Dr. Henderson welcomed members to the 87th Annual General Meeting and announced that the first order of business would be the appointment of two members to the Resolutions Committee.

**MOTION A10-1**

To appoint Dr. Maurice Bouchard and Dr. David Smith to form the Resolutions Committee for the 2010 Annual General Meeting.

Moved by Dr. John Watts
Seconded by Dr. Anthony Ford Jones
CARRIED

**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION A10-2**

To approve the agenda.

Moved by Dr. Richard Stanwick
Seconded by Dr. Ted Prince
CARRIED

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MOTION A10-3**

To approve the minutes of the 86th Annual General Meeting.

Moved by Dr. Ted Prince
Seconded by Dr. David Wong
CARRIED

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT OTHERWISE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA**

Ms. Davis said that, as instructed at the 2009 AGM, the Board reviewed various options for reimbursement of Board members’ expenses to attend the June Board meetings, and adopted a policy which will now pay travel expenses on a confidential basis in accordance with the CPS Travel Policy.

**4. MINUTE OF SILENCE FOR DECEASED MEMBERS**

Members were asked to rise and observe a moment of silence to honour those paediatricians who had died since the previous Annual General Meeting.

Paul Azzopardi  Scarborough, ON
Alex Bryans  Kingston, ON
Jacques Ambroise  Montréal, QC
Michael Rigg  Vancouver, BC
Clare Neville Smith  St. John’s, NL
John Spence Lovering  Toronto, ON
Hossein Moghadam  Calgary, AB
Hélène Langis  Sherbrooke, QC

**5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Henderson, in presenting his report, said that he has had the honour to witness and be part of the tremendous growth of the Society over more than 30 years, that it is the most influential organization in the field of paediatric health in this country, and that, due in no small measure to its members, its influence extends well beyond Canada’s borders. He went on to note that there have been extensive discussions during the past week on how to continue advocating to governments and others on the model of paediatrics and that CPS would welcome further input and feedback from members on how it is being used; that health human resources will continue to be an important issue; that a CPS delegation will attend the 2010 International Pediatric Congress in Johannesburg in August to rally support for the Society’s bid to hold the 2016 Congress in Vancouver; that CPS will be commencing work on a new five-year strategic plan; that it continues to liaise and collaborate with a number of national and international paediatric groups; and that the Society is broadening the scope of its advocacy to tackle some of the broader determinants of health, such as poverty, which have a telling, long-term impact on the health of children and youth, and on their health and well-being as adults.

**6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Highlighting some notable achievements during the past year, Ms. Davis said that a major initiative has been the introduction of ten on-line education courses, which are accredited, interactive and available at no charge, and that this number will be increased; that the Immunization Competencies Education Program will also have 14 related eCME modules available on-line; that Lifelong Learning in Paediatrics courses will be offered in Montreal in October and Whistler in March; that the 2011 Annual Conference will be held 15-18 June in Quebec City, that there will be a subspecialty day before the main meeting, and that the deadline for proposals is 30 September; that the Aboriginal child and youth curriculum, developed in consultation with
national Aboriginal organizations, has been piloted successfully and CPS hopes it will become a mandatory course for pediatric training when it is finalized; and that the 4th biennial International Meeting on Indigenous Child Health will be held in Vancouver in March.

She reported that CPS has been using new technologies and social networking media in its efforts to broaden the reach of its public education; that its English-language website received over a million unique visits last year, and the French one, which is the only such site for francophone parents, had an impressive 600,000 visits; and that both provided crucial information during the H1N1 outbreak. During the coming months, CPS hopes to publish a number of resources, including updated versions of First Shots, Best Shots, and Keep Your Child Safe, making other tools and web-based materials, such as the new Rourke, Greig and Paediatric Transfer records, available to members, and releasing new instructor materials for the Neonatal Resuscitation Program in late 2010, and the updated textbook in the spring 2011. She noted that the Canadian Paediatric Surveillance Program continues to contribute invaluable information, welcomes proposals for new studies, and will be piloting an electronic reporting system in the coming months; and that the IMPACT network played a vital role in providing real-time information on H1N1 in hospitalized children and youth to help guide policy decisions by Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada.

