

MINUTES
100th Annual General Meeting
Friday, May 26, 2023, from 9:00 to 10:30 AM ADT
Halifax Convention Centre
Halifax, NS

1. Land Acknowledgment

Dr. Mark Feldman started the meeting with a land acknowledgment and welcomed members to the 100th Annual General Meeting. Dr. Feldman reviewed the points of order regarding voting during the AGM.

2. Appointment of Two Members of the Resolutions Committee

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

MOTION A23-01

To appoint Dr. Catherine Farrell and Dr. Emmett Francoeur to form the Resolutions Committee for the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

Moved by Dr. Raphael Sharon
Seconded by Dr. Jane Liddle
CARRIED

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION A23-02

That the agenda of the 100th Annual General meeting be approved.

Moved by Dr. Marianne McKenna
Seconded by Dr. Ellen Wood
CARRIED

4. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION A23-03

That the minutes of the 99th Annual General Meeting, held in Montréal, Québec on May 27, 2022 be approved as circulated.

Moved by Dr. Anierhe Abohweyere
Seconded by Dr. Ruth Grimes
CARRIED

5. Business Arising from the Minutes Not Otherwise Included in the Agenda

Ms. Davis provided an update on Dr. Lisa Bélanger's motion that the CPS find a way to recognize the efforts of medical students and resident members over the past two years during the pandemic. Ms. Davis reported that as a thank you, Dr. Feldman recorded a video and CPS sent each residency program a \$100 gift card to be used for treats with a letter of thanks.

6. Recognition of Deceased Members

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

Donald Frederick Besant, Winnipeg MB
James Edward Carter, Vancouver BC
Barrett Adams, Cumberland ON
Lee Edward Stickles, Fredericton NB
Candace Nayman, Thornhill, ON
Landon Pearson, Ottawa ON
Charles Robert Scriver, Montréal QC

7. Update on CPS Activities

Ms. Davis provided an overview on some of the work the organization has done and highlights of current priorities

Ms. Davis said that the Fall 2023 Lifelong Learning in Paediatrics course which will focus on adolescent health, allergy, endocrinology, and neonatology, will take place in Banff, Alberta between November 3 and 5. The 2024 CPS Annual Conference will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia between June 6 and 8, 2024.

Ms. Davis shared updates on several excellent education tools: a) National Grand Rounds b) EPIC – Education Program for Immunization Competencies c) Pedagogy – CPS’s online learning management system; d) Test your knowledge –multiple choice questions for each CPS statements and practice point.

CPS Strategic Directions

- a) **Early Childhood Development:** the group’s position statement, “From ACEs to early Relational Health: Implications for clinical practice” was released in April 2023
- b) **Indigenous Child and Youth Health:** an online, learning module on providing culturally safe care for Indigenous children and youth will be launched soon
- c) **Child and Youth Mental Health:** the group’s position statement, “Promoting optimal mental health outcomes for children and youth” was released in May 2023. Feedback from community paediatrician members will be used to prioritize knowledge translation activities

Ms. Davis expressed gratitude to the nearly 500 members who responded to the Paediatrics & Child Health journal survey. The findings will aid in the identification of methods to improve access to online content and the exploration of journal delivery options.

Ms. Davis discussed the organization's public education and parent education efforts. Staff collaborated with the Infectious Diseases and Immunization Committee to raise awareness about the shortage of liquid pain and fever medications for infants and children.

Ms. Davis stated that CPS been very busy with advocacy, primarily in the areas of mental health,

contraception, drugs, vaping, and cannabis. The organization is working hard to get more pharmaceuticals on label for children. The organization is hoping that Health Canada will eliminate all flavours for vapes, other than tobacco and/or tobacco and mint/menthol. A new "Advocacy 101" module has been launched to assist CPS members in improving their advocacy skills and knowledge of government structures and processes. It is available on Pedagogy via the CPS member centre.

Ms. Davis provided members with an update on CPSP. She provided details about upcoming studies: Hyperosmolar hypoglycemic state, Adverse events associated with the compounding of medications, and Severe or life-threatening side effects from the use of opioids, stimulants, or sedatives. The Canadian Immunization Monitoring Program ACTive (IMPACT), on which Ms. Davis will provide a report in 2024.

Ms. Davis noted that membership is doing well, and the organization continues to grow. In closing, Ms. Davis presented a motion to the CPS membership that would reduce the annual membership fees for medical students to \$35. If passed, the lowered fees would take effect in 2024.

MOTION A23-04

That the membership dues for medical students be set at \$35.

**Moved by Dr. Raphael Sharon
Seconded by Dr. Robin Walker
CARRIED**

8. Update on CPS Antiracism Initiative

Dr. Kassia Johnson, physician lead of the CPS Antiracism Initiative and Co-chair of the Antiracism Steering Committee, provided an update on the group. She began her presentation with a personalized land acknowledgement. Three working groups (Policy Implementation, Medical Education, and Advocacy) were formed to determine priorities for the CPS Antiracism Policy after its adoption in December 2021. The working groups met on numerous occasions in 2022 and 2023. To assist CPS leadership and staff in evaluating their policies, standards, guidelines, and practices, the policy implementation group developed

an antiracist lens tool. The CPS website has a list of anti-racism resources for medical professionals.

9. Financials

9.1 Report on Finances

Dr. Ruth Cruikshank, Chair of the Finance Subcommittee, reported on the finances of CPS. She reported that results to December 31, 2022, show a net surplus of \$901,591. The surplus includes \$838,943 of exceptional, non-recurring revenues because of the recognition of deferred revenue that had not been recognized in previous fiscal years, and sales of the newest edition of the Neonatal Resuscitation Program textbook have been strong. CPS' financial position shows investments totaling \$2,210,679.

