

**MINUTES**  
**98<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**Thursday June 24, 2021**  
**7:30 to 8:30 PM EDT Zoom**

Dr. Sam Wong welcomed members to the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. Dr. Wong 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 A21-01**

**To appoint Dr. Emmett Francoeur and Dr. David Smith to form the Resolutions Committee for the 2021 Annual General Meeting.**

**Moved by Dr. Mitch Zelman**  
**Seconded by Dr. Robin Walker**  
**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION A21-02**

**That the agenda of the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting be approved.**

**Moved by Dr. Jeff Critch**  
**Seconded by Dr. Mark Feldman**  
**CARRIED**

**3. Approval of the Minutes**

**MOTION A21-03**

**That the minutes of the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, held virtually on June 2, 2020 be approved as circulated.**

**Moved by Dr. Ellen Wood**  
**Seconded by Dr. Paul Thiessen**  
**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 observe a moment of silence to honor those CPS members who have passed since the previous Annual General Meeting.

Albert Davis	St. John's, NL
Pierre-Paul Demers	Burlington, ON
Padmavathy Guntamukkala	Mississauga, ON
Robert Hill	Vancouver, BC
Elizabeth Hillman	St. John's, NL
Glen Macdonald	Rothesay, NB
Granville Nickerson	Toronto, ON
Henry Pabst	Edmonton, AB
Dora Stinson	Halifax, NS
David Yule	Riverview, NB

**6. Update on CPS Activities, Dr. Wong and Ms. Davis**

Dr. Wong and Ms. Davis gave an update on the CPS activities.

Dr. Wong spoke on the CPS Anti-Racism Policy. A consultant was hired to help in the development of the policy, and it is in its initial review. The policy will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval and once approved, the policy will be released. Dr. Wong mentioned the group is still looking for more members who are interested in helping with the initiative.

Ms. Davis thanked Dr. Wong and the Board of Directors for steering the organization through an incredible challenging year.

Ms. Davis provided an overview on some of the work the organization has done and highlights of what is to come:

Mental Health is an important concern for children and youth. Ms. Davis encouraged everyone to visit the Mental Health Screen Tools webpage. The Mental Health Task Force will continue to advocate for school openings & post-pandemic supports. A position statement will be released on mental health priorities for children and youth.

Ms. Davis spoke of the public education/parent education the organization does. The Caring for Kids website went through an update this year and there were 6.5 million visits to the website in the last year. New resources were developed for “Epilepsy @ School”. A module for “Diabetes @ School” will be created for school staff on the learning management platform. There was a complete overhaul of the “Read, Speak, Sing” program.

Ms. Davis said that the membership and CPS staff have risen to the occasion of working in a virtual environment. Upcoming activities for professional education include the International Meeting in Indigenous Child and Youth Health being held virtually from September 10 to 11. She is looking forward to seeing everyone at next year’s CPS Annual Conference in Montréal. The second edition of the Acute Care of At-Risk Newborns textbook will soon be available and the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the Neonatal Resuscitation textbook has launched. National Ground Rounds has been a major success.

CPS is preparing for a possible Federal election and have identified two key issues. The first is paediatric drugs and therapeutics. The Federal government will be asked to adopt a paediatric rule and to move forward with paediatric friendly pharmacare. The organization wants to make sure the high-cost drug strategy that the needs of children and youth are considered. The second issue is mental health and the organization will identify what the Federal government can do to increase the society’s ability to provide quality care for children and youth with mental health challenges.

Ms. Davis noted that membership is doing well and the organization continues to grow. This is a result of the work done to support the members professionally and the important advocacy done by the CPS.

## **7. Financials**

### **7.1 Report on Finances**

Dr. Ruth Cruikshank, Chair of the Finance Subcommittee, reported on the finances of CPS. She acknowledged and thanked the Finance Committee as well as Ms. Bonnie Sowiak, CPS Director of Finance, and Mr. Mike Carroll, CPS Finance Manager. She reported that results to December 31, 2020 show a net revenue of \$186,152 and CPS’ financial position shows investments totaling \$1,936,967.

### **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 2021**

#### **MOTION A21-04**

**That the members of the CPS appoint Welch & Co as auditors for fiscal 2021 with their fees set at \$18,850**

**Moved by Dr. Heidi Budden  
Seconded by Dr. Barrett Adams  
CARRIED**

### **7.4 Review of 2021 Budget**

Updating members on the 2021 budget, Dr. Cruikshank said the Board of Directors approved a balanced budget for 2021. The addition of restricted income for the sections allowed for a small surplus of \$26,672. 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.