On other issues, she observed that CPS remains committed to advocating for a broad range of issues at both levels of government, including Aboriginal and international child health, immunization, injury prevention, early childhood development, child poverty, a Federal Commissioner for Children & Youth, and gun control; that responses to the 2009 status report contain as much information as possible on what governments are doing. Members, in commenting, suggested CPS issue a press release as soon as possible in response to the federal announcement on its G8 commitment to maternal and child health; pointed out that CPS has, with other organizations, already written to the government on this issue, outlining current successful projects, like Healthy Child Uganda, which receives CIDA support, and will be recommending Helping Babies Breathe, an AAP global initiative to train non-medical volunteers help resuscitate newborns, as an excellent program for federal support; urged CPS to advocate for good palliative care during Quebec’s upcoming examination of euthanasia; and suggested that updates on the electronic version of the status report contain as much information as possible on what governments are doing.

7. SANCTIONING OF DECISIONS MADE BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MOTION A10-4

That the motions passed by the CPS Board of Directors and Executive Committee from the June 2009 – May 2010 business year be ratified.

Moved by Dr. Judith Hall
Seconded by Dr. Doug McMillan
CARRIED

8. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dr. Embree, in presenting her report, said that membership has increased steadily in most categories and provinces over the past five years, that Fellows represent the largest portion, followed by residents at 24%, and that almost half are primary care practitioners; that CPS has been tracking residents since 2005 to examine why they cease membership before the beginning of subspecialty training; and that it has implemented a number of initiatives to attract and retain their membership.

9. PRESENTATION OF MEMBER RECOGNITION AWARD

In presenting the Membership Recognition Award to Dr. Robert Bortolussi for his exceptional leadership during the 2009 H1N1 pandemic, Dr. Embree said that he and members of the Infectious Diseases & Immunization Committee worked hard during that situation to develop and update resources and to communicate timely, reliable information to members and the general public.

10. LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

In announcing that Drs. Jack Holland and John Watts were being honoured with life memberships, Dr. Embree noted that this recognition is given to those who have demonstrated tremendous dedication and made a significant contribution to the Society.
11. PRESENTATION OF HONOURARY MEMBERSHIP

Dr. Judith Hall, in introducing the 2010 honoree, Mr. Raffi Cavoukian, said that everyone of those present had likely been touched by his inspirational songs, that he is a world-famous children’s entertainer, well-known author, environmentalist, and an advocate who cares passionately for children; that in a three-decade long career he has refused all commercial endorsements, has never marketed to children, and believes they should live free of commercial exploitation; that he is an Order of Canada recipient, and of numerous other awards and distinctions; that he has worked with NGO’s, global troubadours and others to create a child friendly world, and in 2006 co-edited an anthology, "Child Honouring", his vision for creating a humane and sustainable world by addressing the universal needs of children.

M. Caouvkian, in a short address, spoke of the need to respect children as a whole person, the vulnerabilities that affect them and society’s responsibility to protect them, the right children have to know their rights, the Centre for Child Honouring he founded and its aims, and concluded by inviting members to sign the plea to faith leaders to eliminate all forms of violence against children and to uphold the sanctity of the child, pointing out that it had been signed by 110 leaders from 22 countries so far.

12. REPORT FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, PAEDIATRICS & CHILD HEALTH

Dr. MacDonald said that she was very pleased with the interesting challenges the journal is facing; that there has been a significant increase in the number of manuscripts it receives; that several journals are now published electronically and these versions are the journal of record; that PCH and Pulsus are examining various ways of getting more information to readers in a timely way, and will explore the feasibility of an electronic journal; and that Mr. David Kardish will, in the coming months, be holding focus groups with paediatricians, nurses and family physicians to determine how the journal is used and can be improved. She thanked her colleagues on the Editorial Board, reviewers and writers, and said that Paediatrics & Child Health will look very different in five years’ time, and that she hoped it will continue to receive the support of its readers, and used to advocate in new and exciting ways.

