

**MINUTES**  
**97<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**Tuesday June 2, 2020 from 6 to 7:15 PM**  
**Virtual - Zoom**

Dr. Ellen Wood welcomed members to the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. Dr. Wood reviewed the points of order regarding voting during the AGM.

**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 A20-01**

**To appoint Dr. Catherine Farrell and Dr. David Smith to form the Resolutions Committee for the 2020 Annual General Meeting.**

**Moved by Dr. Heidi Budden**  
**Seconded by Dr. Alvaro Osornio Vargas**  
**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION A20-02**

**That the agenda of the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting be approved.**

**Moved by Dr. Heidi Budden**  
**Seconded by Dr. Doug McMillan**  
**CARRIED**

**3. Approval of the Minutes**

**MOTION A20-03**

**That the minutes of the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of June 8, 2019 held in Toronto, ON be approved, as circulated.**

**Moved by Dr. Emmett Francoeur**  
**Seconded by Dr. Jean-Yves Frappier**  
**CARRIED**

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

Ms. Davis spoke on the motion brought forward at the 2019 AGM regarding CPS having a greater voice in the area of environmental health. The practice point, “Global climate change and health in Canadian children”, by the Paediatric Environmental Health Section was released in August 2019 and it garnered attention from the media and on social media. CPS was able to make a number of statements on environmental health on behalf of the society.

The second issue originally raised by Dr. Richard Stanwick, concerned the lack of availability of car seats for children with medical fragility and physical challenges. CPS staff worked with Dr. Suzanne Beno, Chair of the Injury Prevention Committee, to put together advocacy letters that will be circulated shortly.

**5. 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.

Abdulaziz Alnutayfi	Toronto, ON
Debra Andrews	Edmonton, AB
Rodney Bergh	Ottawa, ON
Charles Bester	Red Deer, AB
Bernard Doray	Montréal, QC
Robert Haslam	Okotoks, AB
Clifford Henderson	Kelowna, BC
Bryce Larke	Edmonton, AB
Michael Lester	Toronto, ON
Arne Ohlsson	Brighton, ON
Heather Onyett	Kingston, ON

Edith Peterkin	Belleville, ON
William Donald Reid	London, ON
Paul Robert Swyer	Willowdale, ON
Brian Wherrett	Kingston, ON

## 6. Report from the CPS President, Ellen Wood

Dr. Wood gave an update on the CPS activities. She stated that one of the privileges of being president is the opportunity to report on and recognize the work that members have done over the previous year.

Dr. Wood thanked the membership for the care and compassion demonstrated since the beginning of the pandemic. She noted that members came forward to make sure health professionals and families had the support and information needed to persevere. Since March, CPS has provided guidance on numerous areas for clinicians and information for families.

## 7. Financials

### 7.1 Report on Finances

Dr. Eddy Lau, Chair of the Audit Subcommittee, reported on the finances of CPS on behalf of Dr. Ruth Cruikshank. He acknowledged and thanked the Finance Committee as well as Ms. Bonnie Sowiak, CPS Director of Finance, and Mr. Mike Carroll, CPS Finance Manager. He reported that results to December 31, 2019 show a net revenue of \$74,495 and CPS' financial position shows investments totaling \$1,821,085.

### 7.2 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.

### 7.3 Appointment of Auditors for 2020

#### MOTION A20-04

**That the members of the CPS appoint Welch & Co as auditors for fiscal 2020 with their fees set at \$18,300**

**Moved by Dr. Jennifer McLean  
Seconded by Dr. Robin Walker  
CARRIED**

## 7.4 Review of 2020 Budget

Updating members on the 2020 budget, Dr. Lau said the Board of Directors approved a budget showing a deficit of \$162,655. This was done after considering two significant factors for 2020: a) cancellation of the Annual Conference b) COVID 19 and the impact on travel and meeting expenses

The following questions were posed:

1. Can more details on the financial impact of cancelling the annual meeting be provided?
  - There were significant savings on meeting expenses and by reserving the same location for the 2021 conference, staff minimized losses
2. What is the use of the additional \$260,000 for operations?
  - Ms. Davis and Ms. Sowiak will provide the information to Dr. McMillan

## 8. Business Arising from the Floor

There was no other business arising from the floor.

## 9. Leadership Development Committee Report

Dr. Andrew Lynk, Chair of the Leadership Development Committee provided the membership a report.

He stated that Dr. Mark Feldman's name would be put forward as CPS Vice President for 2020-2021.

Dr. Lynk said that the Leadership Development Committee must have two members-at-large, and that Dr. Glen Ward is willing to stay on for another year. He would like to nominate Dr. Anne Rowan-Legg from Ottawa, ON as a member-at-large to the Leadership Development Committee for 2020-2021.

#### MOTION A20-05

**That Dr. Anne Rowan-Legg and Dr. Glen Ward be appointed as Members-at-Large to the Leadership Development Committee for 2020-2021.**

**Moved by Dr. Andrew Lynk  
Seconded by Dr. Jennifer Balfour  
CARRIED**

## 10. Election of the 2020-2021 CPS Board of Directors

### MOTION A20-06

**To elect the 2020-2021 CPS Board of Directors with Dr. Sam Wong as President, Dr. Ruth Grimes as President Elect and Dr. Mark Feldman as Vice President.**

**Moved by Dr. Alvaro Osornio Vargas  
Seconded by Dr. Jennifer Balfour  
CARRIED**

That the CPS Board of Directors for 2020-2021 be:

Sam Wong (President)  
Ruth Grimes (President Elect)  
Mark Feldman (Vice President)  
Ellen Wood (Past President)

Stacey Bélanger (Québec)  
Heidi Budden (Nova Scotia)  
Kelly Cox (British Columbia & Yukon)  
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)  
Jean-François Turcotte (Québec)  
Ruth Cruikshank (Public Member)  
Louise Ing (President – Resident Section)  
Katie Girgulis (Vice President – Resident Section)

## 11. Remarks by CPS President 2020-2021 – Dr. Sam Wong

Dr. Sam Wong shared his reflections on how it feels to become the President of the CPS.

Dr. Wong spoke of the affects that COVID 19 has had

on the lives of families and children and the pandemic has exposed inequalities that are present in Canada and the world. CPS has always been dedicated to improving health care for children in Canada.

He discussed the issue of racism and he acknowledged that there are many groups in Canada that experience racism and children are more affected as they do not understand why.

In closing, Dr. Wong thanked his predecessors, Drs. Wood, Farrell and Dickinson, for their service and for being wonderful role models.

## 12. Other Business

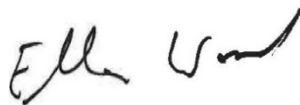
There was no other business to address.

## 13. Adjournment

### MOTION A20-07

**To adjourn the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Paediatric Society at 6:50 pm.**

**Moved by Dr. Jennifer Balfour  
Seconded by Dr. Barrett Adams  
CARRIED**



Respectfully submitted by  
Ellen Wood  
President (2019-2020)