



Board Activity Report May—June—July 2009 from Multiple Births Canada



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Wasaga Beach, ON: Multiple Births Canada (MBC) is pleased to provide ongoing updates to its members, chapters and colleagues. Your commitment to *Supporting Multiple Births Together* is of great importance to Canada's multiple-birth community.

Chapter Representatives: Please forward the information below to your Chapter Executive and members.

This **May-June-July** Board Activity Report is intended to inform MBC members of work performed by the Board of Directors on behalf of all multiple-births individuals, families and supporters in Canada. It does not include the many activities coordinated in the business office by our Business Services Manager or the many worthwhile projects currently being handled by our valuable national volunteers.

- Prepared for and attended the three day Board Spring Interim Meeting (May 1-3) at the site of this year's National Chapter Development Retreat – the Blue Mountain Resort in Collingwood
- Finalized and accepted the year-end financials (Year Ending March 31, 2009) and the budget for 2009-2010
- Prepared for and attended two MSN Board Meetings and two MSN Retreat Meetings
- Finalized and submitted an application for the Social Development Partnership Program -- *Strengthening Canada's Multiple-Birth Community – Through Capacity-Building*
- Finalized and posted the 2009-2012 Strategy for Achieving MBC's Goals – *Strengthening Our Support*
- Produced the communication pieces for National Multiple Births Awareness Day 2009 media kit – “*Classroom Placement of Multiples – together or not?*” and had most pieces translated to French. Distributed to Canadian school boards and to a variety of national media outlets
- Visited the Dionne Quints Museum in North Bay on May 28th and signed the birthday card to Annette and Cecile on behalf of MBC
- Renewed the Business Services Manager's contract
- Contacted over a dozen Canadian summer attraction destinations and secured 2009 Summer Discount Tickets, posted the list in the [Members Only](#) area of the MBC website, and promoted it in ICs and the June issue of *Multiple Moments*
- Produced, distributed and posted online nine (9) Information Circulars
- Accepted the resignation of two Board members – Sheri Franklin and Jennifer Dawson – and began discussions with one person interested in joining the Board as a Director at Large
- Appointed Sabine Ehgoetz as the new *Multiple Moments* Editor-in-Chief
- Began discussions with two individuals interested in joining the Health and Education Committee
- Continued organizing the [2009 National Chapter Development Retreat and AGM](#)
- Finalized program and secured speakers
- Finalized registration form and posted online
- Finalized invitation to Chapters with sponsorship and presentation opportunities
- Monitored the [Perfect Party Fundraiser](#) and promoted it through Facebook
- Secured hosts for the Hospitality Suite and sponsorships of Retreat events
- Liaised with [2010 National Conference](#) Committee (Edmonton Twin and Triplet Club) approving proposed budget and program, and signing the 2010 Conference Grant Agreement
- Handled a variety of media requests for interviews and information, responding to the international discussion on the effect of multiples on the parental relationship
- Covered for the MBC office while the Business Services Manager was on holidays
- Began producing the Year 3 Review of the 2006-2009 Strategic Plan
- Began preparation of the 2009 Annual Report
- Began producing the Fall [Report from National](#) and submitted articles for the next *Multiple Moments*
- Revised and posted eight (8) Fact Sheets (with the assistance of the Health and Education Committee)
- Continued liaising with Christian Martin regarding his challenge for EI benefits
- Supported and mentored Chapters regarding their membership renewal process, executive elections, volunteer recruitment and Chapter awareness
- Supported and promoted the creation of a new support network for Young Parents of Multiples
- Began connecting Chapter Newsletter Editors to create opportunities for sharing ideas
- Liaised with individuals requesting information about starting new MBC Chapters
- Monitored the MBC Facebook group and developed a Facebook NMBAD event
- Contacted and initiated a partnership with Pro Bono Lawyers for assistance with Charitable Status application and other projects as needed
- Contributed to a variety of ongoing discussions and handled all MBC correspondence

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