

MINUTES
94th Annual General Meeting
Friday, June 2nd, 2017, 8:30 – 10:30am
Ballroom B, Vancouver Convention Centre, Vancouver, BC

Dr. Jonathan Kronick welcomed members to the 94th Annual General Meeting and announced that the first order of business would be the appointment of two members of the Resolutions Committee.

MOTION A17-01

To appoint Dr. Emmett Francoeur and Dr. David Smith to form the Resolutions Committee for the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

Moved by Dr. Robin Williams
Seconded by Dr. Robert Moriartey
CARRIED

Dr. Kronick introduced the head table followed by a review of the points of order regarding voting during AGM.

1. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION A17-02

That the agenda of the 94th Annual General meeting be approved.

Moved by Dr. Douglas McMillan
Seconded by Dr. Joanne Embree
CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION A17-03

That the minutes of the 93rd Annual General Meeting of June 24, 2016 held in Charlottetown, PEI be approved as circulated.

Moved by Dr. Richard Stanwick
Seconded by Dr. Paul Thiessen
CARRIED

3. Items not Otherwise Included in the Agenda

There was no business arising under this item.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID)

Dr. Kronick recapped that Dr. Richard Haber made a motion at the 2016 AGM seconded by Dr. Sandra Woods, and that after considerable discussion at that meeting, the motion was tabled to allow the CPS Board to do further study on the issue.

The 2016 motion:

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. Kronick updated members that CPS has undertaken a number of studies to inform the CPS position on MAID, and he proceeded to introduce Dr. Dawn Davies, Chair of the CPS Bioethics Committee, to present the results of the work to date.

4.1.1 Survey Results from Membership

The first survey was undertaken through the Canadian Paediatric Surveillance Program (CPSP). It went out in the spring of 2016 with the following question: *“How often are Canadian paediatricians engaging in exploratory conversations or receiving explicit requests for MAID?”* Dr. Davies said that this was the highest response rate for a one time CPSP survey with over 1,000 completed responses.

The second survey was an attitude study that went out in late 2016. The response rate was lower. The outcome showed 46% of respondents believe MAID should be extended to mature minors with terminal illness and/or intractable pain while 33% believed MAID should not be extended to minors

under any circumstance. There were 32% of respondents that felt requests for MAID by parents could be supported in rare situations of terminal illness or intractable pain if the practice was accompanied by significant oversight.

Dr. Davies responded to a number of questions and comments.

Dr. Davies also shared that Canada's mature minor doctrine basically says that if a youth is found to be a mature minor then parental agreement is actually not required for their health decision. However, in speaking to youth and in speaking to parents, both formally and informally, there seems to be actually a strong request from the youth themselves and from their parents that they do want to be involved and to have each other involved.

In closing, Dr. Kronick said that the motion A16-08 has been withdrawn by the mover and the seconder.

The next steps will be to use the information Dr. Davies summarized from the two surveys for the purpose of finalizing a CPS statement.

5. Recognition of Deceased Members

Members were invited to rise and observe a moment of silence to honour those CPS members who have passed since the previous Annual General Meeting.

Garth Bruce	Saskatoon, SK
Umberto Callegarini	Vancouver, BC
James Parker	Abbotsford, BC

6. Update on CPS Activities

The President and Executive Director updated membership on CPS activities.

Dr. Kronick reported on CPS members who made significant contributions over the year; and that Paediatrics & Child Health has a new and improved format with Oxford University Press as the new publisher.

Ms. Marie Adèle Davis highlighted a number of excellent public education tools released during these past 12 months. She also encouraged members to participate in the Lifelong Learning in Paediatrics courses as well as eCME courses. Ms. Davis reported that CPS will be adding multiple choice questions to the end of statements and this will be a great resource to help members with category 3 credits for maintenance of certification and for residents to study for their exams.

Yesterday the society released the new guidelines for healthy digital use for children under 6 years. A big thank you goes out to Drs. Michelle Ponti and Stacey Bélanger who authored the statement and handled the very positive media response.

Diabetes@school is a resource for families, schools, and caregivers to help school aged children with Type 1 diabetes. In November 2017, educational videos will be released for the first time.

Around advocacy, Ms. Davis acknowledged Drs. Christina Grant and Richard Bélanger who advocated on behalf of CPS' position on Cannabis legislation.

Touching on the status report "Are We Doing Enough?" Dr. Kronick said that the online version can be updated. He shared how members have used the status report as well as shared ongoing advocacy activities.

