

MINUTES
93rd Annual General Meeting
Friday, June 24th, 2016, 8:30 – 10:30am
Palmer Room, Delta Prince Edward Hotel, Charlottetown, PEI

Dr. Robin Williams welcomed members to the 93rd Annual General Meeting followed by an introduction of the head table. A review of the points of order regarding voting during AGM was shared.

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION A16-01

That the agenda of the 93rd Annual General meeting be approved.

Moved by Dr. Johanne Harvey
Seconded by Dr. Catherine Farrell
CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION A16-02

That the minutes of the 92nd Annual General Meeting of June 26, 2015 held in Toronto, Ontario be approved as circulated.

Moved by Dr. Mitchell Zelman
Seconded by Dr. Robert Issenman
CARRIED

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

There was no business arising under this item.

4. RECOGNITION OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Members were asked to rise and observe a moment of silence to honor those paediatricians who have passed on since the previous Annual General Meeting.

- F. Luc Chicoine - Montréal, QC
Kenneth Finkel - Toronto, ON
Victor Goldbloom - Montréal, QC
J. Richard Hamilton - Montréal, QC
Brian Lupton - Vancouver, BC
John MacLean - Toronto, ON
Roger Tonkin - Nanaimo, BC

5 & 6 PRESIDENT'S & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The President shared the following activities that 1) Dr. Dawn Davies was invited to present at the Special Joint Parliamentary Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying; and 2) "Are We Doing Enough" CPS Status Report now has a new online version; and 3) that CPS received funding for Growing Up Healthy in a Digital World lead by Dr. Michelle Ponti, Chair of the Digital Health Task Force.

First Nations, Inuit and Métis Health child and youth health is one of CPS strategic priorities. The Truth and Reconciliation Report recommended all health care professionals need education around First Nations, Inuit and Métis Health.

Ms. Marie Adèle Davis reported that CPS has worked under the leadership of Dr. Kent Saylor to update CPS' curriculum for residents around aboriginal health. Ms. Davis is hopeful that members will join in CPS' efforts to advocate for the true implementation of Jordan's Principle.

Ms. Davis thanked the many people who acted as media spokespeople, committee members and section executives. Highlighting some of the work CPS has been involved with, Ms. Davis shared that the 2015 statement regarding the support for children with Type 1 Diabetes in the school setting working with paediatric endocrinologists, the Canadian Diabetes Association, and most importantly parents of children with Type 1 Diabetes have created a tool kit to help schools support children with Type 1 Diabetes. CPS has also created a new website called diabetes@school to be launched in September of 2016. Lastly, Caring for Kids New to Canada is now mobile device friendly.

Dr. Williams announced that the CPS Annual Conference dates have now been changed to earlier starting in May and that for 2017, it will be from May 31-June 3 in Vancouver; in 2018 from May 30-June 2 in Québec City and for 2019 from June 5-8 in Toronto. She also shared that CPS is co-hosting at the 2016 IPA in Vancouver from August 17-22 and thanked Drs. Jean-Yves Frappier and Douglas McMillan for their tremendous work.

Around membership, Dr. Williams is asking members to support the Residents to help them stay connected with CPS; and that with the help of Dr. Anne Rowan-Legg, CPS is to launch a new webpage for community paediatricians; and that there is a community elective database with 20 plus

paediatricians registered; and there is also a new spotlight blog to recognize community paediatricians.

#### **MOTION A16-03**

**That CPS maintain the current membership fees for 2017, and that CPS use an early bird enticement of 2016 rates.**

**Moved by Dr. Umberto Cellupica  
Seconded by Dr. Mitchell Zelman  
CARRIED**

Lastly, Ms. Davis announced that CPS has had discussions with the CRA regarding the Disability Tax Credit form to make it child friendlier.

