



MINUTES
101st Annual General Meeting
Friday, June 7, 2024, from 9:00 to 10:30 AM PDT
Hyatt Regency Vancouver
Vancouver, BC

1. Land Acknowledgment

Dr. Critch started the meeting with a land acknowledgment and welcomed members to the 101st Annual General Meeting. Dr. Critch reviewed the points of order regarding voting during the AGM.

2. Appointment of Two Members of the Resolutions Committee

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

MOTION A24-01

To appoint Dr. Catherine Farrell and Dr. David Smith to form the Resolutions Committee for the 2024 Annual General Meeting.

Moved by Dr. Jean-Yves Frappier
Seconded by Dr. Tricia Feener
CARRIED

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION A24-02

That the agenda of the 101st Annual General meeting be approved.

Moved by Dr. Catherine Farrell
Seconded by Dr. Eddy Lau
CARRIED

4. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION A24-03

That the minutes of the 100th Annual General Meeting, held in Halifax, Nova Scotia on May 26, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Moved by Dr. Catherine Farrell
Seconded by Dr. Ellen Wood
CARRIED

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

There was no business arising from the minutes and no items not otherwise included in the agenda to discuss.

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.

Jo-Anne Richards, Burlington, ON
Barry Pless, Westmount, BC
John Tibbles, Victoria, BC
Mary Hallowell, Vancouver, BC
John Stoffman, London, ON
Robert Shea, Calgary, AB
David Fecteau, Québec City, 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 Canadian Conference on Child and Youth Mental Health will take place in Toronto between November 1 and 3, 2024. The 11th International Meeting on Indigenous Child Health will take place in Winnipeg between March 28 and 30, 2025 and the 2025 CPS Annual Conference will be held in Québec City, Québec between May 29 and 31, 2025.

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.

Ms. Davis discussed the organization's public education and parent education efforts. The position statement titled 'Healthy Childhood Development through Outdoor Risky Play: Navigating the Balance with Injury Prevention', released in January 2024, received significant acclaim in the public domain. Many thanks to Dr. Suzanne Beno and Dr. Emilie Beaulieu for their work on the statement.

Ms. Davis acknowledged Ms. Andrea Eaton, recipient of the Dr. Noni MacDonald Award and lead author of an article titled 'Priority topics for child and family health research in community-based paediatric health care according to caregivers and health care professionals,' published in the June 2023 issue of Paediatrics & Child Health.

She also shared that starting January 2025, Paediatrics & Child Health will transition to an online-only format, aiming to reduce environmental impact, accelerate publication times, eliminate color charges for authors, streamline production, enhance searchability and references, and better measure article reach and impact.

From January to April 2024, Health Canada funded an evaluation of the Indigenous child health curriculum for paediatric residents, highlighting its value but recommending updates for current content. Stakeholders stressed local perspectives and greater Indigenous involvement in delivery, urging increased dissemination for broader awareness and utilization.

An update on the CPS Antiracism initiative included:

- Policy Implementation Working Group: developed a policy review tool to allow the

organization to evaluate policies, procedures and protocols.

- Medical Education Working Group: developed a tool for use by groups and individuals delivering educational content for CPS
- CPS staff participated in a day-long session on antiracism

Ms. Davis noted CPS's focused advocacy on pharmacare, gender-affirming care, and children affected by intimate partner violence. She emphasized the organization’s commitment to ensuring children and youth receive appropriate medical care. CPS hopes that Health Canada will halt approval of new nicotine pouch products or categories under the Natural Health Product Regulations until regulatory gaps are addressed.

Ms. Davis provided members with an update on CPSP. She provided details about upcoming studies: Acute life-threatening harms related to non-medical use of opioids stimulants, or sedatives, Neonatal hyperbilirubinemia-severe, and Diagnosis and referral patterns of paediatric diagnosed fetal alcohol spectrum disorder cases. Ms. Davis provided details about upcoming one-time surveys: Use of appearance- and performance-enhancing drugs and substances among children and adolescents, Adverse events related to medication compounding, and Infants born to parents with Grave’s disease.

