electoral candidates, including the region, prior to the October 10th Provincial Election.

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

Vice President, Academic & Student Services Update

Kim was commended for his contribution to the College in his short term. The College has engaged the services of Promeus to begin the recruitment process.

Budget Update

R. Jones reported the College is anticipating a deficit position of $1 million as planned this year. He advised that due to the upcoming election, there is no news regarding upcoming grants for next year. Without such, there will be a large deficit.

Enrolment Update

This item was discussed under item #10.1.
Balanced Scorecard Conference

The College will run a Balanced Scorecard Conference in Thunder Bay on October 30-31, 2007. This session will include the leading expert and renowned speaker, Bob Paladino.

Funding for Paterson Library Commons and Smart Classrooms

The President advised the College has raised 80% of the $4 million required for the Library Commons and Smart Classrooms. She advised approval is pending on a $500,000 proposal submitted to FedNor, and this may prove to be more challenging than in the past.

Frank McKenna

As part of the 40th year anniversary celebration, the College will be hosting a dinner for Frank McKenna on November 22, 2007. Details have yet to be determined.

13. SELF EVALUATION OF THE GOVERNANCE PROCESS

13.1 M. Hardy was asked to lead the Governors through the evaluation form.


The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Recorder: Mary Burak                             Chair’s Signature