Updating member on CPSP, Ms. Davis said that the monthly response rate is 80% and that new studies in 2017 were "Sudden unexpected death in epilepsy", "Hypoglycemia in low-risk term infants" and "Lyme disease"; and that the following one time surveys were "Ingestion of detergent pods", "Injuries related to bicycle trailers/seats" and "Hot water scalds".

Around membership, Dr. Kronick said that since June of 2016 there have been 63 new members join CPS and that thanks to the initiative of Dr. Anne Rowan-Legg, the new Spotlight feature has recognized a few community paediatricians by sharing their unique story of extraordinary contributions made to their communities.

Lastly, Dr. Kronick reported that from the survey that went out to all CPS members in December 2016, that the next steps are to look for ways to engage more members, highlight networking opportunities and to develop a clear value proposition.

MOTION A17-04

That 2018 membership fees not increase while CPS works on a clear value proposition to members.

Moved by Dr. Roxanne Goldade

Seconded by Dr. Janice Heard

CARRIED

7. Update on CPS Strategic Framework

Dr. Charlotte Moore Hepburn presented the CPS 2017-2022 Strategic Framework that will take CPS through the next 5 years helping with selected child and youth issues while moving towards the celebration of CPS' 100th birthday in 2022. She shared the guiding principles followed by the Strategic Objectives:

Guiding Principles:

- Nurturing every child's promise
- Ensuring access to care
- Achieving equity

Strategic Objectives:

- Nurture early childhood development
- Pursue health equity for First Nations, Inuit and Métis children and youth
- Strengthen child and youth mental health and mental health care
- Expand access to safe and effective paediatric medications and therapeutics
- Advance the practice of social paediatrics

Ms. Davis added that this plan will build on CPS' current strengths - education of health care professionals, information for parents and children as well as advocacy and support for members.

Over the next 6 months, Dr. Moore Hepburn said that the work will concentrate on 1) governance structure that supports the stated directions; and 2) concentrate on the systems and processes needed to deliver on the framework that has been described; and 3) to provide more specific work plans to CPS' membership with defined deliverables and matrix that defines a concept of success for CPS.

In closing, Dr. Moore Hepburn encouraged membership to engage and to participate with the strategic directions as they turn into reality for those that CPS members care for.

8. Financials

8.1 Report on Finances

Dr. François Boucher acknowledged and thanked the Finance Committee as well as Ms. Jane Cheesman and Mr. Mike Carroll. He reported that financially there is a positive bottom line and that now CPS is able to utilize the revenues to support its current programs. What is very important to note is that in 2016 CPS purchased Paediatrics & Child Health, and this is key to ensuring that CPS delivers up to date content to paediatrician.

8.2 Auditors Report

Reporting briefly on behalf of Dr. Umberto Cellupica, Dr. Boucher thanked the members of the Audit Subcommittee and the staff at CPS who have been remarkable at organizing and preparing for the auditors. He said that there was no weakness identified. There was an opportunity to have an in-camera session without any concerns brought forward.

In closing, Dr. Boucher acknowledged Dr. Cellupica for his work as he steps down from the Board of Directors.

8.3 Appointment of Auditors for 2017

MOTION A17-05

That the members of CPS approve the appointment of the auditing firm of Welch & Co for the 2017 fiscal year.

**Moved by Dr. Richard Stanwick
Seconded by Ms. Janet Austin
CARRIED**

8.4 Review of 2017 Budget

Updating members on the 2017 budget, Dr. Boucher said that at the 2016 November meeting, the Board of Directors approved a budget showing a deficit of \$71,830 for 2016 for the following circumstances: a) just over \$30K is a result of increased expenditures planned by the Sections; b) \$40K is related to the amortization of the PCH purchase price; therefore, if it were not for these 2 items, the budget would have a deficit of roughly \$10K.

9. Business Arising from the Floor

The Resolutions Committee expressed that given that the CPS staff and elected Executive have worked so hard for all in 2016-2017, they propose a heartfelt thank you from membership.

10. 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 continues to support the resident advocacy grant and education; that in 2017 they had 7 grant submissions and that Bhreagh Kennedy & the "Paediatric Residency Class of 2019" from the University of Manitoba won for "The Manitoba Baby Box Initiative: Pilot Project".

Elaborating on resident advocacy, Dr. Embree said that there were 14 travel bursaries to attend the Annual Conference; and that the advocacy luncheon had 148 guests attend to hear the topic "The Syrian Refugee Crisis and Opportunity – Advocacy in Practice".

Highlighting other projects, Dr. Embree shared that Healthy Generations worked with CPS to develop training videos for school staff to support students with Type 1 diabetes.

In closing, Dr. Embree thanked everyone for their donations for Practice What You Preach.

