

MINUTES
99th Annual General Meeting
Friday, May 27 2022 from 8:30 to 10:00 AM EDT
Palais des Congrès
Montréal, Québec

1. Land Acknowledgment

Dr. Ruth Grimes started the meeting with a land acknowledgment and welcomed members to the 99th Annual General Meeting. Dr. Grimes reviewed the points of order regarding voting during the AGM.

2. Appointment of Two Members of the Resolutions Committee

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

MOTION A22-01

To appoint Dr. Catherine Farrell and Dr. Emmett Francoeur to form the Resolutions Committee for the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

Moved by Dr. Raphael Sharon
Seconded by Dr. Nora Setton
CARRIED

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION A22-02

That the agenda of the 99th Annual General meeting be approved.

Moved by Dr. Joanne Embree
Seconded by Dr. Robert Issenman
CARRIED

4. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION A22-03

That the minutes of the 98th Annual General Meeting, held virtually on June 24, 2021 be approved as circulated.

Moved by Dr. Robin Walker
Seconded by Dr. Paul Thiessen
CARRIED

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

There was no business arising under this item.

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.

Martin Abenheimer, Sydney NS
Frederick Baker, Canmore AB
Peter Dent, Hamilton ON
Frank Fazzari, North Bay ON
Richard Goldbloom, Halifax NS
Anthony Ford-Jones, Burlington ON
Claude Paré, Verdun 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

CPS Strategic Directions

- a) **Early Childhood Development:** the group has developed guidelines and tools for clinicians to give families the best parenting advice
- b) **Indigenous Child and Youth Health:** a survey on Jordan's Principle was launched to CPS members. The purpose of this study is to improve educations for paediatricians by documenting their knowledge and use of Jordan's Principle as well as advocacy priorities. An online, self-directed learning module on cultural safety is being developed
- c) **Child and Youth Mental Health:** advocacy is an ongoing concern for the group. A policy brief was developed in April 2022 to support federal advocacy priorities.

Ms. Davis spoke of the work led by Dr. Moore Hepburn that CPS has done around expanding access to safe and effective medications and therapeutics.

A supplemental issue of Paediatrics & Child Health on COVID was released in May. The issue featured research on the pandemic effects on children and youth. Thanks were extended to guest editors Dr. Laura Sauvé and Dr. Daphne Korczak.

Ms. Davis spoke of the public education/parent education the organization does. Staff worked with the Injury Prevention Committee to raise awareness on the dangers of button batteries. The organization collaborated with Immunize Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada to promote the importance of routine childhood immunizations.

The Antiracism Strategy of CPS was presented. The organization is committed to representing the entire Canadian paediatrician population. A Steering Committee has been formed to guide the organization through the work after the policy was released in December 2021. Working groups on medical education, advocacy and policy implementation were also created. Special thanks were extended to Dr. Kassia Johnson and Dr. Sam Wong for their leadership.

Ms. Davis mentioned that things have been very busy on the advocacy front, mostly with COVID-19, mental health, drugs and pharmacare, and vaping.

Ms. Davis said that the Fall 2022 Lifelong Learning in Paediatrics course which will focus on dermatology,

gastroenterology, genetics and rheumatology will take place in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario between October 21 and 23. The 10th International Meeting on Indigenous Child Health will take place in Tulsa, Oklahoma between March 24 and 26, 2023. Lastly, the 2023 CPS Annual Conference will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia between May 25 and 27, 2023.

Ms. Davis shared a number of 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.

The 8th edition of the Neonatal Resuscitation textbook was launched in 2021 and staff anticipate the release of the French version this summer.

Updating members on CPSP, Ms. Davis shared some of the hot topics that took place over the past year. She also shared information on upcoming studies: long COVID; adverse events – virtual care and upcoming surveys: button battery ingestion; transgender and gender diverse care. A new study to monitor COVID-19 illness and vaccine safety, effectiveness in children and youth in Canada has been launched through our Canadian Immunization Monitoring Program ACTIVE (IMPACT).

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.

8. Financials

8.1 Report on Finances

Dr. Ruth Cruikshank, Chair of the Finance Subcommittee, reported on the finances of CPS. She reported that results to December 31, 2021 show a net revenue of \$1,205,624. The unusual surplus was from a high interest in the immunization educational programs and sales of the newest edition of the Neonatal Resuscitation Program textbook. The CPS Board of Directors is committed to using the surplus to invest in the organization's strategic and operational priorities over the next 5 years. CPS' financial position shows investments totaling \$2,321,232.

8.2 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.