## **8. CPS Membership 2022-2026**

## MOTION A21-05

**That the CPS membership dues increase by small amounts each year and maintain an early bird incentive as outlined in the attached rate table.**

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
<b>Fellow</b>	\$535/\$560	\$545/\$570	\$555/\$580	\$565/\$590	\$575/\$600
<b>Resident</b>	\$65/\$68	\$68/\$70	\$70/\$72	\$72/\$75	\$75/\$78
<b>Associate</b>	\$105/\$110	\$110/\$115	\$115/\$120	\$120/\$125	\$125/\$130

**Moved by Dr. Ellen Wood**  
**Seconded by Dr. Raphael Sharon**  
**CARRIED**

## 9. Business Arising from the Floor

Dr. Andrew Lynk expressed that given that Dr. Wong has worked so hard for all in 2020-2021, he proposes a heartfelt thank you from membership.

## MOTION A21-07

**That the CPS membership offer a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Sam Wong for his hard work and dedication to the organization during his presidency.**

**Moved by Dr. Andrew Lynk**  
**Seconded by Dr. Eddy Lau**  
**CARRIED**

## 10. Leadership Development Committee Report

Ms. Davis provided the membership a report, on behalf of Dr. Andrew Lynk. She noted the Leadership Development Committee is interested in the Anti-Racism policy and how it will inform work moving forward. The committee would like to see the membership of the Board reflect the population of Canada and the membership of the organization.

She stated that Dr. Jeff Critch's name would be put forward as CPS Vice President for 2021-2022.

The Board of Directors will welcome three new representatives this year: Dr. Amber Miners (Manitoba & Nunavut), Dr. Ayaz Ramji (Saskatchewan), and Dr. Felipe Fajardo (Vice President, Residents Section).

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

Dr. Lynk said that the Leadership Development Committee must have two members-at-large, and that both Dr. Glen Ward and Dr. Anne Rowan-Legg are willing to stay on for another year as a member-at-large to the Leadership Development Committee for 2021-2022.

## MOTION A21-07

**That Dr. Anne Rowan-Legg and Dr. Glen Ward be appointed as Members-at-Large to the Leadership Development Committee for 2021-2022.**

**Moved by Dr. Andrew Lynk**  
**Seconded by Dr. Alexis Fong**  
**CARRIED**

## 11. Election of the 2021-2022 CPS Board of Directors

## MOTION A21-08

**To elect the 2021-2022 CPS Board of Directors with Dr. Ruth Grimes as President, Dr. Mark Feldman as President Elect and Dr. Jeff Critch as Vice President.**

**Moved by Dr. Alexis Fong**  
**Seconded by Dr. Raphael Sharon**  
**CARRIED**

That the CPS Board of Directors for 2021-2022 be:

Ruth Grimes (President)  
Mark Feldman (President Elect)  
Jeff Critch (Vice President)  
Sam Wong (Past President)

Stacey Bélanger (Québec)  
Heidi Budden (Nova Scotia)  
Kelly Cox (British Columbia & Yukon)  
Jeff Critch (Newfoundland & Labrador)  
Kimberly Dow (Ontario)  
Eddy Lau (Ontario)  
Marianne McKenna (New Brunswick & PEI)  
Amber Miners (Manitoba & Nunavut)  
Ayaz Ramji (Saskatchewan)  
Raphael Sharon (Alberta & NWT)  
Jean-François Turcotte (Québec)  
Ruth Cruikshank (Public Member)

Katie Girgulis (President – Resident Section)  
Felipe Fajardo (Vice President – Resident Section)

## 12. Remarks by CPS President 2021-2022: Dr. Ruth Grimes

Dr. Ruth Grimes shared her reflections on becoming the President of the CPS.

She spoke of her election platform from 2018 that included:

- Improved access to mental health services
- Improved transition of care for youth with complex medical and mental health condition
- Increased involvement of Subspecialists in CPS
- Increased opportunities for resident involvement in CPS

Since that time, the CPS and Dr. Grimes have engaged the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) as a member on the Mental Health Taskforce. With the support of Dr. Mark Feldman, the Action Committee for Children and Teens has prioritized the fair and timely access to mental health services.

With the support of CPS staff, Dr. Grimes will engage the presidents of the provincial societies in a round-table discussion on the issues of transition of care.

She will help with the ongoing work of the Anti-Racism Initiative begun by Dr. Wong and Dr. Kassia Johnson. She will work with CPS administration and Board of Directors in transforming the organization and the work through an Anti-Racism lens ensuring equity, diversity and inclusion. Dr. Grimes will also continue CPS work on Truth and Reconciliation.

Some of the goals Dr. Grimes has for her tenure include:

- Help CPS celebrate its 100th Anniversary
- Prepare for the next steps in our strategic plan (2017-2022) and beyond
- Continue to promote improvement in transition of care for our complex patients

- Ensure child and youth health is featured prominently in the upcoming Federal election, especially in regards to mental health.
- Continue the development of and advocacy around priorities and strategies supporting children and their families in recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic
- Increase membership engagement

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

## 13. Other Business

There was no other business to address.

## 14. Adjournment

### MOTION A21-09

**To adjourn the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Paediatric Society at 8:26 pm.**

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



Respectfully submitted by  
Sam Wong  
President (2020-2021)