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URGENT MBC Members Meeting and Chapter Exchange March 12, 2011

Please mark your calendars. MBC needs your assistance!

Multiple Births Canada must call a General Meeting of its members to discuss and vote on proposed changes to our Bylaws, allowing MBC to apply to become a Registered Charity. As you know, MBC has been working towards submitting a new application to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) for charitable status, with the help of lawyers from WILDEBOER DELLELCE LLP in Toronto. We have been advised that in order to be successful, we must describe our organizational Objectives and Activities to meet CRA guidelines for charitable work, and therefore must revise our current bylaws and letters patent. In order to finalize these revisions, a meeting of the members must be called and a **minimum of 20 members must be present** to vote to approve these changes. Those who cannot attend in person can **vote by Proxy** - we will post the forms on our website soon. We want to hear from as many members as possible. The lawyers working on our application will present the proposed changes, provide background on the reasons why these changes are important to the future of MBC, and answer any questions you may have on March 12th at the Delta East in Toronto. **MBC needs you!**

Chapter Exchange - In addition to the meeting we would like to take the rest of the day and make it all about you and your Chapter. We'll have a one-day Chapter Exchange to allow you to connect with others who may have great suggestions to help. What are some of your current challenges? How can we help? Please email the office@multiplebirthscanada.org with suggestions for topics that you would like to see discussed or addressed.

Additional Planned Topics Include:

- Learning how to make the best use of technology and social media for your Chapter - led by Colin Carmichael
- Celebrating National Multiple Births Awareness Day, May 28, 2011 - help spread the message, and plan a Chapter event - led by Gail Moore
- Plans for the MBC National Conference and AGM in Windsor, October 2011- "Families Multiplied, Friendships Amplified"
- The Employment Insurance challenge - applying for two parental leaves - what do your new and expectant members need to know
- Sharing insights from the Chapter Exchanges in Edmonton last September - 8 reports on a wide range of topics for Chapter volunteers

Meeting Location: [Delta East Hotel](#)

- **Rooms:** have been reserved for MBC members wishing to stay overnight Friday, Saturday or both at a room rate of \$99.00 a night for two adults. (*Kids stay free - \$25 extra for each adult*)
- **Time:** 9:00-5:00 (*Some are planning to go out for dinner in the evening at own expense*)
- **Cost:** \$25 a person (*to cover some of the cost of lunch and breaks*)
- **Make it a Family Weekend!**
 - Hotel has an indoor water park and slide!
 - Kids under 17 stay free
 - Children under 6 eat for free from a special children's menu
 - Children 7-12 eat for half price from the regular menu or at list price from the children's menu
 - Toronto Zoo and Ontario Science Centres are located 10 minutes from the hotel. Hotel also offers discounted rates and packages including these sites.

More information and registration process to follow: We will send out an official notice of meeting with more background on the changes and proxies as soon as they are available.

Thank you for considering this important request!

If you are considering attending and need more information please email
Kim at office@multiplebirthscanada.org or call 1-866-228-8824.

THEME FOR NATIONAL MULTIPLE BIRTHS AWARENESS DAY 2011 WEEK OF MAY 22 - 28, 2011

The MBC Board of Directors is pleased to announce the National Multiple Births Awareness Day theme for 2011:

*"Prenatal education and professional support must reflect the unique needs
of Canada's multiple-birth community"*

Strategic plans for this year's event include outreach to Canadian hospitals and health units, gynaecologists and obstetricians, and other professionals who deliver prenatal programming to Canada's expectant multiple-birth families. MBC plans to benchmark current practices then create a best practices model to be followed across Canada.

Locally you can start preparing by researching what is currently available for prenatal education and professional support in your community. A survey will be developed and posted online to gather this information. This data will also be used in backgrounder materials developed for the communication and media kit.

If you have any comments, suggestions, or would like to be part of the national team working on this year's National Multiple Births Awareness Day event please contact Gail Moore at gail.moore@multiplebirthscanada.org.

REPORT FROM NATIONAL - Long Version Now Posted Online

The January 2011 long version of the **Report From National** is posted on the Multiple Births Canada website. It features introductions to the new Board of Directors and new Volunteers, Volunteer Recognition, partnership updates, 2010 post conference report, 2011 Conference Update and MBC discounts! Past issues of Report From National can also be found on the [MBC website](#).

CHAPTER EXCHANGE SUMMARIES

During the 2010 Conference in September delegates took part in a Café style Chapter exchange workshop where delegates contributed their thoughts and experience on topics important to all Chapters. From those discussions eight summary reports were written on the following topics: Volunteer Recruitment, Retaining Volunteers, Publicity & Outreach, Program Ideas, Membership Retention, Fundraising, Member Communications and Peer Relationships. These summaries can be found in the Chapter Executive Section of the [MBC Website](#). If you are not sure of your password to this section, please check with your Chapter President, MBC Representative or contact Kim at office@multiplebirthscanada.org.

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