1. **Call to Order**
   
The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

   **MOTION:**
   
   “That the agenda of Board meeting No. 420 be approved as distributed.”
   
   Moved by D. O'Donnell  
   Seconded J. St. Amand  
   Carried.

3. **Conflict of Interest**

   No conflicts were declared at this time.

Governor Logan joined the meeting at 8:37 a.m.
4. **Chair’s Remarks**

Governor Kantola provided a brief report on the Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce (NOACC) Conference that took place in Fort Frances on September 27-29, 2007.

The Chair advised that as a result of the cancellation of the Board Retreat, a few sessions will be rescheduled – the Natural Resources Forum, the dinner with past Governors, a tour of ACE, and the College history and governance refresher. After a brief discussion, it was noted the Natural Resources Forum and the dinner will be rescheduled to coincide with the January Board meeting. It was suggested the Governors be surveyed as to their preference before any of these sessions are arranged.

The Chair advised quorum has become an issue and requested input from the Governors as to potential solutions. The President advised this item will be referred to the Governance Committee for policy review. After a lengthy discussion, the following motion was put forward:

**MOTION:**

“That the Chair communicate with all Governors about the problem of reaching quorum and request a re-confirmation of Governor commitment to scheduled meetings this school year.”

Moved by R. Somppi  
Seconded J. St. Amand  
Carried.

Governors were reminded that the Community Services Forum is taking place on November 2\textsuperscript{nd} from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Lecture Theatre. This forum will address the future of community services and community services education in Northwestern Ontario.

A new research institute will be formed and the College has been approached to nominate two members to sit on their Board. The Thunder Bay Regional Research Institute, under the auspices of the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC), will engage Canada’s research agenda. The purpose of this research institute will be to oversee, mentor and deliver on its commitment to transform healthcare through a research program. The two nominees are Lyn McLeod and Pat Lang.

Colleges Ontario is considering a review of their governance structure as the current structure is not serving the interests of the association nor is it using the strengths of the Governors to their best advantage. Along with the Chair, Governors O’Donnell and Gouthro participated in a teleconference on October 25, 2007. Updates will be provided as this unfolds.
The College will be holding a press conference on November 16th from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in celebration of our Green Initiatives. Jon Hendel will speak to SUCCI’s green initiatives and Honeywell will present the College with a certificate. Governors were encouraged to attend.

The 2008 Colleges Ontario Conference is scheduled for February 10-11, 2008 in London, Ontario. Governors who are interested in attending, please advise Mary Burak. The Board Executive Committee will make their decision at the January meeting.

Confederation College in conjunction with the Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission will be hosting a fundraising dinner with Frank McKenna as the guest speaker. This event will take place Thursday, November 22nd at 5:30 p.m. in Ryan Hall. For those interested, the tickets are $125.00.

Governors were asked to review the Colleges Ontario pamphlet regarding the Skills Shortage ad campaign which was included in the Board package.

5. Approval of Minutes

MOTION:

“That the Board approve the Minutes of Meeting No. 419 as distributed.”

Moved by J. Kantola
Seconded M. Belanger     Carried.

6. IN-CAMERA – No Business

5.1 Monthly Evaluation Summary – Information item.

7. OWNERSHIP LINKAGE

7.1 Advisory Committee Minutes – Information only.

7.2 Negahneewin Council Minutes – Information only.

Clarification was requested on the April 18, 2007 minutes (last sentence of item #7) regarding barriers to student success. The President advised she will follow up with Brenda Small and report back.
7.3 **Advisory Committee Appointments** – Information only.

8. **ENDS DISCUSSION**

8.1 **Ends Monitoring Report**

President Lang reviewed the Ends Monitoring Report and the data to support the CEO Interpretation of this report. She advised the feedback provided by the Board members would be taken under advisement and used to modify the existing report.

9. **ITEMS FOR DECISION**

9.1 **Governance Process Policy Review** – Referred to Governance Committee

9.2 **Executive Limitations Policy Review**

9.2.1 **EL7 – Communications and Counsel** – No change.

9.3 **Governance Committee Report**

The Chair, M. Gouthro, reported the Committee convened on October 9th to begin the task of reviewing the Governance Process Policies 1-13. Nine policies were reviewed and suggestions for change are forthcoming. The Committee will meet once again in November and report back their findings in early 2008.

10. **Monitoring**

10.1 **EL 3 – Compensation**

**MOTION:**

“That the Monitoring Report from the President re: Policy EL-3 Compensation be accepted.”

Moved by S. Wintle
Seconded by L. McLeod

Carried.
10.2 **EL 8 – Programs & Services**

**MOTION:**

“That the Monitoring Report from the President re: Policy EL-8 Programs & Services be accepted.”

Moved by J. St. Amand  
Seconded by M. Gouthro  
Carried.

10.3 **EL 12 – Public Image**

**MOTION:**

“That the Monitoring Report from the President re: Policy EL-12 Public Image be accepted.”

Moved by M. Belanger  
Seconded by N. Logan  
Carried.

11. **CONSENT AGENDA – Nil**

12. **INFORMATION Items**

12.1 **President’s Update**

**FEDERAL PERSPECTIVE**

**Prime Minister’s Visit to Thunder Bay**

On October 25, 2007, the President was invited to attend a media event where Prime Minister Harper announced the establishment of the Lake Superior National Marine Conservation Area in Nipigon. Later that day she joined a Round Table discussion which provided her with an opportunity to speak about the need for health care education and water training in Northwestern Ontario.
PROVINCIAL PERSPECTIVE

Follow-up re Election Activity

P. Lang advised letters of congratulations were sent to all candidates. A letter to the Premier also included a request that consideration be given to having one of our local MPPs sit on his Cabinet as a voice for the North.

Governance review of Colleges Ontario

This item was covered in the Chair's Remarks.

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

Vice President, Academic & Student Services Update

The Committee has met to shortlist candidates and the interviews will be conducted November 14-16, 2007.

Budget Update

R. Jones reported the College is presently undergoing mid-year budget review. This process will assist in identifying the variances to date.

Enrolment Update

R. Jones reported enrolment is down 3% from last year and that the system is up 4%. Presently being investigated is the reduction in 2nd and 3rd year enrolments.

Agreement with Walkerton Clean Water Centre

Confederation College signed an agreement with the Walkerton Clean Water Centre on October 18, 2007. The College now has a Mobile Training Unit (MTU) which is designed to coordinate and deliver drinking water training and technology demonstrations for owners, operators and operating authorities of drinking water systems, throughout small remote communities across Ontario.
13. SELF EVALUATION OF THE GOVERNANCE PROCESS

13.1 J. Kantola was asked to lead the Governors through the evaluation form.


The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Recorder: Mary Burak                           Chair’s Signature