

## MINUTES

**96<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**Saturday, June 8<sup>st</sup>, 2019 from 8:00 – 10:00am**  
**Grand Ballroom Centre, Sheraton Toronto Centre Hotel**  
**Toronto**

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Dr. Catherine Farrell welcomed members to the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. Dr. Farrell introduced the head table followed by a review of the points of order regarding voting during the AGM.

Dr. Farrell acknowledged that the CPS meetings this week are taking place on the traditional territories of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. It is also acknowledged that Toronto is covered under Treaty 13 and is signed by the Mississaugas of the Credit and the Williams Treaty signed by multiple Mississauga and Chippewa Bands.

### **1. Appointment of Two Members of the Resolutions Committee**

The President announced that the first order of business would be the appointment of two members to the Resolutions Committee.

#### **MOTION A19-01**

**To appoint Dr. Emmett Francoeur and Dr. David Smith to form the Resolutions Committee for the 2019 Annual General Meeting.**

**Moved by Dr. Andrew Lynk**  
**Seconded by Dr. Robert Moriartey**  
**CARRIED**

### **2. Approval of the Agenda**

#### **MOTION A19-02**

**That the agenda of the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting be approved.**

**Moved by Dr. Paul Thiessen**  
**Seconded by Dr. Eddy Lau**  
**CARRIED**

### **3. Approval of the Minutes**

#### **MOTION A19-03**

**That the minutes of the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of June 1, 2018 held in Québec City, QC be approved as circulated.**

**Moved by Dr. Robin Walker**  
**Seconded by Dr. Ruth Grimes**  
**CARRIED**

### **4. Business Arising from the Minutes Not Otherwise Included in the Agenda**

There was no business arising under this item.

### **5. Recognition of Deceased Members**

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

Alexander Allen	Halifax, NS
Charles Brown	Kentville, NS
Graham Chance	Goderich, ON
Murray Colwell	Calgary, AB
Philip Etches	West Vancouver, BC

William Feldman	Toronto, ON
Richard Haber	Montreal, QC
Andrew B. Murray	West Vancouver, BC
Karen Pape	Toronto, ON
Maggie Shu	Toronto, ON

## 6. Update on CPS Strategic Framework

Dr. Charlotte Moore Hepburn updated members on the CPS 2017-2022 Strategic Framework that began 2 years ago with the shared commitment between the leadership of the organization and the entire broad membership of the CPS to the children and youth in Canada. This work was undertaken with focus, integration, impact and accountability and Dr. Moore Hepburn shared the strategic objectives:

### 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

CPS is working hard to integrate a strategic framework that honors the complex and important lives that our patients and their families live. We continue to engage deeply with the CPS members and focus and define key outcomes in order to identify if we have or have not achieved success.

Dr. Moore Hepburn and Ms Davis shared some highlights from the past two years and some of the next steps.

The Drug Therapy and Hazardous Substances Committee in partnership with a National Taskforce that includes 13 organizations from across Canada have been engaged in the writing of a policy paper on regulatory reform. A second statement about pharmacare has also been drafted. Regulatory issues and access to paediatric drugs have been defined as two key priorities moving forward to the Federal election.

Ms. Davis thanked Dr. Williams and the leadership of the Early Childhood Development Task Force. The Positive Parenting statement was released a few months ago and was well received. Work has started on the Early Years practical tools for clinicians.

Another key area for the strategic directions is Child and Youth Mental Health. This area will focus on the development of statements and education to support our members in their offices. This endeavor will be led by Drs. Andrews and Korczak.

Under the guidance of Dr. Radha Jetty is the First Nations, Inuit and Métis Health Committee. It is important for the CPS to live and breathe reconciliation. The CPS has made a commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission recommendations that directly impact the health and wellbeing of children and youth. We will be looking at our organization to assure that what CPS does is in the spirit of reconciliation. Dr. Jetty has done an incredible job reaching out to our national Indigenous partners to engage them in a manner that is respectful and to bring them knowledge as to what CPS does.

Dr. Debra Andrews from Edmonton asked for an update on Social Paediatrics. Ms. Davis responded by saying that the Board of Directors has approved the Terms of Reference for the Social Paediatrics Strategic Task Force and will be working closely with the section and Dr. Sarah Gander (the President of the Section), the Kids in Care Special Interest Group, the Adolescent Medicine and Community Paediatric Sections in order for the task force to be successful.