13. PRESENTATION OF THE NONI MACDONALD AWARD

In announcing Dr. Daniel Trefler the winner of the Noni Award for his article “Quality is free: A cost-benefit analysis of early child development initiatives” in the December 2009 issue of PCH, Dr. MacDonald said that his article presents a convincing business case for investing in early childhood interventions and that investment pays off in tangible ways through health, employability, higher earnings and reduction in remedial programs. She noted that Dr. Trefler could not be present in Vancouver but that he will be honoured at a small awards ceremony in Toronto.

14. RULES & REGULATIONS

Ms. Davis said that Section 4.2(c) of the new By-laws, approved at the 2009 AGM, allows for a member of the public to be named to the Board, and presented the terms of reference, approved by the Board earlier in the week.

MOTION A10-5

Appointed Director: The Board of Directors shall appoint one member of the public as a Director of the Society. The criteria for the selection and appointment of such an individual must be approved by the membership of the Society.

A. There shall be one member of the public with full voting rights.

B. Term of office will be three years, eligible for renewal once (for a total of 6 years served).

C. Consideration shall be given to individuals who meet the following criteria:
   1. A record of support for child and youth health.
   2. A good understanding of volunteer organizations/associations.
   3. Knowledge or experience in areas relevant to the work of the CPS.
   5. Living in Canada on a permanent basis.

The individual shall not

6. Represent a special interest group.
7. Stand to benefit from the work of the Society.
8. Work for any entity that might not be in keeping with the CPS mission and positions.
9. Hold a single issue advocacy stance.

D. 1. The Nominating Committee will be charged with finding a possible candidate. The general membership, as well as the Board of Directors will be asked to submit nominations to the Nominating Committee.
2. The Nominating Committee will review and submit all suitable nominees to the Board of Directors.
3. If more than one suitable candidate is presented to the Board, they will hold a vote by secret ballot, or decide to appoint or not appoint any of the candidates.

E. 1. The public member of the Board of Directors holds the same voting rights as elected Board members and is expected to make the same time
commitment. The public member will also sit on a subcommittee.

2. There will be no remuneration, however the member of the public will be eligible for travel and accommodation as per the CPS travel policy.

3. The public member should represent a public point of view. They should help sensitize the Board to other perspectives and identify issues affecting child and youth.

Moved by Dr. Jack Holland
Seconded by Dr. Robin Walker
CARRIED

15 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Leduc said that, during the past year, the Nominating Committee sought candidates for Vice President and a provincial director from Quebec to replace Dr. Élisabeth Rousseau, who has completed six years; that Dr. Pascale Gervais has also agreed to a further three-year term as a member of the Board from Quebec; that Dr. Minoli Amit and Dr. Richard Stanwick stood for election as Vice President, and that Dr. Stanwick was the successful candidate; that Dr. Johanne Harvey was elected to replace Dr. Rousseau from Quebec; that Dr. Andrew Lynk is the only candidate so far for Vice President in 2011, and that nominations remain open until 31 October 2010; that there will be vacancies on the Board from Ontario, Quebec, and New Brunswick/PEI in June 2011; and that the Committee would welcome any member interested in serving on the Board or as Vice President.

16. PRESENTATION BY CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. Lynk gave a five-minute presentation to the membership.

17. ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS-AT-LARGE TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

MOTION A10-6

That Dr. Miriam Kaufman be re-appointed to the Nominating Committee.

Moved by Dr. Richard Stanwick
Seconded by Dr. Robert Issenman
CARRIED

MOTION A10-7

That Dr. Ted Prince be appointed to the Nominating Committee.