Ms. Davis noted that membership is increasing, with the organization experiencing growth attributable to expanded educational offerings and well-received position statements. It continues to effectively meet the needs of its members.

8. Update on 2024 CPS Strategic Directions

Ms. Davis provided an update on the 2024-2027 CPS Strategic Directions. After a year-long period of reflection, research, and consultation, child and youth mental health, environmental health, and the paediatric workforce were identified as strategic priorities by the organization, believed to be among the most urgent issues facing children and youth in Canada. Ms. Davis noted that the guiding principles of CPS: antiracism, equity, and responsiveness will continue to the development of the strategic priorities.

The three aspects of child and youth mental health that will be prioritized by CPS are: 1) screen use 2) mental health professionals and services and 3) chronic and

complex conditions. The organization is submitting a multi-year funding proposal to create a centre for child and youth digital health. Initiatives include education for both professionals and the public, alongside advocacy efforts. CPS will invite its committees and sections to participate in consultations aimed at development specific objectives and a work plan for addressing the mental health needs of children and youth with chronic and complex conditions.

The CPS will act on three levels to help address environmental health: 1) physician education and support, 2) advocacy and collaboration, and 3) organizational change. The desired outcomes include paediatricians' understanding of and ability to mitigate the health effects of climate change on Canadian children and youth, counseling families on these impacts, active promotion of planetary and child/youth environmental health by the CPS, collaborative efforts to influence public policy on climate and environmental health, and the implementation of measures to reduce the CPS's organizational impact on the environment. Opportunities include extended virtual meetings with leaders from CPS committees and sections to strategize on achieving desired outcomes, and identifying current activities where CPS can contribute effectively.

As the only national organization representing paediatricians in Canada, CPS has a responsibility to advocate for a healthier workforce. CPS will engage and partner with other organizations to improve a number of metrics: 1) data collection, 2) aligning workforce capacity with patient needs, and 3) decreasing administrative burden. Potential priorities include assessing paediatricians' roles and needs given the challenges within primary and preventive care settings, supporting IMGs in obtaining Canadian certification and licenses, reducing administrative burdens on paediatricians, and collaborating with the Royal College on curriculum development.

In closing Ms. Davis shared the governance goals of the working group:

- Foster stronger connections between the board and groups focusing on priorities.
- Ensure the board oversees budgeting, direction, reporting, and evaluation.
- Support groups dedicated to priorities by facilitating learning and collaboration opportunities.

- Engage a diverse array of CPS groups and experts

9. CPS Investment Policy & Fossil Fuels

Mr. Jim Whitestone, public member of the CPS Board and Chair of the Audit Subcommittee, presented on CPS's investment policy regarding fossil fuels in response to a question posed by a CPS member at last year's AGM. The member inquired about the organization's investment practices, specifically asking whether CPS is socially and environmentally conscious and if there are plans to divest from fossil fuels.

The current situation at CPS involves investing previous surpluses adhering to a strict policy that excludes tobacco, alcohol, cannabis, gambling, defense, pharmaceutical, formula, and vaccine manufacturers. Just over 10% of their portfolio allocated to fossil fuel related stocks or bonds.

Moving forward, the CPS Board plans to collaborate with their investment advisor to incorporate Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) criteria into investment decisions based on the latest Canadian standards from the Canadian Sustainability Standards Board (CSSB). This approach aims to evaluate the environmental impact, social responsibility, and governance practices of stocks and bonds, including those related to oil and gas, aligning investment strategies with CPS's values and objectives. The timeline for implementation spans the next 12 months to ensure a thorough review while safeguarding CPS's total assets.

Mr. Whitestone to report back to the membership at the 2025 AGM in Québec City.

10. Financials

10.1 Report on Finances

Dr. Eddy Lau, Chair of the Finance Subcommittee, reported on the finances of CPS. He reported that results to December 31, 2023, show a net surplus of \$397,254.

10.2 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.

10.3 Appointment of Auditors for 2024

MOTION A24-04

That the members of the CPS appoint Welch & Co as auditors for fiscal year 2024 and their fees set at \$23,000.