8.3 Appointment of Auditors for 2022

MOTION A22-04

That the members of the CPS appoint Welch & Co as auditors for the fiscal year 2022 with their fees set at \$19,600

**Moved by Dr. Eddy Lau
Seconded by Dr. Raphael Sharon
CARRIED**

8.4 Review of the 2022 Budget

Updating members on the 2022 budget, Dr. Cruikshank said the Board of Directors approved a balanced budget for 2022. 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.

9. Amendment to the CPS Bylaws

9.1 Addition of a Pan-Territorial Board Member

Dr. Grimes said that the Board of Directors approved an amendment to Article 5.2 of the CPS Bylaws in order to create a CPS Board position for the North West Territories, Nunavut and the Yukon beginning in June 2023. It was felt that there are unique health challenges and perspectives and a sufficient number of CPS members practicing in the territories to warrant this change to ensure their voice is represented at the Board table. If the motion is approved, Dr. Amber Miners will be asked to take on this role as she is currently serving on the Board representing Manitoba and Nunavut. Nominations will be sought for a Manitoba Board member to begin their term in May of 2023.

MOTION A22-05

That the members of the CPS approve the creation of a CPS Board position for a fellow to represent the North West Territories, Nunavut, and the Yukon beginning in May 2023.

**Moved by Dr. Sam Wong
Seconded by Dr. Johanne Harvey
CARRIED**

10. Business Arising from the Floor

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

MOTION A22-06

That the CPS membership offers a heartfelt thank you to the staff of the Canadian Paediatric Society who have worked so diligently throughout the pandemic, but especially from 2021 to 2022.

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

MOTION A22-07

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 have worked so diligently throughout the pandemic, but especially from 2021 to 2022.

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

Dr. Lise Bélanger tabled a motion to recognize medical student and resident members during the pandemic. She suggested a letter, a CPS pin or free registration for the 2023 Annual Conference.

Ms. Davis said 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 A22-08

That the CPS find a way to acknowledge the efforts of medical student and resident members over the past 2 years during the pandemic, both in terms of clinical care, continuing to learn and striving to become future paediatricians.

Moved by Dr. Lise Bélanger

Seconded by Dr. Amy Ornstein
CARRIED

11. Leadership Development Committee Report

Dr. Ellen Wood, Chair of the Leadership Development Committee explained to members that two members-at-large must be appointed to the committee. Calls for nominations appeared in the CPS eNews and in e-newsletters to members, but no nominations were received.

She stated that Dr. Johanne Harvey's name would be put forward as CPS Vice President for 2022-2023.

The Board of Directors will welcome one new representative this year: Dr. Stephanie Hosang (Vice President, Residents Section).

12. Election of the 2022-2023 CPS Board of Directors

MOTION A22-09

To elect the 2022-2023 CPS Board of Directors with Dr. Mark Feldman as President, Dr. Jeff Critch as President Elect and Dr. Johanne Harvey as Vice President.

Moved by Dr. Ellen Wood
Seconded by Dr. Kevin Chan

That the CPS Board of Directors for 2022-2023 be:

Mark Feldman (President)
Jeff Critch (President-Elect)
Johanne Harvey (Vice President)
Ruth Grimes (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)
Felipe Fajardo (President – Resident Section)
Stephanie Hosang (Vice President – Resident Section)

13. Remarks by CPS President 2022-2023: Dr. Mark Feldman

Dr. Mark Feldman shared his reflections on becoming the President of the CPS.

Dr. Feldman is passionate about mental health care. There is a problem with the current two-tiered mental health care system. It is imperative to bridge the gap between public health care and mental health care. The reality is that accessible, equitable, evidence-based mental health care for all residents of Canada is not universally available without direct charges at the point of service. Feldman offered the following suggestions for evidence-based mental health care:

- a) Educate such that the organization's mental health care resources are delivered more effectively
- b) Navigate the organization's limited mental health care resources more efficiently
- c) Advocate for the organization's limited mental health care resources to be used more equitably

Dr. Feldman is also looking forward to working on the next strategic plan.

In closing, Dr. Feldman thanked Dr. Grimes for her service and for being a wonderful role model.

14. Other Business

In an effort to encourage donations to the Dr. Kent Saylor Bursary for Indigenous Medical Students, Dr. Sam Wong encouraged all members to make a donation.

14. Adjournment

MOTION A22-10

To adjourn the 99th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Paediatric Society at 9:47 am.

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



Ruth Grimes

**Respectfully submitted by
Ruth Grimes
President (2021-2022)**

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