Highlighting CPSP, Dr. Williams expressed that under the leadership of CPS' new Director of Medical Affairs, Dr. Moore Hepburn the program is going very well especially responding to time sensitive issues such as Zika virus. In closing, Dr. Williams thanked the Executive and Board members, as well as the membership and CPS staff for all the support during this past year.

#### **7. Update on CPS Strategic Framework**

Updating members on the CPS 2017-2022 Strategic Framework, Dr. Charlotte Moore Hepburn emphasized the importance of investing in a strategic framework and that it informs the daily work of an organization through articulating priorities, targets and strategies for success. Through a detailed PowerPoint presentation, she defined a strategic priority explaining that it offers an opportunity for future organization growth. Dr. Moore Hepburn shared the following potential priority issues that were identified by the Board for further development:

- Early Childhood Development
- First Nation/Inuit/Métis Health
- Mental Health and Development
- Paediatric Drugs
- Social Paediatrics/Children in Poverty

She went on to share the next steps:

- 1) Priority setting
- 2) Scoping
- 3) Target setting
- 4) Setting strategies for success

Dr. Moore Hepburn said that in the next following months, work will be done around trying to bring those 5 potential priorities issues to at least 3 priorities issues.

The release date for CPS 2017-2022 Strategic Framework is set for the 2017 Annual Conference.

#### **8. Financials**

##### **8.1 Report on Finances**

Dr. Jonathan Kronick acknowledged and thanked the Finance Committee as well as Ms. Jane Cheesman and Mr. Mike Carroll. He reported that there is a greater surplus than last year with a net profit of \$537,022 and that clearly the organization has recovered well from the difficulties and challenges; and that CPS' total investments has increased to \$1,691,423 which brings the organization in a better financial position.

##### **8.2 Auditors Report**

Reporting briefly as Chair of the Audit Subcommittee, Dr. Umberto Cellupica thanked the members of the subcommittee and the staff at CPS who have been remarkable at organizing and preparing for the auditors. He said that the audit went ahead without any concerns.

##### **8.3 Appointment of auditors for 2016**

#### **MOTION A16-04**

**That the members of CPS approve the appointment of the auditing firm of Welch & Co for the 2016 fiscal year.**

**Moved by Dr. Richard Haber  
Seconded by Dr. Mark Awuku  
CARRIED**

##### **8.4 Review of 2016 Budget**

Elaborating on the budget, Dr. Kronick said that the budgeted deficit of \$177,000 is unique due to the circumstances of 2016 around the location of the annual conference and the uncertainties of Paediatrics & Child Health (PCH). Dr. Kronick shared that PCH has been purchased by CPS and that there will be a new publisher. He also assured the members that they are ahead in all areas except sponsorship of annual conferences.

#### **9. Healthy Generations Report**

Dr. Joanne Embree, President of Healthy Generations acknowledged and thanked the members of the Healthy Generations Board as well as CPS staff for their help and support. She articulated that the foundation supports the resident advocacy grant; that in 2016 they had 7 grant submissions and that Alisha Jamal from the University of Toronto won for "Make Room to Read": A clinic-based intervention to promote early literacy among medically uninsured children in Toronto, Canada.

Elaborating on resident advocacy, Dr. Embree said that there were 11 travel bursaries to attend the Annual Conference; and that the advocacy luncheon had 114 guests attend the

topic on Northern Exposures: A Conversation on Working with Indigenous Patients.

Highlighting other projects, Dr. Embree shared that there is an update to Global Child Health Educational module; that there is support for in-school support for children with Type 1 Diabetes; that Healthy Generations had confirmed support for Healthy Child Uganda for an additional 5 years and that consensus to ensuring long-term sustainability of Paediatric Resident Advocacy Education is a first priority.

In closing, Dr. Embree thanked everyone for their donations and said that so far they have 150 members registered for Practice What You Preach compared to 84 in 2015; and reminded members who have not yet registered that it is not too late to participate in the 5km run/walk that is taking place late this afternoon from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

## **10. Celebrating our Membership**

### **10.1 Presentation of Danielle Grenier Member Recognition Award**

Dr. Mitchell Zelman presented the Danielle Grenier Member Recognition Award to Dr. Mark Awuku for his accomplishments and contributions to CPS as Chair of the Continuing Professional Development Committee.

