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Dear Members, Friends and Colleagues,

In an organization where volunteers are responsible for the majority of the work that is accomplished on a daily, weekly and monthly basis in communities all across Canada, you can be sure that there is a lot of passion for the cause for which they are supporting. MBC is blessed to have some of the most dedicated volunteers an organization can have.

Some Volunteer Good-byes...

As life gets busy and family and work commitments change, we unfortunately lose some excellent volunteers. The Board of Directors and all of MBC would like to take this opportunity to thank these individuals whose time has come to say "good-bye". Thankfully, many will remain involved in some capacity in the multiple-birth community, but they have had to give up the following positions.

Our thanks to...

Nicole Fisher has stepped down after 4 years as the Director of Chapter Development as of the 2008 AGM and Conference. Nicole will be most remembered for her development and monitoring of the MBC Facebook network (and the MBC Discussion Boards prior to that) which has allowed for greater communication between members and Chapter Executives. Nicole will continue to volunteer with MBC, recently taking on the task of updating the MBC Resource Guide and offering to continue tasks associated with Facebook and write-ups for *Multiple Moments*. The MBC Board and national volunteers wish Nicole well as she continues with these and her many other volunteer roles currently held within her community.

Meredith Fraser-Ohman will be missed as the *Multiple Moments* Editor-in-Chief where she was responsible for securing, organizing and editing the content in *Multiple Moments*. Prior to that position, Meredith was Co-Editor with Vicki Riley. Meredith has been and will remain a strong asset to MBC, continuing to offer her amazing editing services for *Multiple Moments* and other projects as they become available.

Francesca Bell for her ongoing dedication and passion for special needs issues in her role as Special Needs Support Network Chair. Francesca will continue to share her knowledge and strengths in coping with the challenges of having special needs children. We have truly appreciated Francesca's ability to encourage others to connect, share and support each other through their individual journeys.

These volunteers have done so much for the multiple-birth community and will continue with their passion both at the local and national level. Multiple thanks to all of them for their previous contributions to MBC and for their continued involvement!!!

Welcome To Our New and Returning Volunteers

MBC is excited about the opportunity to say "hello" to new and returning volunteers that have taken on various positions within MBC. It is with great pleasure that we welcome the following new or returning individuals to the MBC team:

Theresa Meininger-Sanders – Chair of Special Needs Support Network

The Special Needs Support Network Chair is responsible for answering questions, connecting with the special needs parents through email, contributing to MBC's Annual Report and quarterly to our magazine, *Multiple Moments*. Theresa is a Past President and member of MBC's chapter, Barrie Parents of Twins and More. Theresa was also responsible (with Janice Crawford from Barrie) for the incredibly well-organized and successful Silent Auction and Instant Raffle at the 2008 Conference. We look forward to seeing what Theresa will be able to do with this very important network. To contact Theresa or to become part of the Special Needs Network, please email her at specialneeds@multiplebirthscanada.org

2008-2009 MBC Board of Directors / Officer Positions

Each year at the MBC Annual General Meeting (AGM), the members elect the MBC Board of Directors and at the first official meeting as a new Board of Directors, the Board Members appoint the Officer positions.

At the AGM on Saturday, October 18th, the following **Board Members** were voted in to the following positions, welcoming 3 new Board Members to the team denoted with an *. Please see the next *Report From National* for an introduction to these new Board Members.

***Sheila Catto**, Director of Chapter Development – chapters@multiplebirthscanada.org

Jennifer Dawson, Board Member (without portfolio) – jdawson@multiplebirthscanada.org

Melanie Dugard, Director of Finance – financial@multiplebirthscanada.org

***Sheri Franklin**, Board Member (without portfolio) – sherif@multiplebirthscanada.org

Gail Moore, Director of Communications – communications@multiplebirthscanada.org

***Heather Scher**, Board Member (without portfolio) – heathers@multiplebirthscanada.org

Kimberley Weatherall, Director of Volunteer Management – volunteers@multiplebirthscanada.org
(Kim will also continue to hold the position of Acting Director of Fund Development)

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Gail Moore, Chair – mbcchair@multiplebirthscanada.org (Note: chair@ will continue to go to Kim for the short term)

Kimberley Weatherall, Past Chair – pastchair@multiplebirthscanada.org

Melanie Dugard, Treasurer – financial@multiplebirthscanada.org

Jennifer Dawson, Secretary – secretary@multiplebirthscanada.org

It is always a great pleasure to welcome new national volunteers and to say welcome back to long standing volunteers to Multiple Births Canada. We thank you for sharing in the passion and commitment to helping the multiple-birth community - to connect and learn from each other. We hope that you will enjoy your volunteer experience with MBC.

If you are interested in volunteering with MBC, please look at the opportunities available on our website under [Volunteering/Volunteer Opportunities](#) and contact [Kim](#). If you have a talent or experience in an area that is not listed—don't be shy!—we may have room for you in other roles that are not currently listed on our site!

Thank you for all you do!

Kim

Kimberley Weatherall

Director of Volunteer Management

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