Moved by Dr. Gary Pekeles
Seconded by Dr. Minoli Amit
CARRIED

18. HEALTHY GENERATIONS FOUNDATION REPORT

In presenting his report, Dr. Issenman pointed out that the Society takes on important issues not commonly funded by commercial sponsors, such as mental and Aboriginal child health, and that, because of this, CPS depends on its members to help fund pilot studies which then enable it to position itself to ask governments for financial support. He went on to note that 2009 was a good year for Healthy Generations despite the weak economy; that it received support in numerous areas, such as Healthy Child Uganda, where a little funding has made a significant difference in communities; that, so far, 2010 is also promising to be a good year; that the Fun Run is one of the most successful events in the Foundation’s calendar; that 175 registrants raised about $9,000 last year; that 12.4% of 2010 membership renewals made an average donation of $115, and that he would like to see these figures increase in the coming years; that, in addition to Healthy Child Uganda, international funds help to distribute PCH to paediatricians in developing countries; that in the coming months the Foundation hopes to support early childhood development, injury prevention, promotion of Are We Doing Enough?, the websites and public education resources; that the Foundation website and logo are being updated, and the Celebration Giving campaign will be reinvigorated. He concluded by encouraging members to think of donating to Healthy Generations when celebrating life’s various events, as well as annual and planned giving.

19. APPROVAL OF THE AUDITORS REPORT

MOTION A10-8

That the Auditor’s report for 2009 be approved.

Moved by Dr. Richard Haber
Seconded by Dr. Marie Hay
CARRIED

20. APPROVAL OF THE AUDITORS FOR 2010

MOTION A10-9

That CPS approve the appointment of the auditing firm of Deloitte & Touche LLP for 2010.

Moved by Dr. Robert Issenman
Seconded by Dr. Marie Gauthier
CARRIED

21. REVIEW OF THE 2010 BUDGET

Dr. Henderson, speaking as Chair of the Finance & Audit Subcommittee, said that the Society has a balanced budget with a small surplus for the 2010 fiscal year.
22. 2011 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Dr. Henderson said that, up to now, the GST has been included in membership dues; that BC and Ontario, which have the largest number of members, will switch to a Harmonized Sales Tax effective 1 July; that the tax rate on membership fees will now vary from 5% to 13%, depending on the province or territory; that CPS cannot pay the HST from the current fee rates without incurring a financial loss; that, rather than impose a fee increase, the Board is recommending the GST be removed from CPS membership fees, and the HST or GST be charged according to the relevant province or territory.

MOTION A10-10

That the membership fees for 2011 be lowered by approximately 5% and the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) or Goods & Service Tax (GST) be charged, as applicable, in addition to the new lower fees:

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Moved by Dr. Glen Ward
Seconded by Dr. Minoli Amit
CARRIED

In commenting before approving the above motion, it was pointed out that the provincial government may have ruled that an Ontario-based medical society does not have to pay HST on membership dues, and agreed this information would be investigated and considered by the Board at its next meeting.

23. OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS & SECTION PRESIDENTS

Dr. Henderson, on behalf of the Society, thanked outgoing members of the Board, Committees and Section Presidents for all their work.

24. RATIFICATION OF THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT-ELECT TO PRESIDENT

MOTION A10-11

To ratify the change of position of Dr. Robert Hilliard from President-Elect to President for the year 2010-2011.

Moved by Dr. Richard Haber
Seconded by Dr. Marie Gauthier
CARRIED

25. RATIFICATION OF THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT-ELECT

MOTION A10-12

To ratify the change of position of Dr. Jean-Yves Frappier from Vice President to President-Elect for the year 2011-12.

Moved by Dr. Johanne Harvey
Seconded by Dr. Isabelle Chevalier
CARRIED

26. OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION A10-13

That we thank
– Dr. Ken Henderson for his tireless activities and advocacy on behalf of Canadian children, youth and paediatricians over the past year.
– The organizing committee for their work in organizing this fantastic and successful meeting.
– All those behind the scenes, the staff, Board and Executive members, and volunteers for all their help in making this meeting successful.

Moved by Dr. Maurice Bouchard
Seconded by Dr. David Smith
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION A10-14

All paediatricians strongly support the goal, vision and mission of the Canadian Paediatric Society by active involvement and support of Healthy Generations Foundation, the Foundation of the CPS, and, where possible, advocate their friends and associates to likewise add their support so that the lives and health of children may be improved.

Moved by Dr. David Smith
Seconded by Dr. Maurice Bouchard
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION A10-15

That the meeting adjourn.

Moved by Dr. Minoli Amit
Seconded by Dr. Joanne Embree
CARRIED
Respectfully submitted by
Kenneth Henderson
President (2009-2010)