9.2 Auditors Report

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

9.3 Appointment of Auditors for 2023

Dr. Lau said that Welch LLP has served as the organization's auditor of record for several years. The Audit Subcommittee is interested in determining if Welch continues to meet the organization's needs in the future.

MOTION A23-05

That CPS members give the CPS Board of Directors authority to conduct a review of the CPS audit requirements and after thorough consideration, name the auditors for 2023.

**Moved by Dr. Eddy Lau
Seconded by Dr. Ellen Wood
CARRIED**

9.4 Review of the 2023 Budget

Updating members on the 2023 budget, Dr. Cruikshank said the Board of Directors approved a budget reflecting a surplus of \$255,223. CPS staff have shown that they are able to find opportunities to generate new revenue and to save costs whenever possible and they

do this while continuing to deliver excellent service to our members and to the public.

10. Business Arising from the Floor

Dr. Catherine Farrell and Dr. Emmett Francoeur tabled two motions.

MOTION A23-06

That the CPS membership offers a heartfelt thanks to the staff of the Canadian Paediatric Society who have worked so diligently throughout the past year.

**Moved by Dr. Catherine Farrell
Seconded by Dr. Emmett Francoeur
CARRIED**

MOTION A23-07

That the CPS membership offers a heartfelt thank you to the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, Dr. Amy Ornstein, and the Annual Conference Planning Committee who spent long hours shaping the organization and spearheading strategic plans.

**Moved by Dr. Emmett Francoeur
Seconded by Dr. Catherine Farrell
CARRIED**

11. Celebrating our Membership

11.1 Presentation of the Danielle Grenier Member Recognition Award

Dr. Feldman presented the Danielle Grenier Member Recognition Award to Dr. Kassia Johnson for her work on the CPS Early Years Task Force and spearheading the CPS Antiracism Initiative.

11.2 Presentation of Life Memberships

Dr. Feldman explained that the Society established Life Membership to recognize members who have demonstrated tremendous dedication and made a significant contribution to the Society. Drs. Minoli Amit, Mark Awuku and Ellen Wood were awarded Life Membership.

11.3 Outgoing Board Members, Committee Chairs & Section Presidents

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

12. 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 PCH in 2022 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. Joan Robinson, Michael Rieder, and Henry Ukpeh.

Ms. Davis announced that Dr. Mary Lukindo is the winner of the Noni MacDonald Award for her article “Estimating the impact of menstrual poverty on adolescents in Nova Scotia”.

13. Leadership Development Committee Report

Dr. Ellen Wood, Chair of the Leadership Development Committee stated that Dr. Laura Sauv e’s name would be put forward as CPS Vice President for 2023-2024.

The Board of Directors will welcome several new members:

Dr. Jill Borland Starkes (New Brunswick & PEI)
Dr. Jared Bullard (Manitoba)
Dr. Marc-Andr e Dugas (Qu ebec)
Dr. Tricia Feener (Newfoundland & Labrador)
Dr. Hema Patel (Qu ebec)
Dr. Anne Rowan-Legg (Ontario)
Mr. Jim Whitestone (Public Board Member)
Dr. Meagan Roy (Vice President, Residents Section)

13.1 Election of two Members-at-Large to the Leadership Development Committee

Dr. Wood explained that the Leadership Development Committee must have two members-at-large, and that Drs. Mark Awuku and Joanne Embree are willing to stay on for another year.

MOTION A23-08

That Dr. Mark Awuku and Dr. Joanne Embree be appointed as Members-at-Large to the Leadership Development Committee for 2023-2024.

Moved by Dr. Catherine Farrell

Seconded by Dr. Minoli Amit

CARRIED

14. Election of the 2023-2024 CPS Board of Directors

MOTION A23-09

To elect the 2023-2024 CPS Board of Directors with Dr. Jeff Critch as President, Dr. Johanne Harvey as President Elect and Dr. Laura Sauv e as Vice President.

Moved by Dr. Andrew Lynk

Seconded by Dr. Bob Issenman

That the CPS Board of Directors for 2023-2024 be:

Jeff Critch (President)
Johanne Harvey (President-Elect)
Laura Sauv e (Vice President)
Mark Feldman (Past President)

Jill Borland Starkes (New Brunswick & PEI)
Heidi Budden (Nova Scotia)
Jared Bullard (Manitoba)
Kelly Cox (British Columbia)
Marc-Andr e Dugas (Qu ebec)
Tricia Feener (Newfoundland & Labrador)
Eddy Lau (Ontario)
Amber Miners (Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and Yukon)
Hema Patel (Qu ebec)
Ayaz Ramji (Saskatchewan)
Anne Rowan-Legg (Ontario)
Raphael Sharon (Alberta)
Jim Whitestone (Public Member)
Stephanie Hosang (President – Resident Section)
Meagan Roy (Vice President – Resident Section)

15. Remarks by CPS President 2023-2024: Dr. Jeff Critch

Dr. Jeff Critch thanked the CPS membership for their dedication to working together to improve the health of children and youth. He is excited to continue the organization's work with the next set of strategic priorities.

16. Other Business

A participant in the audience inquired about the organization's investment practices, wondering if they are socially and environmentally conscious, and if the CPS will divest from fossil fuels?

According to Dr. Feldman, the Board of Directors and the Finance Subcommittee have had many discussions about this issue and are examining how it may be accomplished gradually over time.

17. Adjournment

MOTION A23-10

To adjourn the 100th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Paediatric Society at 10:25 am.

Moved by Dr. Jean-Yves Frappier

**Seconded by Dr. Tricia Feener
CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted by



**Mark Feldman
President (2022-2023)**

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