### **10.2 Presentation of Life Memberships**

Dr. Zelman explained that the Society established Life Memberships in order to recognize members who have demonstrated tremendous dedication and who have made a significant contribution to the Society. The following members have been honoured: Dr. Ann Jefferies, past Chair of the Fetus and Newborn Committee and Dr. Heather Onyett for her constant and presence as a member of the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Child Health and the Infectious Diseases and Immunization Committees and the Caring for Kids New to Canada Editorial Board.

### **10.3 Presentation of Honorary Membership**

Dr. Zelman announced The Honorable Margaret Norrie McCain for this year's recipient of the Honorary Membership for her dedication and contribution to improve child and youth health in Canada.

Ms. McCain was welcomed to the podium to share a few words. She extended a warm thank you to her dear friends Dr. Robin Williams and Dr. Fraser Mustard and shared how honored she is to be a recipient of this award.

### **10.4 Outgoing Board members, Committee Chairs & Section Presidents**

Dr. Williams thanked all the outgoing members of the Board, Committees members and Section Presidents for all their hard work.

## **11. Report from Paediatrics & Child Health (PCH)**

Dr. Noni MacDonald proudly expressed that after 20 years she is retiring from Editor-in-Chief of PCH. She highlighted that PCH has survived and has grown to thrive and from the 2015 survey of members, it is a much valued journal for readers; and that also as a result from the 2016 impact factor of 1.509 and that the 5 year impact factor is at 1.769; PCH is 61 out of the 200 paediatric journals in the world.

Dr. MacDonald acknowledged and thanked Mr. Robert Kalina and Ms. Ann LeBlanc from Pulsus who have published PCH for 20 years. As well, she recognized the editorial Board over the years and she thanked each and every one of them. Dr. MacDonald gave special thanks to Dr. Elizabeth Lee Ford-Jones who was the Co-Editor-in-Chief for a number of years as well as the editorial assistants; in addition she said it is all the committees who wrote those statements and practice points which everybody absolutely loves.

Elaborating on PCH, CPS now owns the journal and Dr. Joan Robinson is the new Editor-in-Chief and she has been able to recruit an excellent editorial board. Furthermore, PCH will be published by Oxford University Press (OUP). OUP will give many opportunities for growth, for new features and for a greater reach globally.

Mr. Kalina and Ms. LeBlanc, PCH publishers from Pulsus were invited to the stage. Mr. Kalina shared how it was a great pleasure to pass along the journal they published for 20 years for the Canadian Paediatric Society. He then presented a special Noni MacDonald Award to Dr. MacDonald.

## **12. NONI MACDONALD AWARD**

Dr. Williams announced that Drs. Evelyne D. Trottier, Samina Ali, Jocelyn Gravel and Sylvie Le May are winners of the Noni MacDonald Award for their article "Treating and Reducing Anxiety and Pain in the Paediatric Emergency Department: The TRAPPED".

## **13. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Dr. Andrew Lynk, Chair of the Leadership Development Committee said that this committee was originally called the Nominating Committee.

He said that the committee will be looking for new Board member candidates for Québec, Ontario, and New Brunswick and PEI starting in 2017. The committee also put out a call for nominees for the incoming Vice President position. CPS is pleased to welcome Dr. Catherine Farrell from Québec as the upcoming Vice President on the Board of Directors.

### 13.1 Election of two members-at-large to the Leadership Development Committee

Dr. Lynk said that the Leadership Development Committee has two members at large, Dr. Dawn Hartfield and Dr. Gary Pekeles who need to be re-nominated each year and they both have agreed to put their names forward for another year.