## 7. Update on CPS Activities

The President and Executive Director updated membership on CPS activities and celebrated the amazing work that the CPS volunteers and staff have accomplished.

Ms. Davis stated that it has been a busy year in communications and knowledge translation. The CPS website has been updated and is now a responsive design. The Digital Health Statement for School Aged Children and Adolescents was released on June 6<sup>th</sup> and it has been successful in terms of media outreach. CPS members have stated that Development Paediatrics and mental health are key issues. There have been three statements released in 2019 by the Mental Health Committee.

Diabetes@school continues to grow but families with children with Type 1 diabetes are still encountering issues in the school setting. A video on children's rights has been developed to help parents advocate for their children.

In regards to media relations, Ms. Davis shared that there have been 198 interview requests so far this year. A big thank you to those who have been involved.

Lastly, the organization's media presence is quite large. We are active on Twitter, Facebook and the stories are being shared to many who are outside of the paediatric field.

Ms. Marie Adèle Davis mentioned that things have been very busy on the advocacy front, mostly with cannabis, migrant children, contraception and the sexual education curriculum. Work is being done with Health Canada to address the issue of vaping and more resources will soon be provided to members. Several members have been busy advocating through the media and on Parliament Hill. Lastly, the Federal election is coming up and during the next four months, several tools including a social media kit and sample letters will be available to members.

Dr. Farrell shared a number of excellent education tools as follows: a) Pedagogy – CPS's online learning management system; b) Test your Knowledge – multiple choice questions for each CPS statements and practice point. A special thank you to Dr. Mark Feldman and his team for the high quality questions; c) Clinical podcasts – available on PedsCases and many are based on recently produced statements.

Dr. Farrell mentioned that the 2020 Annual Conference will take place in Vancouver from June 4<sup>th</sup> to June 6<sup>th</sup>. The Fall Lifelong Learning in Paediatrics course which will focus on child and youth mental health will take place between October 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> in King City, Ontario. The Winter LLP will be in Whistler, British Columbia from January 31<sup>st</sup> to February 2, 2020. The topics will include Adolescent Health, Endocrinology, Hematology and Orthopaedics.

Dr. Farrell spoke on the Neonatal Life Support Programs. The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the Neonatal Resuscitation Textbook is currently available and the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Acute Care of at-Risk Newborns (ACoRN) will be published by Oxford University Press and will be launched at the 2020 Annual Conference. The assessment modules and the ACoRN course will be developed in the next year.

Updating members on CPSP, Dr. Farrell shared some of the hot topics that took place over the year, and touched on the one-time CPSP surveys: "Amber teething necklaces" and "Neonatal abstinence syndrome" and the multi-year CPSP studies: "Serious

and Life-Threatening Events Related to Medical and Recreational Cannabis Exposure" and "Type 2 Diabetes".

The President continued the presentation by reporting a few highlights from Membership, and thanked Dr. Ruth Grimes and Ms. Sherri Mackenzie, Manager of Membership. She said that there has been a steady increase in membership and most significantly in the Medical Student category. As of the month of May, there are 3590 members of the CPS.

Touching on Early Career Paediatricians, Dr. Farrell said that with the help of Dr. Anne Rowan-Legg and colleagues, the Early Career Paediatricians Special Interest Group is now active with 185 members. There is also a Facebook group with over 190 members. The first Early Career Paediatrician Award was presented at this year's conference to Dr. Norman McLean.

In closing, Dr. Farrell said that the Board of Directors is recommending that the 2020 membership dues remain the same.

#### **MOTION A19-04**

**That 2020 membership fees remain the same as 2019.**

**Moved by Dr. Robert Issenman  
Seconded by Dr. Denis Leduc  
CARRIED**

## **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 results to December 2018 show a net revenue of \$77,005 and CPS' financial position shows investments totaling \$1,514,751.

### **8.2 Auditors Report**

Reporting briefly, Dr. Ruth Cruikshank thanked the members and the staff at CPS who have been remarkable at organizing and preparing for the auditors. She indicated that the auditors did not identify any weaknesses and that during an in-camera meeting with the auditors no concerns were brought forward.