Moved by Dr. Eddy Lau

Seconded by Dr. Jared Bullard

CARRIED

10.4 Review of the 2024 Budget

Dr. Lau noted that the Board of Directors has not approved a budget for 2024 due to the organization lacking a Director of Finance for several months. Despite this, CPS staff have proven their ability to identify new revenue opportunities and implement cost-saving measures effectively. They have maintained their commitment to delivering excellent service to both members and the public during this time.

11. Business Arising from the Floor

There was no business arising from the floor.

12. Celebrating our Membership

12.1 Presentation of the Danielle Grenier Member Recognition Award

Dr. Critch presented the Danielle Grenier Member Recognition Award to Dr. Michelle Barton-Forbes for her exceptional dedication and service to CPS.

11.2 Presentation of Life Memberships

Dr. Critch explained that the Society established Life Membership to recognize members who have demonstrated tremendous dedication and made a significant contribution to the Society. Drs. Khalid Aziz, Kimberly Dow, and Glen Ward were awarded Life Membership.

11.3 Outgoing Board Members, Committee Chairs & Section Presidents

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

13. Leadership Development Committee Report

Dr. Ellen Wood, Chair of the Leadership Development Committee stated that Dr. Natasha Johnson's name would be put forward as CPS Vice President for 2024-2025.

The Board of Directors will welcome several new members:

Dr. Eugene Ng (Ontario)

Dr. Amy Ornstein (Nova Scotia)

Dr. Jhanahan Sriranjani (Vice President, Residents Section)

Dr. Sidd Thakore (Alberta)

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 A24-05

That Dr. Mark Awuku and Dr. Joanne Embree be appointed as Members-at-Large to the Leadership Development Committee for 2024-2025.

Moved by Dr. Paul Thiessen

Seconded by Dr. Heidi Budden

CARRIED

14. Election of the 2024-2025 CPS Board of Directors

MOTION A24-06

To elect the 2024-2025 CPS Board of Directors with Dr. Johanne Harvey as President, Dr. Laura Sauvé as President Elect and Dr. Natasha Johnson as Vice President.

Moved by Dr. Isabelle Chevalier

Seconded by Dr. Joanne Embree

That the CPS Board of Directors for 2024-2025 be: Johanne Harvey (President)

Laura Sauv  (President-Elect)
Natasha Johnson (Vice President)
Jeff Critch (Past President)

Jill Borland Starkes (New Brunswick & PEI)
Jared Bullard (Manitoba)
Kelly Cox (British Columbia)
Marc-Andr  Dugas (Qu bec)
Tricia Feener (Newfoundland & Labrador)
Eugene Ng (Ontario)
Amber Miners (Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and Yukon)
Amy Ornstein (Nova Scotia)
Hema Patel (Qu bec)
Ayaz Ramji (Saskatchewan)
Anne Rowan-Legg (Ontario)
Sidd Thakore (Alberta)
Jim Whitestone (Public Member)
Meagan Roy (President – Resident Section)
Jhanahan Sriranjana (Vice President – Resident Section)

15. Remarks by CPS President 2024-2025: Dr. Johanne Harvey

Dr. Johanne Harvey expressed gratitude to CPS membership, volunteers, and the Board of Directors for their dedicated efforts to improve children's and youth's health.

She emphasized her focus on CPS's new strategic directions: mental health, environmental health, and paediatric workforce planning, guided by principles of Antiracism, Equity, and responsiveness to emerging needs.

Dr. Harvey highlighted growing concerns among leadership and members about the paediatric workforce's impact on child and youth healthcare in Canada, citing key factors such as the number of paediatricians, patient complexity, workforce health,

primary/preventative care systems, and administrative burdens.

Recognizing the importance of physician well-being in delivering effective care, Dr. Harvey pledged to prioritize this focus as president.

She invited everyone to join her at the 2025 annual conference in Qu bec City and closed by thanking Dr. Critch for his exemplary service and role modeling.

16. Other Business

There was no other business brought forward.

17. Adjournment

MOTION A24-07

To adjourn the 101st Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Paediatric Society at 10:25 am.

**Moved by Dr. Richard Stanwick
Seconded by Dr. Stephanie Hosang
CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Critch", is centered on the page.

**Jeff Critch
President (2023-2024)**

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