#### MOTION A16-05

**That Dr. Dawn Hartfield be appointed Member-at-Large for the 2016-2017 Leadership Development Committee.**

**Moved by Dr. Denis Leduc  
Seconded by Dr. Johanne Harvey  
CARRIED**

#### MOTION A16-06

**That Dr. Gary Pekeles be appointed Member-at-Large for the 2016-2017 Leadership Development Committee.**

**Moved by Dr. Dorothy Moore  
Seconded by Dr. Richard Haber  
CARRIED**

### 14. PRESENTATION BY CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. Ellen Wood gave a five-minute presentation to the membership.

### 15. ELECTION OF 2016-2017- CPS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### MOTION A16-07

**Moved by Dr. Johanne Harvey  
Seconded by Dr. Joanne Embree  
CARRIED**

That the CPS Board for 2016-17 be:

Jonathan Kronick (President)  
Michael Dickinson (President Elect)  
Catherine Farrell (Vice President)  
Robin Williams (Past President)

Francois Boucher (Québec)  
Umberto Cellupica (Ontario)  
Isabelle Chevalier (Québec)  
Mark Feldman (Ontario)  
Karen Leis (Saskatchewan)  
Leigh Anne Newhook (Newfoundland & Labrador)  
Paul Thiessen (British Columbia & Yukon)  
Ellen Wood (Nova Scotia)  
Mitchell Zelman (New Brunswick & PEI)

Ruth Grimes (Manitoba & Nunavut)  
Roxanne Goldade (Alberta & NWT)  
Janet Austin (Public Member)  
Ravneet Sekhon (President – Resident Section)  
Nicole Fischer (Vice President – Resident Section)

### 16. REMARKS BY CPS PRESIDENT 2016-2017 – Dr. Jonathan Kronick

Dr. Kronick gave a presentation on his vision and future plans for the Society as well as highlighting his priorities for this year as follows: 1) maintain financial health; 2) complete and act on the Strategic Framework; 3) use the Framework to enhance CPS' advocacy effectiveness; 4) increase membership, including subspecialists; and 5) continue the excellent ongoing work.

In closing, Dr. Kronick thanked the incredible CPS staff, especially Ms. Davis, the CPS Executive Committee & Board of Directors, Committee Members, Section Presidents, and the Paediatrics & Child Health Editors and all membership for their commitment to child and youth health.

### 17. OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Kronick asked if members had any other business.

Dr. Richard Haber addressed the meeting concerning the issue of medical assistance in dying and the potential extension to children and youth. While the current federal bill excludes children, there has already been an indication that the exclusion of children and youth will be challenged to make it consistent with the Charter of Rights. Dr. Haber suggested that the CPS needed to take a strong stand against any suggestion that the legislation be extended to children and youth. He went on to say that CPS needed to become a much more vocal advocate for access to paediatric palliative care.

#### MOTION A16-08

**Be it resolved that while the current federal legislation regarding medical assistance in dying excludes children and youth, there has already been an indication that the exclusion of children and youth will be challenged to make it consistent with the Charter of Rights, therefore the CPS needs to take a strong stand against any suggestion that the legislation be extended to children and youth. The CPS needs to become a much more vocal advocate for access to paediatric palliative care.**

**Moved by Dr. Richard Haber  
Seconded by Dr. Sandra Woods**

Dr. Williams explained that the Board has committed to the development of a statement, and that the Board will certainly receive this discussion as advice and will share it with the authors of the statement. The statement once finalized will

be vetted through all the appropriate committees and palliative care experts before being submitted to the Board for review and approval. Dr. Williams also emphasized that CPS is doing a survey to reach out to all members to give them a chance to voice their opinion. She went on to say that as CPS moves forward with its position we need to always keep in mind what is best for children and youth as well as the views of CPS members. Dr. Williams stated that the Board wants to land on process which will lead to a statement that is best for Canadian children and youth, and that the Board would be pleased to take this resolution as advice as we work with the committee to finalize the statement.