### 8.3 Appointment of Auditors for 2019

#### MOTION A19-05

**That the members of the CPS appoint Welch & Co as auditors for fiscal 2019 with their fees set at \$17,775.**

**Moved by Dr. Gary Pেকেles  
Seconded by Dr. Deborah Davis  
CARRIED**

### 8.4 Review of 2019 Budget

Updating members on the 2019 budget, Dr. Boucher said that at the 2018 November meeting, the Board of Directors approved a budget showing a deficit of \$240,000. This was done after considering the significant initiatives for 2019: a) continued investment in moving our strategic initiatives forward; b) ongoing amortization of purchase price of Paediatrics & Child Health; b) annualized salaries for new positions created in 2018 – Government Relations Specialist and Learning Management Systems Administrator

### 9. Business Arising from the Floor

Dr. Francoeur and Dr. Smith from the Resolutions Committee brought forward a motion proposed by Drs. Elizabeth Lee Ford-Jones and Anthony Ford-Jones. The motion is as follows:

- We call upon the CPS to add climate emergency advocacy to its list of critical issues to be addressed prior to the Federal election later this year.

Dr. Farrell invited Dr. Ford-Jones to provide additional context and information to the membership.

Dr. Anthony Ford-Jones opened with a quote from the current issue of Science, the Journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science: “The science is clear, students are striking and public around the globe are demanding a new level of leadership to tackle the climate crisis before it is too late.” He also indicated that the call to faster climate action is to all who can contribute knowledge, momentum or passion to drive the quick embrace of effective solutions.

Dr. Farrell opened to floor to members who had comments or questions.

Dr. Sarah Gander (New Brunswick), President of the Social Paediatrics Section, said on behalf of the members of the section, that they offer their support for the motion. It is intuitive to the care of children and their families.

Dr. Farrell reminded the membership that if the motion passes it will go to the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors and they will decide what course of action they will take as a result of the motion.

#### MOTION A19-06

**We call upon the CPS to add climate emergency advocacy to its list of critical issues to be addressed prior to the Federal election later this year.**

**Proposed by Dr. Elizabeth Lee Ford-Jones  
Seconded by Dr. Anthony Ford-Jones  
CARRIED**

### 10. Healthy Generations Report

Dr. Robert Moriarty, President of Healthy Generations, acknowledged and thanked the members of the Healthy Generations Board as well as CPS staff for their help and support.

He mentioned the priorities of the foundation in 2019.: a) the long term sustainability of the Paediatric Resident Advocacy Education programs; b) to work with the CPS to finalize the Diabetes @ School initiative; c) Healthy Child Uganda and d) to partner with CPS on shared initiatives.

He articulated that the foundation continues to support the resident advocacy grant and education; the deadline date for the annual advocacy grant has changed to October 31, 2019 as it will align with the academic year. Two initiatives were funded in 2018.

Elaborating on resident advocacy, the advocacy luncheon had 148 guests attend to hear the topic “*A green light for advocacy efforts by Paediatricians around cannabis.*”

In closing, Dr. Moriarty mentioned that 2019 donations made through CPS membership renewals are up slightly over 2019.

### 11. Celebrating our Membership

#### 11.1 Presentation of Danielle Grenier Member Recognition Award

Dr. Ruth Grimes presented the Danielle Grenier Member Recognition Award to Dr. Michelle Ponti for her accomplishments and contributions to the area of child and youth digital health.

### 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. Debra Andrews and Robert Hilliard were awarded Life Membership.

### 11.3 Presentation of Honorary Membership

Dr. Grimes announced Mr. Irwin Elman is this year's recipient of Honorary Membership for his advocacy on behalf of the vulnerable children and youth in Ontario.

### 11.4 Outgoing Board members, Committee Chairs & Section Presidents

Dr. Farrell 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)

Ms. Marie Adèle Davis reported that *Paediatrics & Child Health* (PCH) has thrived since the CPS purchased the journal.

Ms. Davis said that in 2019, PCH has made good progress which has allowed staff to turn their attention to improving the journal's reach and capabilities. She acknowledged and thanked the editorial Board and CPS staff for making 2019 a successful year.

In closing, Ms. Davis suggested that members support the journal by sending suggestions for topics to the editor or by submitting an article to one of the novel columns.

### 13. Presentation of the Noni Macdonald Award

Ms. Davis stated that the Noni MacDonald Award is in honour of Dr. Noni MacDonald as founding editor of *Paediatrics & Child Health*. The award is given for an article published in *Paediatrics & Child Health* in 2018 which raises awareness of an issue, presents new scientific research, or instigates change, and improves

the health of children and youth. The Selection Panel consists of Drs. Sandra Wood, Michael Weinstein and Michael Rieder.