11. Celebrating our Membership

11.1 Presentation of Danielle Grenier Member Recognition Award

Dr. Ruth Grimes presented the Danielle Grenier Member Recognition Award to Drs. Jean-Yves Frappier and Doug McMillan for their accomplishments and contributions to CPS leading the International Pediatric Conference.

11.2 Presentation of Life Memberships

Dr. Grimes 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. Drs. Marie Gauthier and Sue Tallett were awarded Life Membership.

11.3 Presentation of Honorary Membership

Dr. Grimes announced Dr. Leslie Rourke and Ms. Janet Austin for this year's recipients of Honorary Membership for their dedication and contribution to improve child and youth health in Canada.

11.4 Outgoing Board members, Committee Chairs & Section Presidents

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

12. Report from Paediatrics & Child Health (PCH)

Dr. Joan Robinson proudly expressed how lucky CPS is to have such a high quality journal with a new and improved look and said that the online version will be coming out soon.

Dr. Robinson acknowledged and thanked editorial Board and CPS staff especially Ms. Lindsay Conboy.

13. Presentation of the Noni Macdonald Award

Dr. Kronick announced that Drs. Jeff Brubacher, Ediriweera Desapriya, Shannon Erdelyi and Herbert Chan are winners of the Noni MacDonald Award for their article "The impact of child safety restraint legislation on child injuries in police-reported motor vehicle collisions in British Columbia: An interrupted time series analysis".

14. Leadership Development Committee Report

Dr. Andrew Lynk, Chair of the Leadership Development Committee encouraged members to get involved with CPS as it is a great way to learn about leadership and advocacy.

Dr. Lynk shared that the committee will be looking for new Board member candidates for Nova Scotia, Newfoundland & Labrador, and Ontario starting in 2018. The committee also put out a call for nominees for the incoming Vice President position. Dr. Sam Wong from Edmonton has put his name forward as a candidate for Vice President on the Board of Directors starting in June 2018.

14.1 Election of two Members-at-large to the Leadership Development Committee

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

MOTION A17-06

That Dr. Dawn Hartfield and Dr. Gary Pekeles be appointed Member-at-Large for the 2017-2018 Leadership Development Committee.

**Moved by Dr. Paul Thiessen
Seconded by Dr. Debra Andrews
CARRIED**

15. Presentation by Candidate for Vice President

Dr. Sam Wong gave a five-minute presentation to the membership.

16. Election of 2017-2018- CPS Board of Directors

MOTION A17-07

To elect the 2017-2018 CPS Board of Directors with Dr. Mike Dickinson as President, Dr. Catherine Farrell as President Elect and Dr. Ellen Wood as Vice President.

**Moved by Dr. Doug McMillan
Seconded by Ms. Janet Austin
CARRIED**

That the CPS Board for 2017-2018 be:

Michael Dickinson (President)
Catherine Farrell (President Elect)
Ellen Wood (Vice President)
Jonathan Kronick (Past President)

Francois Boucher (Québec)
Kimberly Dow (Ontario)
Stacey Bélanger (Québec)
Mark Feldman (Ontario)
Karen Leis (Saskatchewan)
Leigh Anne Newhook (Newfoundland & Labrador)
Paul Thiessen (British Columbia & Yukon)
Ellen Wood (Nova Scotia)
Marianne McKenna (New Brunswick & PEI)
Ruth Grimes (Manitoba & Nunavut)
Roxanne Goldade (Alberta & NWT)
TBD (Public Member)
Nicole Fischer (President – Resident Section)
Amelia Kellar (Vice President – Resident Section)

17. Remarks by CPS President 2017-2018 – Dr. Michael Dickinson

Dr. Michael Dickinson acknowledged Dr. Kronick for leading CPS with passion and wisdom over the year. He provided membership with the following remarks: 1) that CPS will continue to reach out and engage non member paediatricians; and 2) that working together can accomplish the goals that are shared by all; and 3) now that CPS has a 5 year Strategic Framework, it is time for action. Tackling these critical issues requires the engagement and input from CPS' entire leadership and that there will be a role for everybody.

In closing, Dr. Dickinson said that he is looking forward to seeing everyone next year in Québec City for the CPS Annual Conference from May 30 to June 2, 2018.

18. Other Business

There was no other business.

19. Adjournment**MOTION A17-08**

To adjourn the 94th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Paediatric Society at 10:41am.

**Moved by Ms. Janet Austin
Seconded by Dr. Krista Baerg
CARRIED**



**Respectfully submitted by
Jonathan Kronick
President (2016-2017)**