Dr. Williams reminded members around the process for motions presented from the floor at the AGM. If the resolution is passed, the Board of Directors would welcome it as advice as the issue is considered and a report back to membership before moving to vote on the resolution. A discussion took place.

Dr. Douglas McMillan rose to say that he did not want to speak for or against the motion, but he voiced concern regarding the process. He expressed that having a vote on such an important issue that has come up at the end of the meeting is likely to weaken the CPS position, as some may feel that the decision was reached without appropriate forethought and opportunity for discussion. Dr. McMillan concluded by stating that it would be important to have the opinion of those CPS members not present at the Annual General Meeting.

Dr. Robert Hilliard stated that he supports the motion but that he also supports what Dr. McMillan said the need for more discussion. He reminded the AGM that there is a session about medical assistance in dying tomorrow morning at 8:30am so that everyone who is concerned about this can attend.

Dr. Kronick addressed the meeting to move toward resolving the discussion and proposed to make an amendment to the resolution to indicate that the members at the AGM would be voting to support the process as CPS consults with the broader membership through a survey prior to finalizing the statement on medical assistance in dying and our final position on the issue.

Dr. Kronick asked Dr. Haber if he would accept this as a friendly amendment.

Dr. Haber and Dr. Woods accept the friendly amendment.

Concern was expressed that people may not be clear on the amended motion as it was not projected on the screen for people to read and consider.

Ms. Janet Austin, the public member of the Board proposed a way forward given it seems that the intention of the work that CPS is doing is keeping with the will of the members at

the AGM, is to ask our mover and our seconder, to withdraw the motion and just have the record show that there was general discussion about the topic which is being referred to the Board of Directors.

Dr. Haber was not comfortable withdrawing the motion at this point.

Dr. Williams put forward a motion, that the resolution as presented by Dr. Haber will be referred to the process which includes a member survey and further consultation including the session tomorrow morning to inform the development of the appropriate position for CPS regarding medical assistance in dying.

This motion was seconded by Dr. Woods.

Dr. Robert Moriarty suggested another approach to table the motion to discuss later. Once the CPS has developed the position statement it could be a topic for the entire membership to vote on.

Dr. Kronick reminded the members that the proposed survey will give all CPS members an opportunity to express an opinion that will absolutely be presented to the Board and considered as the statement is finalized. He reminded the meeting that the process to finalize CPS position statements is to have the Board make the final decision not to have the entire membership review and vote on them.

Dr. Moriarty moved that the motion proposed by Dr. Haber be tabled. This was seconded by Dr. Cellupica

Ms. Davis explained that if the motion is tabled it can be brought back for a vote at the next Annual General Meeting or voted on electronically.

Members in attendance expressed that the issue should be sent back to the Board to have a clear concise statement on medical assistance in dying, but there is some urgency to this because this has been pushed through parliament. It was also expressed that all members of the CPS should have an opportunity to vote as the strength of the CPS position will be in the universal support by the CPS membership.

Dr. Kronick expressed that is how the process to reach the CPS position to this critical issues will be played out. He concluded by stating that it is too early to say if the actual final CPS position statement will be circulated to all members to seek their input before it is published; however the survey will absolutely give the Board a clear indication as to how members feel about medical assistance in dying for children and youth.

Hearing no further discussion, Dr. Kronick called the vote to table Dr. Haber's motion.

All those who were present were in favor. The motion passed to table Dr. Haber's motion to a later date.

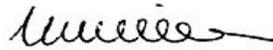
Dr. Kronick closed the discussion thanking the members for their input, stating that we have a process that is being defined and urging all to attend the session tomorrow morning and to respond to the survey which will be forthcoming soon.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION A16-09**

**That the meeting be adjourned at 10:46am.**

**Moved by Dr. Umberto Cellupica  
Seconded by Dr. Leigh Anne Newhook  
CARRIED**



**Respectfully submitted by  
Robin Williams  
President (2015-2016)**