Ms. Davis announced that Drs. Michael Flavin (lead author), Horacio Osiovich, Kevin Coughlin, Michael Sgro, Joel Ray, Liyuan Hu, Juan Andrés León, Keith Gregoire, Logan Barr, Alessia Gallipoli and Karen Grewal are the winners of the Noni MacDonald Award for their article "Hypoglycemia in unmonitored full-term newborns—a surveillance study".

### 14. Leadership Development Committee Report

Dr. Andrew Lynk, Chair of the Leadership Development Committee reported that members of the Committee have begun to develop leadership workshops and offered a special thank you to Drs. Michael Dickinson, Dawn Hartfield and John Van Aerde for a successful inaugural workshop at the conference.

Dr. Lynk mentioned that an electronic vote was conducted this past spring for the position of Vice President and is pleased to report that Dr. Ruth Grimes received the majority of support from participating CPS members and her name will be put forward as CPS Vice President for 2019-2020.

Dr. Lynk said that the Leadership Development Committee must have two members-at-large, and that Dr. Gary Pেকেles is willing to stay on for another year. He would like to nominate Dr. Glen Ward from Surrey, BC as a member-at-large to the Leadership Development Committee for 2019-2020.

### MOTION A19-07

**That Dr. Gary Pেকেles and Dr. Glen Ward be appointed as Members-at-Large to the Leadership Development Committee for 2019-2020.**

**Moved by Dr. Richard Stanwick  
Seconded by Dr. François Boucher  
CARRIED**

Dr. Mark Feldman has put his name forward as a candidate for Vice President on the Board of Directors starting in June 2020. Calls for nomination for Vice President will close on October 31, 2019.

Dr. Lynk shared that the committee will be looking for a new Board member candidate for British Columbia in 2020 and will also be looking for Vice President

candidates in 2020 from Québec and in 2021 from the Atlantic provinces.

### 15. Presentation by Candidate for Vice President

Dr. Mark Feldman gave a five-minute presentation to the membership.

### 16. Election of the 2019-2020 CPS Board of Directors

#### MOTION A19-08

**To elect the 2019-2020 CPS Board of Directors with Dr. Ellen Wood as President, Dr. Sam Wong as President Elect and Dr. Ruth Grimes as Vice President.**

**Moved by Dr. Katy Kellock  
Seconded by Dr. Roxanne Goldade  
CARRIED**

That the CPS Board of Directors for 2019-2020 be:

Ellen Wood (President)  
Sam Wong (President Elect)  
Ruth Grimes (Vice President)  
Catherine Farrell (Past President)

Stacey Bélanger (Québec)  
Heidi Budden (Nova Scotia)  
Jeff Critch (Newfoundland & Labrador)  
Kimberly Dow (Ontario)  
Ruth Grimes (Manitoba & Nunavut)  
Eddy Lau (Ontario)  
Karen Leis (Saskatchewan)  
Marianne McKenna (New Brunswick & PEI)  
Raphael Sharon (Alberta & NWT)  
Paul Thiessen (British Columbia & Yukon)  
Jean-François Turcotte (Québec)  
Ruth Cruikshank (Public Member)  
Nikytha Antony (President – Resident Section)  
Louise Ing (Vice President – Resident Section)

### 17. Remarks by CPS President 2019-2020 – Dr. Ellen Wood

Dr. Ellen Wood shared her reflections on how it feels to become the President of the CPS. She acknowledged her three predecessors, Drs. Farrell, Dickinson and Kronick as a long line of big shoes to fill.

Dr. Wood shared that her initial exposure to the CPS was in part through Dr. Richard Goldbloom and encouraged members to read his book, “A Lucky Life”.

Dr. Wood emphasized that there are many challenges ahead including the implementation of the Strategic Plan and the Federal Elections this fall.

Dr. Wood challenged the members of the CPS to recruit more subspecialists to join the organization.

In closing, Dr. Wood thanked Drs. Farrell, Dickinson, Wong and Grimes, the Board of Directors, Ms. Davis and the CPS staff for their hard work.

### 18. Other Business

There was no other business to address.

### 19. Adjournment

#### MOTION A19-09

**To adjourn the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Paediatric Society at 9:56 am.**

**Moved by Dr. Margaret Berry  
Seconded by Dr. Jean-Yves Frappier  
CARRIED**

**Respectfully submitted by  
Catherine Farrell  
President (2018-2019)**